



International Association for Political Science Students

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Statutes of the International Association of Political Science Students

NAME AND SEAT

Article 1

1. The Association bears the name International Association for Political Science Students, abbreviated as IAPSS.
2. The Association resides in Nijmegen (the Netherlands).
3. The Association's year runs from the first (1) of June through the thirty-first (31) of May of the following calendar year.
4. The fiscal year runs from the first (1) of January through the thirty-first (31) of December.

PURPOSES AND RESOURCES

Article 2

1. The Association shall pursue to:
 - a. Create, continually expand and manage an international network of students and Associations of students of political science and related fields;
 - b. Promote international exchanges of students, information, research and knowledge;
 - c. Stimulate international debate on various topics of political science and related fields among its members.
2. The Association endeavours to achieve these aims by:
 - a. Organising activities for the benefit of its members;
 - b. Co-operating with and participating in other Associations and organisations, in so far as it is not contrary to the aims of the Association.
3. The Association's resources come from:
 - a. Membership fees of its members;
 - b. Revenues of its assets;
 - c. Proceeds of activities organised by the Association;
 - d. Subsidies, donations, inheritances and bequests;
 - e. Sponsor fees;
 - f. Other incomes.
4. The Association shall not accept funds from political parties or associated organisations.
5. The Association shall not pursue to make profit.
6. The Association is politically independent.

MEMBERS, MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND DONORS

Article 3

1. The Association comprises:



- a. Ordinary members;
- b. Member associations;
- c. Honorary members;
- d. Donors.

2. Ordinary members shall be natural persons, who:

- a. At the time of registration with the Association are political science students or students of a related field or were political science students of students of a related field, up until the age of forty (40);
- b. Have fulfilled their pecuniary obligations to the Association.

3. Ordinary members have the possibility to participate in all activities organised by the Association, in so far as can reasonably be demanded of the Association and in so far as to participation in an activity no additional requirements are set by the board. Thereby are imposed upon ordinary members the rights and obligations under these statutes.

4. Member associations shall be legal persons, who:

- a. At the time of registration with the Association is an association by either Dutch or foreign law established legal person with members, that concerning its constitution can be considered an association with full legal authority to Dutch law and those that, at the time of the admission, be designated as representing students of political science or related fields by either the Executive Committee or the General Assembly;
- b. Have fulfilled their pecuniary obligations to the Association.

5. Imposed upon member associations are the rights and obligations under these statutes. Member associations are obligated to designate one or more natural persons, who exert on behalf of the member association its membership rights and need to communicate written the name(s) of this or these persons to the secretary-general of the Association.

6. Honorary members shall be natural or legal persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of the Association. Honorary membership shall be awarded by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

7. Donors shall be natural or legal persons who support the Association financially or by other means with a minimum amount set by the Executive Committee.

8. All else concerning donors is governed by regulations.

9. Honorary members and donors do not have any other rights or obligations than are granted or imposed by or pursuant to these statutes.

ACQUISITION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 4

1. He or she who wants to become a member, has to fill in, sign and hand in the application form to the Executive Committee of the Association.

2. The Executive Committee of the Association decides on the admission of a member.

3. When the Executive Committee of the Association refuses someone admission to become a member, it has to inform the rejected within four (4) weeks of the Committees decision in



writing that shall state the reasons of the rejection and the Committee shall state the reasons of the rejection again at the next General Assembly.

4. When the Executive Committee of the Association refuses someone admission to become a member, the General Assembly may still decide on admission.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 5

1. Members are obliged:

- a. To comply with the Statutes and regulations of the Association, as well as decisions made by the Executive Committee of the Association and the General Assembly;
- and
- b. Not to harm the interests of the Association.

2. Members have all rights entitled by Dutch law.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 6

1. Membership of ordinary members, member associations and honorary members shall terminate through:

- a. Death of natural persons or – regarding legal persons – when the legal personality ceases to exist;
- b. Written notice – regarding natural and legal persons – by the member, which may occur only by the end of the Association's year, subject to a term of notice of four (4) weeks. In case of late notification, it shall become effective only at the end of the next Association's year.
- c. Written notice – regarding honorary members – by the member, which may occur at all times, without a term of notice;
- d. Written notice by the Executive Committee of the Association on behalf of the Association; *This can occur at all times, without a term of notice when a member does no longer meet the membership requirements set in article 3 and 4, as well as when reasonably it can no longer be required of the Association to continue membership.*
- e. Disqualification;

The Executive Committee of the Association can only make this decision, when a ordinary member, member association or honorary member acts in violation of the statutes, regulations or decisions of the Association, or unreasonably harms the Association. In the case of disqualification the Executive Committee as to forthwith inform all members and call for a General Assembly to be held within four (4) weeks of the decision.

2. The member in respect of whom a disqualification or suspension decision has been made, will receive forthwith written notice that states the reason of disqualification or suspension. He or she has the right to appeal, within ten (10) days, to the Supervisory Committee.

3. For the duration of the proceedings or pending the appeal referred to in paragraph 2 the person concerned is suspended, it being understood that he or she is allowed to address the Supervisory Committee that decides upon the appeal.

4. In case the Supervisory Committee rejects the appeal, the disqualified member is allowed to address the General Assembly at the first possible occasion. Until the General Assembly is



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addressed, the member will remain suspended.

5. Regarding members of the Executive or Supervisory Committee of the Association termination as well as disqualification of membership of the Association occurs only pursuant to decision of the General Assembly.

SUSPENSION

Article 7

1. In the case mentioned in article 6, paragraph 1e, the Executive Committee of the Association may suspend an ordinary member, as well as a member association or an honorary member up to a maximum of three months, if the Executive Committee is of the opinion that it would not be sufficient reason to qualify for disqualification.

2. The right of appeal as defined in article 6 paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the suspension.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Article 8

1. Every ordinary and association member is required to pay an annual fee.

2. Due membership fees and other contributions by ordinary members and member associations are determined by the General Assembly.

3. Membership fees are due at the time of membership application or renewal and is valid for three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

4. Persons – natural and legal – whose membership is granted, terminated or suspended are due their membership fee or other contributions for the concerning year, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 9

Every Association's year at least one (1) General Assembly will be held, hereinafter referred to as the GA. The GA will be held not later than April.

1. At the GA will at least be discussed:

- a. The adoption of the budget of the Executive Committee;
- b. The adoption of the financial statement;
- c. The adoption of the final reports;
- d. The appointment of the Executive Committee;
- e. The appointment of the Supervisory Committee;
- f. The designation of the next GA venue.

2. The General Assembly may be convened by the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee, or, if so required by at least fifteen (15) percent of the members and member associations together, through a duly reasoned request in writing, to be submitted to the



Executive Committee. The call for a General Assembly is made via e-mail to the address of each member, as known by the Association, at least thirty days prior to the Assembly. The call for the General Assembly shall be accompanied by an indication of time and place of the meeting together with the proposed agenda to be discussed.

3. All non-suspended members have access to the GA. On admission of other persons than discussed above, the General Assembly decides.

4. At the GA, only ordinary and association members have voting rights. Each of them has one (1) vote.

5. A unanimous decision by all those that have voting rights, even if they are not in assembly, has, if taken with prior knowledge by the Executive Committee, the same force as a decision by the General Assembly.

6. The president of the GA decides on the voting procedures during the General Assembly.

7.

a. A proposal brought to a vote is, notwithstanding paragraph 10, rejected, if:

- The number of votes cast by member associations against the proposal equals or exceeds the number of votes cast by member associations in favour of the proposal;

or

- The number of votes cast by ordinary members against the proposal equals or exceeds the number of votes cast by ordinary members in favour of the proposal.

b. Paragraph a. is not applicable in the case of elections of persons to the organs of the Association. Elections of persons to the organs of the Association are done by secret ballot.

8. All decisions in which the law or these statutes require no greater majority are being taken by absolute majority voting, in observance of paragraph 9. If votes equal during the election of persons, fate decides. If in case of elections between more than two persons no absolute majority is reached, another round of voting between the two persons is held, who received the most votes, if necessary after an interim vote.

9. Honorary members have an advisory vote at the GA.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 10

1. The Association has an Executive Committee responsible for governing the Association. The Executive Committee may, as such, transfer or confer, provided that it is clearly defined, one or more of its responsibilities and/or obligations. Those who thus exercise these tasks, act under the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

2. The General Assembly elects out of its ordinary members the Executive Committee. All else concerning elections of the Executive Committee is governed by regulations. The General Assembly sets the number of Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee consists of at least three members. If the number of Executive Committee members drops below the prescribed minimum, the Executive Committee shall stay authorized, but the Executive Committee forthwith must call for a General Assembly to elect up to the minimum number of Executive Committee members as described above.



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3. The term of the Executive Committee runs from the first (1) of June until the thirty-first (31) of May of the following calendar year, according to the Association year.
4. Each Executive Committee member is eligible for immediate reelection, with a maximum of three (3) terms.
5. Termination of Executive Committee membership:
 - a. Executive Committee membership is terminated by resignation, dismissal or termination of ordinary membership;
 - b. In case of termination of Executive Committee membership during a term, the vacancy will be filled as governed by regulations.
6. The Executive Committee is only after approval by the General Assembly authorised to:
 - a. Enter into agreements to purchase, dispose of or encumber registered property;
 - b. Enter into agreements in which the Association commits itself as joint and several debtor or guarantor;
 - c. Enter into agreements in which the Association commits itself to a third party;
 - d. Enter into agreements in which the Association commits itself to provide security for a debt of a third party.
7. The Association may be represented by the whole Executive Committee or by two of its members, acting jointly, without prejudice of their right to grant a proxy to one of them or a third party.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Article 11

1. The Association has a Supervisory Committee responsible for supervision on:
 - a. The implementation of policy by the Executive Committee;
 - b. The correct functioning of the Executive Committee;
 - c. The correct functioning of the Association.
2. The Supervisory Committee may:
 - a. Provide the Executive Committee with asked and unasked, non-binding advice;
 - b. Recommend action to the General Assembly.
3. The General Assembly elects out of its ordinary members the Supervisory Committee. All else concerning elections of the Supervisory Committee is governed by regulations.
4. The Supervisory Committee consists of at least two members and at most of three members of whom at least one is a former member of the Executive Committee. The Supervisory Committee distributes tasks among themselves. Membership of the Supervisory Committee is not compatible with membership of the Executive Committee.
5. The Supervisory Committee takes decisions if at least two (2) of their members are present and at least two (2) votes in favour are required to take decisions.
6. The term of the Supervisory Committee runs from the first (1) of June until the thirty-first (31) of May of the following year, according to the Association year.
7. Each Supervisory Committee member is eligible for immediate reelection, with a maximum



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of three (3) terms.

8. Termination of Supervisory Committee membership:

- a. Supervisory Committee membership is terminated by resignation, dismissal or termination of ordinary membership;
- b. In case of termination of Supervisory Committee membership during a term, the vacancy will be filled as governed by regulations.

OTHER BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 12

1. The General Assembly and the Executive Committee are allowed to establish other committees and workgroups.
2. All that these bodies is concerned, will be governed as by regulations adopted by the General Assembly.

REGULATIONS

Article 13

1. The General Assembly can adopt, change or abolish one or multiple regulations;
2. Regulations shall not be contrary to law or these statutes.

CHANGING OF STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION

Article 14

1. A resolution to amend the statutes of the Association requires at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the validly cast votes by the association members, as well as a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the validly cast votes by the individual members at a General Assembly.
2. A resolution to dissolve the Association requires at least a four-fifth (4/5) majority of the validly cast votes by the association members, as well as a four-fifth (4/5) majority of the validly cast votes by the individual members at a General Assembly.
3. The call for a General Assembly that will discuss the amending of the statutes or the dissolution of the Association must emphasise the topics in question.
4. Amendments to the statutes enter into force only after a notarial deed has been made.

LIQUIDATION

Article 15

1. After dissolution the Executive Committee is responsible for the liquidation, unless the General Assembly, which decided upon dissolution, appointed one (1) or more liquidators.
2. During the liquidation the provisions by or pursuant to these statutes shall apply as far as possible.



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3. Any surplus balance shall be allocated by the General Assembly for such purposes that correspond most to the purposes of the Association.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 16

In all matters these statutes or future regulations do not provide, the Executive Committee decides, it being understood that the General Assembly can oblige in this respect the Executive Committee with tasks.