

Italian Society At Berkeley (Formerly known as Italian International Students Association - IISA)

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Article I - Name

The name of the association is Italian Society At Berkeley (ISB), formerly known as Italian International Students Association (IISA).

Article II - Purpose

The Italian Society at Berkeley (ISB) is a cultural and academic organization.

The purpose of ISB is to promote Italian culture in the UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) communities, and to foster academic, cultural and professional connections and exchanges between Italy and UC Berkeley/LBNL, between Italians in Italy and Italians at UC Berkeley/LBNL, and between Italians and non-Italians at UC Berkeley/LBNL.

ISB also assists incoming Italian students at UC Berkeley/LBNL by facilitating their integration into the UC Berkeley/LBNL communities.

ISB organizes and promotes events such as art and music exhibitions, theatrical performances, film screenings, food festivals, research symposia, academic presentations, and networking events.

All the events will be the product of voluntary work of the members of ISB.

Article III - Membership

3.1 Organization structure

3.1.1 The organization is composed of the Assembly and the Governing Commission.

3.1.2 All active and associate members compose the Assembly.

3.1.3 The Governing Commission is comprised of active and associate members who apply with the Secretary and participate regularly in the organizational meetings.

3.2 Active Members

- 3.2.1 Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.
- 3.2.2 Individuals interested in becoming active members need to express their intent to join ISB and register themselves with the Secretary.
- 3.2.3 We will not have according to California State Law. We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services).
- 3.2.4 Each active member has the right to propose an activity to the Governing Commission.
- 3.2.5 Active members who terminate their UC Berkeley affiliation become automatically associate members.
- 3.2.6 Any Active Member can leave ISB by notifying the Secretary.

3.3 Associate Members

- 3.3.1 People unaffiliated with UC Berkeley are eligible to become associate members.
- 3.3.2 Individuals interested in becoming associate members need to express their intent to join ISB and register themselves with the Secretary.
- 3.3.3 Associate members can participate in the meetings and in the organization of ISB events.
- 3.3.4 Associate Members do not have the right to vote for or hold office.
- 3.3.5 Associate Members cannot solicit funds on the campus on behalf of the organization.
- 3.3.6 Each Associate Member has the right to propose an activity to the Governing Commission.
- 3.3.7 Any Associate Member can leave ISB by notifying the Secretary.

3.4 Governing Commission

- 3.4.1 Any active member can be part of the Governing Commission.
- 3.4.2 To be a part of the Governing Commission any eligible member must express his/her intent to the Secretary or to the Governing Commission.
- 3.4.3 Any associate member who wishes to be part of the Governing Commission, must not only express his/her intent, but be voted in by a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Commission.
- 3.4.4 Associate members can only serve in an advisory capacity and cannot vote.
- 3.4.5 The members of the Governing Commission must participate to the organizational meetings regularly and must take an active role in organizing and/or in assisting with activities and events.
- 3.4.6 The Governing Commission, with a vote of the majority, can revoke membership in the Governing Commission in light of failure to comply with 3.4.5.
- 3.4.7 The Governing Commission, with a vote of the majority, can revoke membership to any member at any time.

Article IV - Officers & Elections

4.1 Officers

- 4.1.1 The officers include at least a Director of Cultural Activities, a Director of Academic and Networking Activities, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
- 4.1.2 Additional officer positions may be created as necessary with a vote of the Governing Commission.
- 4.1.3 Each officer has the right to resign at any time. In such case, new elections for that officer position will be held.
- 4.1.4 The Director of Cultural Activities promotes and coordinates cultural activities, and represents the organization in such activities.
- 4.1.5 The Director of Academic and Networking Activities promotes and coordinates academic and networking activities, and represents the organization in such activities.
- 4.1.6 The treasurer is responsible for the financial status and handling of ISB funds and will report on them, as necessary. The treasurer will also serve as the organization's ASUC agent.

4.1.7 The Secretary acts as the organization's primary contact, is in charge of administrative policies, conducts the organization correspondence, calls and presides over the assembly meetings, keeps its records, and maintains a registry of organization members.

4.1.8 At least four officers serve as the organization's signatories.

4.1.9 The Governing Commission can decide in the interest of the organization on issues not clearly stated in this constitution.

4.2 Elections

4.2.1 At the end of the academic year, all the present active members of the Governing Commission will elect the officers for the coming academic year.

4.2.2 The Secretary will call for an election meeting with at least one week advance notice.

4.2.3 Active members that want to run for an officer position need to express their intent to run for a specific officer position. An active member can run for and occupy multiple positions.

4.2.4 In a case of a tie, the election will be repeated as necessary.

Article V - Meetings

5.1 The officers have the duty to propose and implement ISB activities for their term in office.

5.2 At the first general meeting of each semester, the Secretary will decide the locations and the schedule of the meetings.

5.3 An activity is approved by the majority of the Governing Commission.

5.4 Any officer can call for a special emergency meeting. That officer has to notify all the members of the Governing Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Article VI - Constitutional Amendments

6.1 This Constitution can be changed only through the following procedures:

- 1) The amendment is proposed by one or more active members of the Governing Commission.
- 2) The secretary calls for a general assembly meeting.
- 3) The amendment is approved by two-thirds of the Governing Commission and by two-thirds of the active members of the assembly present at the meeting.

6.2 All amendments, additions or deletions to this document must be filed with the LEAD Center in 102 Hearst Gym.

Article VII - Dissolution

7.1 The dissolution of the organization is decided with unanimous approval of the active members of the Governing Commission. In case of dissolution, the Governing Commission decides the distribution of all association funds and all non-monetary resources and properties.

7.2 All unspent ASUC funds shall remain the property of the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall remain the property of the Graduate Assembly. Remaining privately-obtained funds may be donated to another nonprofit organization with prior approval of the ASUC Senate Finance Committee.