

H. OTHER POLICIES

Each Regional subdivision shall have a Constitution and Bylaws that are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Institute. Prior to taking effect, each Constitution and Bylaws must first be approved by the Regional subdivision and then by the Institute's Board of Directors.*

Changes in a Regional subdivision's Constitution and/or Bylaws must first be approved by the Regional subdivision, as provided in its Constitution and Bylaws, and then by the Institute's Board of Directors.*

Regional subdivisions are permitted to change their Constitutions so that regional members can have regional voting privileges regardless of membership in the Decision Sciences Institute. This would not affect the requirement that only Institute members may hold office and/or vote for Regionally-elected Vice Presidents. [Recommendation from the 1997-98 Ad hoc Committee on Regional Membership and Voting accepted by the Institute's Board of Directors. (98-1)]

Any use of the Institute's logo or a Region's name must be approved by the Institute's Board of Directors. (02-1)

A journal published by a Region and/or Regions of the Decision Sciences Institute is an autonomous entity, not perceived as filling a strategic role within the Institute's portfolio of publications. The Board of Directors of the Institute does not have a position on regional journals, as long as they do not do any of the following without the approval of the Institute's Board of Directors:

- Use the Institute's logo
- Use "Decision Sciences Institute" in their title
- Request financial support from the Institute
- Seek to develop a package deal with the Institute's publisher

A regional journal should make it clear that it is a publication of the Region, not the Institute. In addition, a regional journal should not be in direct competition with any of the Institute's publications. The Institute's Publications Committee has no direct oversight of the content of regional journals. It monitors them to ensure that they do not violate any of the provisions listed above and that production quality is appropriate. (04-4)

For further information, please see section 5-11-A-1-a of the Institute's Policies and Procedures Manual.

The purpose of the regional structure of DSI is to foster mutually-beneficial relationships between the Institute and the Regions to enhance the Institute's long-term viability and growth and assist Regions to increase their membership as well as membership in the

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Institute, and to better serve their constituencies. As a collective entity, the Regions play a major role in the long-term strategy of the Institute

1. as a developing ground for future leaders of the Institute;
 2. as extensions of the Institute's efforts to communicate the value of DSI to prospective members;
 3. as a mechanism of outreach to the faculty of schools who otherwise would not have the opportunity to share research and teaching ideas;
 4. as providers of programs to develop the careers of new faculty and doctoral students;
 5. as leaders in the Institute's drive to provide innovative teaching and professional development programs;
 6. as leaders of innovation in programs, Annual Meeting format, and technology.
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The above statement should be referred to the Regions and to the Co-Coordinator of the Annual Meeting Regional Strategic Planning Workshop.

Each Regional subdivision may appoint an alternate to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors with voting privileges. The alternate must be a member of the Institute.*