

Association for East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH)

Bylaws

Approved by the General Meeting of the Association on October 26, 2011

Statement of Objectives

The objectives of the Association for East Asian Environmental History (AEAEH) are:

- to encourage, promote, and foster the study of East Asian environmental history in general;
- to foster communication among scholars interested in East Asian environmental history and related disciplines through biennial conferences;
- to foster communication with scholars interested in environmental history and related disciplines in other parts of the world by participating in the activities of the International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO).

1. Membership

1.1 Membership of the AEAEH is open to any person interested in environmental history or related disciplines who supports the objectives of the AEAEH.

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 AEAEH 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-President, and a Council consisting of (7 or 9) members. 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 President, members of local organizing committee and program committee of the biennial conference, and shall be an ex-officio member of these committees. He/She shall be overseeing 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 Both the President and Vice-president shall hold office for a term of two years.

The President cannot be reelected to successive terms.

(This is to encourage biennial conferences at different places.)

2.6 Council members shall assist in disseminating information to membership and assist in maintaining timely announcements and other information on the Association website.

2.7 Nominations for council memberships shall be put forward by members three months in advanced 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.

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.

5. The Association's Website

5.1 The Association's website of <http://www.aeah.org/> was established by Academia Sinica to expedite AEAEH membership in the ICEHO. This website was approved on September 11, 2009 for ten years. It shall be maintained by Academia Sinica.

5.2 The GMA shall approve renewal of website management.

6. The Membership of ICEHO

6.1 The Association shall be housed at Academia Sinica.

6.2 The annual dues (US\$ 100) to maintain AEAEH membership in the ICEHO shall be paid by the Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, from the budget allocated for environmental history research.

7. Additions and Amendments

7.1 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 AEAEH 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.

7.2 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.