By-laws of The Center for Election Science

Article I — Name, Purpose, Mission, & Vision
Section 1 — Name: The name of the organization is “The Center for Election Science.” It is a nonprofit organization incorporated and governed under the laws of the State of California.

Section 2 — Purpose Statement: The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and education purposes. The purpose of this corporation is to objectively study, provide resources, and educate on all facets within and related to group decision making and electoral systems. The corporation will advocate methods that benefit social welfare.

Section 3 — Vision Statement: The Center for Election Science's vision is to replace problematic voting methods across all government and civic elections with methods that produce greater social benefit.

Section 4 — Mission Statement: The Center for Election Science advances smarter electoral systems to improve social good in the public and private sectors by providing scholarship, election-related resources, and informed advocacy.

Article II. Location
Section 1. Registered Office and Registered Agent: The corporation will continuously maintain a registered office and registered agent in the State of California, as required by the State of California. The registered office and agent may be changed from time to time by the board of directors.

Article III — Membership
Section 1 — Membership: Membership exclusively consists of the board of directors.

Article IV— Board Of Directors & Officers
Section 1 — Size: The board must have no fewer than three members and may have up to as many as it designates.
Section 2 — Officers: The board may designate board members as officers with responsibilities as it sees fit. These officers must at least include chair, treasurer, and secretary. The board may elaborate on the responsibilities for these roles and others.

Article V— Order of Governance & Terms
Section 1 — Governance & Order of Ruling: The corporation is governed by this list of sources, in the following order of ruling, with authoritative bodies noted in parentheses:
1. Relevant federal, state, and local laws, respectively (relevant governing bodies)
2. Articles of incorporation (board of directors)
3. These bylaws (board of directors)
4. Board Policy Manual (board of directors)
5. Board resolutions (board of directors)
6. Staff policies (executive director)
Section 2. Severability of Terms: Should any of the organization’s governing policy provisions be held unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions and portions will be unaffected by such a holding.

**Article VI. Amendments To By-laws & Articles Of Incorporation**

**Section 1 — Powers:** The board of directors may amend these by-laws and the corporation’s articles of incorporation to include or omit any provision that they could lawfully include or omit at the time the amendment is made.

**Section 2 — Procedures:** When at least seven-days’ notice of the proposed changes is provided in writing for a meeting are given, the board may choose to amend these by-laws or the corporation’s articles of incorporation by voting yes two times with a majority of the entire board membership in favor. Votes must be separated by at least a week.

**Article VII. Fiscal Year**

**Section 1 — Type:** The Corporation uses a calendar year starting on January 1 and ending on December 31.

**Adoption Of Bylaws**

We, the undersigned chair and secretary for the The Center for Election Science, attest that these by-laws have been properly adopted by the board of directors on the date below.

By-laws last revised on: April 8, 2018.