

ÆCES

Association for Evaluation and Communication of Evidence for Survival

Articles of Association

I. Purpose and Description

- A. AECES is established to educate the public concerning the most convincing evidence for the Survival of the human personality beyond the demise of the physical body. The likely effect of widespread knowledge and acceptance of this reality, we hope and believe, will be to cause people to realize more clearly the true consequences of their actions, thereby encouraging kindness and compassion and promoting peace and freedom worldwide.
- B. AECES is a not-for-profit, educational association managed entirely by volunteers.
- C. AECES is not a religious organization, is not affiliated with any religion, and promotes neither philosophy nor dogma of any sort. AECES is not a political organization and neither holds nor promotes any political or nationalistic positions. Any endorsement of individuals shall be based only on that person's support of the educational objectives of AECES.

II. Membership

A. Regular Membership

1. Requirements: Free to all willing to express their support and supply contact information.
2. Benefits
 - a. Updates on activities and accomplishments
 - b. Notification of changes to case rankings
 - c. Discounts on conference fees and educational materials

B. Sponsors and Patrons

1. The President, with the assent of the Board, may establish other classes of membership involving varying levels of contributions or dues and varying levels of benefits and recognition.

C. Board Member

1. Originally elected by founder and Program Managers.
2. Unlimited term.
3. Vacancies filled by Board.
4. Must be a member of AECES.

III. Board of Directors

A. Structure

1. Number of Directors may be nine or another odd number as determined by assent of the majority of the Board itself.
2. The Board shall fill vacancies on the Board by majority assent.
3. The Board Chair shall be elected by vote of the Board from its ranks.
4. One position on the Board shall be held by the President.

B. Duties

1. Set goals and establish programs to fulfill the organization's purpose.
2. Shall appoint and may remove the President by assent of the majority plus one.
3. May amend the By-Laws by unanimous vote.
4. Approve the organization's annual budget.
5. The Chair shall ensure satisfactory communication and equitable participation within the Board.
6. By assent of the majority, may overrule the President's appointments and terminations of Directors.

IV. Officers

A. President

1. Serves at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. Is a member of the Board of Directors.
3. Responsible for overall operations, organization, and staff management.
4. Has final authority on content of all publications, reports, and presentations.
5. Appoints, oversees, and may terminate appointments of, Program Managers.
6. Reports accomplishments and organizational status to the Board periodically and upon request.

B. Vice President

1. Carries out the duties of the President in the absence or incapacitation of the President.
2. Performs special projects assigned or approved by the President.

V. Organizational Functions and Duties: The functions of AECES are organized into several Projects, including, but not limited to those described below.

A. The Survival Top 40 Project

1. The core function of the Top 40 Project is to develop and maintain a collection of cases that are the most convincing to the general public. Such cases should be strongly evidential yet relatively easy to comprehend, simple to communicate, and interesting. The collection should be limited to those cases meeting the qualifications set forth in the Evidence Scoring System.
2. The Top-40 Project shall establish, maintain, and update – in various appropriate media – a listing of the 40 highest ranking cases.
3. The Evidence Scoring System may be altered by the President, who shall notify the other officers of significant changes.

B. The Legacy Files Project

1. The core function of the Legacy Project is to demonstrate to researchers, investigators, and potential donors that AECES is both familiar with and respectful of the research and analysis accomplished by past investigators.
2. The Legacy Project is a compilation of documents, presentations, and other media demonstrating the seriousness, thoroughness, and legitimacy of work done by the pioneers of Survival research and the unfairness of much of the criticism of this work.
3. These productions should demonstrate the high level of discernment, breadth of knowledge, and objectivity of their compilers.

C. The Supporting Evidence Project

1. The core function of the Supporting Evidence Project is to demonstrate to

knowledgeable researchers, investigators, and potential donors that AECES is well-versed in the evidence and proofs for Survival and has an excellent grasp of the meaning, implications, and relative value of such evidence.

2. The Supporting Evidence Project will establish and maintain webpages, documents, and other media in which the evidence for Survival is grouped into categories. These categories of evidence may include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a. Observations (physical): jottles, uncharacteristic animal behavior, unexplained recordings [ITC], poltergeists, etc. - not in séances.
 - b. Manifestations (séances): physical mediumship, levitations, lights, materializations, and such.
 - c. Transcendent Talents: sudden musical and art abilities, chess skills, foreign and ancient language usage, handwriting mimicry, etc.
 - d. Super-Psi: Often used as an alternative explanation, in its obvious manifestations - such as a Ouija operator being able to 'see' while blindfolded - it can be an argument for the involvement of the discarnate.
 - e. Confirmed Information: previously unknown (or little known) data received via mediums, possession, visions, OBEs, and recall of other lives and later shown to be true.
 - f. Collaborated Information: Descriptions of observation and experiences in another plane or dimension (via OBEs, NDEs, regressions, or visions) that cannot be confirmed by research but are likewise observed or experienced by others in similar situations.
3. The evidence cited in these catalogs may be drawn from the entire gamut of Survival cases, not merely those that are easy to serve, swallow, and digest. Thus, these might include, cross-correspondences, statistical and metadata analyses, acoustical analysis of sounds and voices, and physical mediumship and materializations.

D. The Afterlife Guide Project

1. The core function of the Afterlife Guide Project is to collect the most credible accounts detailing aspects of discarnate existence. These accounts should assist those living on the physical plane to understand what sorts of experiences may await them on the non-physical realm(s).
2. These accounts shall be assembled, cataloged, contrasted, and analyzed so that their similarities, differences, and reliability can be comprehended as easily as is feasible.
3. The results of the above shall be presented without preaching, moralizing, or drawing inferences as to how people shall live their current lives.

E. Outreach Projects

The primary, long-term function of AECES is to inform and educate the various relevant publics concerning the reality and characteristics of Survival. Approaches may include (but are certainly not limited to):

1. Responding to articles with documents, letters, etc. either countering or complimenting the views expressed therein.
2. Submitting articles to publications of churches, schools, and other organizations.
3. Suggesting curricula changes to teachers of psi-related courses.
4. Setting up self-instructional websites on pertinent topics.

5. Answering critics on websites, blogs, and other electronic media.
6. Arranging public meetings and conferences.
7. Coordinating public-relations projects with other groups and institutions.