

The Asian Association for Environmental History (AAEH)

Bylaws

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Mission Statement

The Asian Association for Environmental History is a dynamic organisation dedicated to conducting and furthering research on Asian environmental issues through a historical lens and on global environmental issues through perspectives from and on Asia. Our membership is both interdisciplinary and international, reflecting the rich diversity and interconnectedness of Asian and related global environments necessary to investigate the deep time of human/natural history.

The objectives of our Association are:

- To promote scholarship that explores the intricate relationships between humans and the natural world, as well as interactions and intra-actions between humans and non-humans throughout history;
- To communicate with researchers from other fields, educators, and the public in learning about environmental issues from a historical perspective;
- To foster opportunities for planetary, regional, local, and comparative studies across a wide temporal spectrum within Asia and Asian diasporas.

1. Membership

- 1.1 Membership of the AAEH is open to those interested in environmental history or related disciplines who supports the objectives of the AAEH. Membership shall not be restricted on the basis of residency or citizenship.
- 1.2 Membership categories shall consist of (a) regular members, (b) student members, and (c) other classifications of membership as may hereafter be established.
- 1.3 Members who attend the AAEH biennial conference or pay the associated registration fees are considered Active Members and shall have the right to vote at the General Meeting of the Association (GMA).

2. Officers and Responsibility

- 2.1 Only Active Members are eligible to vote and hold office.
 - 2.2 For the present officers of the Association shall include President, Vice-Presidents (multiple possible), and a Council consisting of 12 members. Of these twelve, nine shall be elected at the GMA, and the remaining three shall be appointed by the President of the Association, considering regional representation and expertise.
- In due time, the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and other officers deemed

necessary shall be added.

- 2.3 The President shall be nominated and elected by Active Members at the GMA during the biennial conference and shall assume office immediately at the conclusion of the GMA.
- 2.4 The President shall appoint the Vice Presidents and the Chair of Conference Steering Committee (CSC) to oversee the preparation of the biennial conference of the Association. In case of the President's absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall discharge the duties of the President.
- 2.5 Members of local organizing committee and program committee of the biennial conference shall be nominated by the President with the CSC Chair and approved by the Council meeting.
- 2.6 Both the President and Vice-president shall hold office for a term of two years. The President is eligible to be re-elected for only one further term.
- 2.7 Council members shall assist in disseminating information to membership and assist in maintaining timely announcements and other information on the Association website.
- 2.8 Nominations for council memberships shall be put forward by members in advance of the GMA for elections to take place at the GMA.

3. Meetings

- 3.1 The Association shall plan and sponsor biennial conferences devoted to scholarly exchange.
- 3.2 The GMA shall be convened during each biennial conference to elect the President and Council members, and the CSC Chair shall be appointed by the elected President.
- 3.3 As situations warrant, the President may call emergency meetings of the council of the Association with stated purpose.
- 3.4 English shall be used in correspondences and conferences to facilitate communication.

4. Dues

- 4.1 No annual membership dues shall be required. Beginning from the second biennial conference, the local organizing committee shall determine conference registration fees (students with reduced fees).
- 4.2 The registration fees shall cover a portion of expenses of the biennial conference, and the general operation of the Association, including the maintenance of the Website.

5. The Association's Website

5.1 The Association's website shall be established and maintained by the International Consortium for Earth and Development Sciences (ICEDS), Kagawa University.

5.2 The GMA shall approve renewal of website management.

6. The New Membership Management System (NMMS)

6.1 The NMMS, developed by KUWON Inc., has been in operation since 2024 and is managed by the ICEDS at Kagawa University.

6.2 The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance costs of this system, which are guaranteed in next years.

7. The Membership of ICEHO

7.1 The Association shall be housed at the ICEDS, Kagawa University in next years.

7.2 The annual membership fee for maintaining AAEH membership status within ICEHO is covered by the ICEDS until 2027; the Association shall bear this cost from 2028 onwards.

8. Additions and Amendments

8.1 Proposed additions and/or amendments to the bylaws must be submitted to the President in writing, signed by three or more members, at least 90 days prior to the AAEH biennial conference. It is required to have at least 50% of Active Members present and voting at the GMA; if approved by two-thirds, the change shall then take effect.

8.2 In case of urgent need, proposed additions and/or amendments to the bylaws may be submitted to the President in writing, signed by three or more members. The President shall then ask the opinion of members through email correspondence. If approved by two-thirds of members who responded, the change shall then take effect and be subsequently endorsed by the GMA during the biennial conference.