Bylaws of the International Fab Lab Association

As accepted by the General Meeting on 19 August 2011

The Fab Charter

The International Fab Lab Association adopts the Fab Charter in its most up to date version (currently 30 August 2007).

<u>Mission</u>: fab labs are a global network of local labs, enabling invention by providing access for individuals to tools for digital fabrication.

<u>Access</u>: you can use the fab lab to make almost anything (that doesn't hurt anyone); you must learn to do it yourself, and you must share use of the lab with other uses and users.

<u>Education</u>: training in the fab lab is based on doing projects and learning from peers; you're expected to contribute to documentation and instruction.

<u>Responsibility</u>: you're responsible for:

- <u>Safety</u>: knowing how to work without hurting people or machines
- <u>Cleaning up</u>: leaving the lab cleaner than you found it
- <u>Operations</u>: assisting with maintaining, repairing, and reporting on tools, supplies, and incidents

<u>Secrecy</u>: designs and processes developed in fab labs must remain available for individual use although intellectual property can be protected however you choose.

<u>Business</u>: commercial activities can be incubated in fab labs but they must not conflict with open access, they should grow beyond rather than within the lab, and they are expected to benefit the inventors, labs, and networks that contribute to their success.

Official list of Fab Labs and their recognition (Rite-de-passage)

According to Article 20.2 of the constitution the bylaws shall "contain the procedure for the official recognition of Fab Labs by the Board of the Association. The Board shall keep a register in which all names and addresses of all Fab Labs recognized by the Association are recorded." The rite-de-passage below is the procedure for keeping that register and for official recognition of Fab Labs by the International Fab Lab Association.

Taking into account,

- that the Fab Lab community maintains a wiki at wiki.fabfolk.com; and write access to the wiki is granted to members of the community by the wiki administrators;
- that the wiki contains a list of Fab Labs at http://www.fablab.is/w/index.php/Portal:Labs, including an assessment according to the four criteria defined at http://www.fablab.is/w/index.php/ConditionsForFabLabLabel;
- that this assessment is initially a self-assessment, but may be amended by any wiki user with write access.

1. The association adopts this list as the official list of Fab Labs and the criteria as the official criteria for becoming a Fab Lab.

2. The labs themselves are responsible themselves for keeping their entries accurate and up to date.

3. The board monitors the list and the criteria for disputes, vandalism and other forms of abuse.

4. Disputes should be handled through the discussion function of the respective wiki pages.

5. If the community is not able to resolve the dispute, it is the duty of the board and eventually the general meeting to mediate between the parties and assist them to resolve the dispute.

6. If a Fab Lab for any reason requires a formal confirmation of being a recognized Fab Lab, the board shall issue them with a letter confirming their entry on the list and outlining the registration process.

7. The board may install a commission to deal with the above.

Academic Council

The association will have an Academic Council as described in Article 18 of the constitution.

1. The Academic Council has at least three members. At least one seat will be appointed by CBA. The Academic Council further appoints its own members. An appointment is valid for two years. The Academic Council appoints one of its members as chairperson.

2. The Academic Council oversees and advises on all issues regarding academic research and academic education. These advices are binding for the association.

3. The Academic Council may advise the association on all other issues, both on its own initiative or upon request. The Academic Council reports on its proceedings to the annual general meeting.