**Proposed Chapter Bylaws**

**Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the IASWG (fill in Chapter name here), hereafter in this document referred to as the Chapter.

**Article II: Purpose and Objectives**

As a chapter of the International Association of Social Work with Groups, the Chapter supports the mission of the Association with emphasis on the following purposes:

1. To define and advocate for high standards of education and practice of social work with groups in agencies and organizations, academic programs, and global communities;
2. To provide a forum for members to exchange information and enhance professional skills for more effective practice, teaching, and research;
3. To pursue and develop innovations in group work practice to meet social needs, and to evaluate the effectiveness of alternative approaches to improving and advancing social conditions;
4. To identify areas of concern for social work in general, and group work in particular.

**Article III: Membership**

Section I: Membership Categories and Dues

Membership in the Chapter shall be open to the Chapter residents who are committed to its purpose and objectives and who are paid members of the Association. Association membership fees are as follows:

A.   Regular Membership: $70.00

B.   Student Membership: $35.00 (student status remains two years after graduation)

Section II: Membership Year

Annual membership renewals for Association members are due exactly one year from the date of their joining during the prior year.

**Article IV: Officers**

Section I: Definition

The officers shall include the Chapter Chair, Chapter Representative, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2:  Duties of the Chair

The Chair of the Chapter shall preside at all Chapter meetings and membership meetings, and shall co-sign all checks with the Treasurer.

Section 3:  Duties of Chapter Representative

The Chapter Representative shall represent the Chapter at the IASWG Board meetings held each year (one traditionally held in June at the annual IASWG Symposium, and one traditionally held in New York (U.S.) in November.) The Chapter Representative shall also perform the duties of the President in the event of absence, disability or death of the latter.

Section 4:   Duties of Secretary

The Secretary shall prepare and maintain the minutes of any Chapter meetings, shall have custody of such minutes and other documents, and shall notify the membership of all its meetings.

Section 5: Duties of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall oversee custody of all funds of the Chapter, shall keep account thereof, shall present to the Chapter and membership reports of finances, and shall co-sign all checks with the President.

**Article V: Elections**

Section 1: Definition

The positions requiring elections shall include the Officers of the Chapter.

Section 2: Term of Office

A. The term of office for all elected positions shall be two years.

B. Voting in, and nomination for, any election shall require membership in the Association.

C. Elections shall require a simple majority of ballots cast.