

Charter of the International Jewellery College Association

Chapter 1 General Principles

1. The name of the Association is International Jewellery College Association (hereinafter referred to as “the Association” and IJCA, for short).
2. It was jointly initiated and founded in Beijing, China, on 19 November 2017, and represents the highest standard of higher education institutions in the fields of jewellery design, jewellery technology and jewellery business.
3. The purposes of the Association are to provide services on a voluntary, equal, cooperative and win-win basis, to serve the industry, to open up and make innovations, and to collaborate in development in the world.

Chapter 2 Business Scope

4. The business scopes of the Association:
 - I. To follow closely the trend of the international design industry, keep innovating, improve the competitiveness of the Association, and create and maintain its image.
 - II. To give full play to its advantage, pool valuable resources from domestic or foreign jewellery industry associations, manufacturing enterprises, design institutions, research institutions and artists, and jointly promote the development of jewellery design education.
 - III. To establish an integrated, harmonious and sustainable platform for sharing international jewellery design resources. To conduct such activities as jewellery design exhibitions, forums and symposiums, establish a database of jewellery design courses, and organise jewellery design fairs, thus benefiting the academia, the industry and the public.
 - IV. To hold an international conference every 1 to 2 years for students, educators and researchers, which is to be organized by the Association’s Council members by turns, so as to promote exchange, interaction and development of the profession.
 - V. To convene international jewellery design and education summits. At the summits, each speaker has a say and authority in the circle of international jewellery design, and his/her speech can reflect the trend of international jewellery design and education world, and can embody the latest achievements in innovation or education. The organizer is responsible for coordinating the themes and contents of speeches, and making preparation for publication and interpretation, posting relevant updates on the website after the contents are determined, and assisting in publicity.
 - VI. To organise the publication of international conference proceedings, which can represent the latest industrial research achievements, promote exchanges with foreign countries and international cooperation, and improve the theoretical level of the industry.

- VII. To organise international jewellery design exhibitions that show the foresight and internationalisation of jewellery design. The Association shall publish the information at its website one year in advance, and notify member states to actively publicise the information so as to encourage the participation by designers and students.
- VIII. To organise international youth jewellery design contests, thereby selecting and rewarding highly talented designers that have original concepts, ideas and thinking.
- IX. To build the website of the Association and boost the popularity of the Association and its members.
- X. To make the regulations of the Association, and formulate industrial standards, in order to strengthen the links between the members of the Association and the self-discipline of the industry, form a complete industrial chain, and expand the development space for the industry.
- XI. To conduct other activities as required for the development of the Association.

Chapter 3 Organizational Framework

- 5. The General Meeting of Members (or the “General Meeting”) is the highest authority of the Association, and shall be convened once every two years. The General Meeting is chaired by the President. The meeting shall hear summations, operation and planning schemes of the Association, and the information on the implementation of activities, and shall deliberate important matters. The General Meeting shall be convened with two thirds of the members present, and its resolution shall come into force only after receiving the affirmative vote from a half of the attending members. Between the sessions of the General Meeting, in case of major issues or emergency, an extraordinary meeting may be convened upon request of the Presidency or a half of the members.
- 6. The Council is the executive body of the General Meeting, and composed of member organizations, and shall take charge of the daily works between the sessions of the General Meeting and shall report to the General Meeting. The leadership of the Association is composed of the President and executive members. At its beginning stage, the Association shall have a President and four executive members. Their terms of office shall be 2 years. The President shall not hold office for two or more consecutive terms, while executive members may hold office for two or more consecutive terms. The first President is served by the Initiating Country; member states can apply to be the President and the Presidency, which shall be reviewed by the General Meeting, and voted by the present President and executive members. The members of the first Council shall be nominated by the Preparatory Committee of the Association, and voted by the General Meeting. The Council shall be convened with two thirds of its members present, while its resolution shall come into force only after receiving the affirmative vote from a half of the attending Council members.

7. The meeting of the Council shall be held once every year; under special circumstances, the meeting may be held through communication modes.

Article 8 In the light of its business needs, the Association may establish branch organizations, such as professional committees and special committees, or may establish non-profit entities.

Article 9 The Secretariat is the administrative office of the Association and is based in the Initiating Country. A Secretary-General is reviewed and approved by the Council after being nominated by the President; the term of office of the Secretary-General is 2 years and he/she can hold office for two or more consecutive terms; the Secretary-General can nominate several deputy secretaries-general; the Secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association. The domicile of the Secretariat is also that of the Council.

Article 10 The daily finance management of the Association shall rest on the Secretariat.

Article 11 If necessary, the Association may invite people to serve as honorary president or consultant, which shall be engaged by the Council.

Chapter 4 Membership

Article 12 Any artist, enterprise or institution, organization, gallery, and relevant institution engaging in jewellery design, design service or relevant businesses may apply for joining the Association.

Article 13 Rights and Obligations

- I. The Association's members are entitled to the following rights:
1. To elect, to be elected, and to vote;
 2. To participate in the activities conducted by the Association;
 3. To receive the services by the Association and enjoy the priority;

4. To obtain the information and materials provided by the Association and enjoy the priority;

5. To criticize, comment on and supervise the works of the Association.

6. The Association is open to anyone, and any member is free to secede from the Association.

II. The Association's members shall perform the following obligations:

1. The members shall comply with the Charter and implement the Association's resolutions;

2. The members shall safeguard the rights & interests of the Association, and maintain its reputation;

3. The members shall actively participate in the activities organized by the Association, provide necessary support, and complete the tasks commissioned by the Association;

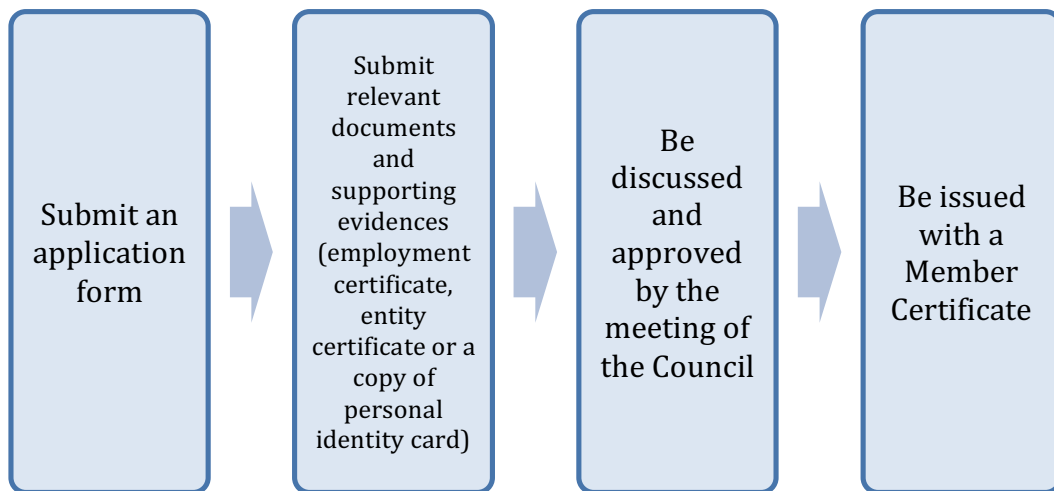
4. The members shall respect the intellectual property rights of other members of the Association;

5. The members shall be equal, honest with and trustworthy to other members of the Association;

6. The members may provide voluntary support to the Association in manpower, materials and money.

Article 14 Accession and Secession of Members

I. Accession of members:



(II) Secession of members

1. Submit a written declaration to the Association and surrender its Member Certificate to the Association;
2. The Association shall not accept the application from one who secedes from the Association within one year.

(III) Expulsion of members

1. If any member violates the Charter, fails to implement the resolutions or regulations & rules of the Association, fails to fulfil its obligations as a member of the Association, or damages the reputation or interests of the Association or its other members, the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council may expel such member after discussion;
2. The Association will not accept the application from one expelled by the Association within five years.
3. If any member of the Association causes severe reputation damage and economic losses to the Association and others, the Association is entitled to prosecute such member under law and claim for compensation;

Chapter 5 Management and Use of Funds

Article 15 The sources of the funds of the Association mainly include government funding, funding and donations from the members of the

Association and enterprises, incomes and interests gained from such activities and services as design services, design activities, and research projects within the approved business scope, and other lawful incomes.

Article 16 The funds of the Association shall be used within its business scope and only for the development of its businesses specified herein, and shall never be distributed among its members. They mainly include expenditures on forum exchange, engagement of experts, meetings and activities, technology or market survey, exchange and communication with relevant organizations, editing and publication of relevant design industry development reports, building and maintenance of the website of the Association, and the Association's journals and publicity, funds for the secretariat, and other relevant expenditures.

Chapter 6 Supplementary Provisions

Article 17 If the Association is to be terminated for such causes as voluntary dissolution, separation or merger of the Association, the Standing Committee of the Council shall make a motion for the Association's termination and submit it to the Council for voting.

Article 18 Before the aforesaid termination, a liquidation group shall be formed according to relevant regulations to settle the Association's debts and creditor's rights, and to deal with other matters arising from the termination. During such liquidation period, no activities other than the liquidation activities may be performed.

Article 19 The amendment to the Charter shall be proposed by the Council and subject to the deliberation and approval by the General Meeting, and shall come into force on the day when it is voted and approved by the first General Meeting.

Article 20 The International Jewellery Design College Union reserves the final right to interpret the Charter. –The end–