TITLE IV. MEMBERS. CONDITIONS

Article 7 The Academy is formed by persons in the following categories: Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members and Emeritus Members. The requirement to be elected a Member, in one of the above mentioned categories, is that the person nominated possesses a degree of engineer in any of the specialties recognized for professional practice for the Institutions that regulate such practice in his/her own country or in any other country of the Continent. The Members shall be individuals of unquestionable honor, professional integrity who have a vocation for service and can demonstrate that:

7.1 They are engineers graduated in a renowned university of their country or abroad with an important background in the exercise of their profession.

7.2 They have performed or been personally and actively involved in the planning, study, design, project or construction of relevant public and private works, in technological research, in the design of industrial plants, installations, manufacturing processes, prototypes, creation or adaptation of technologies, etc., and that for these tasks they have received the acknowledgement of their colleagues, associated in professional societies, or in private engineering, governmental or social welfare organizations.

7.3 They have displayed interest in the transfer of knowledge and experiences acquired in their professional life through teaching in universities or giving independent courses, delivering conferences, speeches or as a rapporteur in technical meetings, forums, seminars or congresses having made specialized publications with this purpose.

7.4 They have been acknowledged by the organized engineering in their country, by the National Association Member of UPADI, the National Academy of Engineering and other renowned engineering institutions or specialized chambers. Count on the support of the Charter Members of that country. Amended By-Laws – December 2011 - 4 4

7.5 They have formed part of engineering associations and societies, academic organizations, educational and research institutions, studies or engineering firms, public and private companies or have been officers occupying important public positions, demonstrating in all the activities their capacity of leadership to promote and accompany laborious and innovative programs that have influenced the improvement of the engineering profession.

Article 8 Members are those persons that live in a country of the Americas who have met the requirements of Article 7, who have been proposed as such by three Members from three different countries or by the UPADI National Member Association of his/her country after a selection process. A description of the candidate’s qualifications shall be submitted with the nomination.
The maximum number of Members of the Academy will be 350 (three hundred and fifty) of which a maximum of 50 (fifty) Academicians shall be from one same country. The Board of Directors will analyze and propose parameters on the basis of which the Plenary Ordinary Session will establish an equilibrated distribution of Members per country. Each Candidate to Member shall prove his or her citizenship in an American country. The Members must take part in governing the Academy and in the selection of new Members in all categories.

Article 9 Associate Members are persons living in countries of other Continents who, having complied with the requirements of Article 7 of these By-laws, represent the Academy in their place of residence in any country of the world and to that end carry out activities required from them by the authorities of the institution. They do not take part in the governance of the Academy or in the selection of new Members. Each shall be proposed by two Members or by the Engineering Organization in his/her country that is Member of WFEO/World Federation of Engineers Organizations or also by the National Academy of Engineering of his/her country.

Article 10 Exceptionally the Academy may appoint Honorary Members, without the intervention of the Nominating Committee, persons of renowned prestige, proposed by five (5) Members from different countries. The proposal will be evaluated by the Board of Directors and approved in an Ordinary Plenary Session. This category can be used to distinguish Members who have occupied this category during five years or more rendering outstanding services to the Academy and who for justifiable reasons, are not in conditions to continue as Members.

Article 11 The category of Member Emeritus is reserved exclusively for those Members who have rendered services to the Academy in relevant positions for at least five successive years and have distinguished the international academic professional community by their leadership and vocation towards service. The appointment of Member Emeriti will be decided by the Plenary Ordinary Session on the basis of a proposal supported by (3) three Members from different countries.

Article 12 The number of Honorary or Emeriti Members of a certain country shall not be accountable for the maximum number of Members established in Article 8.

**TITLE VI NOMINATION, ELECTION AND TERMINATION OF THE CATEGORY OF MEMBER.**

Article 17 Nominations to occupy the categories of Member or Associate Members shall be made in the following manner:

17.1 The President of the Institution or whomever is authorized, Member of UPADI for a certain country, which submits a nomination of an individual for the position of Member as established in Article 8 of these By-laws, shall sign the nomination document on behalf of his or her Association. The signature shall certify the institutional nature of the proposal and that it is the result of a process of selection as established in Article 8. The proposed person as Member must also count with the support of the Members of that country.
17.2 The nomination of a Member, when performed by three Members from different countries, shall be signed by his/her nominators. The same requirement will be in force when two Members nominate an Associate Member.

17.3 The nominations may be sent by e-mail, stating with absolute clarity the identity of the signatories, simultaneously to the President and the Secretary of the Academy complying with the dates for presentation established by the Board of Directors. The nominations submitted after the due date shall not be included in the Selection Process for that year but will be considered in the following Process.

17.4 The nomination of a person and his/her merits shall be submitted following the lineaments established by the Academy for the presentation of personal information, background and professional and academic experiences, ordered and summarized in a Data Form which will be provided by the Academy. A full Curriculum Vitae of the nominee may accompany the presentation together with the other documents such as letters supporting the proposal from engineering institutions, organizations or firms in which the nominee is working or has worked.

17.5 The presentation must clearly define the member category in which the nominee is proposed. The nomination and the Data Form must be submitted in two languages, English and either Spanish or Portuguese. The full curriculum vitae and the supporting letters may be submitted in only one of these three languages.