

Irish Circle of the Lacanian Orientation: New Lacanian School

Constitution

1. Title

- 1.1 The Organisation shall be called the “Irish Circle of the Lacanian Orientation-New Lacanian School” hereinafter to be referred to as “ICLO-NLS” or, more simply, “ICLO” and shall be affiliated to the New Lacanian School (NLS) a constituent body of the World Association of Psychoanalysis (WAP).

2. Objects and aims

- 2.1 To promote the development of psychoanalysis in Ireland in conformity with the aims of the NLS and WAP.
- 2.2 To support the formation of psychoanalysts in the Lacanian Orientation based on study, personal analysis and supervision.
- 2.3 To engage in broad ranging educational activities to allow psychoanalysis to be known to as many people as possible.
- 2.4 To engage in and support clinical and theoretical research in Lacanian Psychoanalysis

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership is open to any person who demonstrates transference to the work of psychoanalysis as embodied in the work of the NLS and WAP.
- 3.2 Acceptance to membership of ICLO is dependent on an interview with at least two members of the Management Committee or “Bureau” and ratification of membership by the president of the NLS or their appointed delegate.
- 3.3 Members are expected to act in accordance with psychoanalytic ethical standards in their relations with the public and with fellow members, and to use the designations, ICLO-NLS, the NLS and the WAP appropriately.

4. Officers

- 4.1 The officers, who make up the Bureau/Management Committee of ICLO-NLS, shall be as follows:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

5. Ratification and election of Officers

5.1 All Officers are nominated as follows:

- Proposed by the Outgoing Chair
- Ratified by the President of the NLS
- Ratified by simple majority by the members of ICLO at the Annual general Meeting (AGM)

5.2 All Officers serve for a period of one year, but may be re-nominated to the same or another office the following year

6. Management Committee/“Bureau”

6.1 The affairs of ICLO-NLS shall be administered by the Management Committee/Bureau who shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year

6.2 The Bureau/Management Committee through the Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts and have these presented at each AGM for inspection by the membership. These may include the operation of one or more Bank Accounts on behalf of ICLO-NLS

6.3 The Management Committee/Bureau is responsible for co-opting additional members to the Committee as it sees fit and for the setting up of sub-committees to carry out the work of ICLO-NLS

6.4 The Bureau makes decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of a significant difference of opinion the Chairperson shall be entitled to make the final decision.

7 General Meetings

7.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held once per year. Notice of at least 21 days must be given to members prior to the Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to all members via e-mail or if this is not possible by post. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the AGM at least 14 days before the meeting and the Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting not less than 7 days before the meeting

7.2 Nominations of candidates as Officers shall be circulated by the Secretary with the Agenda for the meeting

7.3 The AGM comprises all the members of ICLO-NLS. Its functions are:

- Consultation
- Hearing the reports of the Bureau and any sub-committees that have been established
- Annual review and forward planning
- Commenting on the matters presented to it
- Approving the accounts as presented by the Treasurer
- Electing Officers

7.4 Ordinary decisions made at an AGM shall be by simple majority on the basis that any proposal considered has been proposed and seconded by two members of ICLO-NLS. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote

7.5 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be in excess of 60% of all members of ICLO-NLS.

- 7.6 Alterations to the Constitution may only be considered at a General Meeting if written notice of any proposal, duly seconded, is received by the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting taking place. Such alterations must be endorsed by the President of the NLS and if so shall be passed by not less than two-thirds of those members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.
- 7.7 The Chairperson can also convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of members when deemed necessary. Notice of at least 14 days must be given prior to the Meeting

8 Termination of Membership

- 8.1 If the actions of any member shall, in the opinion of the Bureau *and* of the President of the NLS, be considered injurious to the interests of ICLO-NLS, the Bureau is empowered to suspend that member

9. Finances

- 9.1 The Bureau shall set an annual subscription in consultation with the President of the NLS and this will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting
- 9.2 Subscriptions shall fall due at the end of each financial year. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed, should any member's subscription not be paid within one month of that date unless good reason is provided to the Bureau.

10. Dissolution

- 10.1 ICLO-NLS may be dissolved at the AGM, or a special meeting (EGM) convened for the purpose of dissolution on the condition that this motion is ratified by the President of the NLS
- 10.2 In the instance of dissolution all assets of ICLO-NLS, after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities, shall be transferred to the NLS

This constitution was adopted on the 27th of June 2009

Signed: Gil Caroz (on behalf of the President of the NLS)

Signed: Alan Rowan Position: Chairperson; ICLO-NLS

Signed: Florencia F.C. Shanahan Position: Secretary; ICLO-NLS

Signed: Rik Loose Position: Treasurer; ICLO-NLS