REGULATIONS OF THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA
[The Academy of Europe]

Regulations as adopted by the Annual Meeting in September (2009).
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Regulations as amended by the AGM of 2019
Regulations as amended by the AGM of 2026

In the following Regulations, the interpretive words as defined in the Sections of Association (General, paragraph 1) will apply and the words he, him, and his should be understood to apply equally to both male and female persons.

Section 1: Membership

1. The Academia shall consist of members who shall be natural persons or organisations and shall be elected according to a defined procedure and assigned to a category of membership that shall be as determined from time-to-time by the membership. Categories of membership shall comprise Ordinary members, Foreign members and Honorary members, and Patrons.

2. There shall be a number of officers of the Academy drawn from within the membership, comprising a President, a Treasurer and such number of Vice-Presidents as shall be determined in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. There shall be a Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the "the Board") with full executive powers and with a composition as defined herein.

4. There shall be a Council of the Academia (hereinafter called 'the Council') acting as a sub Committee of the Board, and that is representative of the membership, and with composition, responsibilities and functions as defined from time to time by the Board.

5. There shall be Academic sections, or other groupings to which the members shall belong. Each section (or grouping) shall have a Committee. Section committees shall be composed of members as determined in the manner hereinafter provided.

6. Acceptance of the invitation to membership of the Academia Europaea in any category shall carry with it an obligation to pay a fee or subscription for membership in a manner and under such conditions as will be prescribed by the membership.

Section 2: Ordinary Members

1. The primary criterion for election as an Ordinary Member shall be based upon evidence recognised and judged by peers, of sustained, international academic excellence in the candidate's field of scholarship.

2. Only scholars that are substantively resident in Europe shall be eligible to be elected as Ordinary Members of the Academia, provided that an Ordinary Member who ceases to be so resident in Europe shall not for that reason cease to be an Ordinary Member.

3. Ordinary Members shall be elected in accordance with [Section 13 of] these Regulations.

Section 3: Honorary Members

1. A person who, by means other than through his own individual scholarship has made a significant contribution to the achievement of objectives of the Academia may be elected to an Honorary Membership in accordance with [Section 13 of] these Regulations.

2. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote in any election or at any meeting and shall not be qualified to hold any office in the Academia or to be members of the Council, but shall otherwise have all the privileges of Ordinary Members.

Section 4: Foreign Members

1. A scholar who is not substantively resident in Europe but possessing in outstanding measure all of the qualities and attributes necessary for ordinary membership and additionally demonstrates a verifiable and sustained link with European scholarship may be elected a Foreign Member in accordance with [Section 13 of] these Regulations.

2. Foreign Members shall be entitled to vote in any election or at any meeting but shall not be qualified to hold any office in the Academia or to be members of the Council, but shall otherwise have all the privileges of Ordinary Members.

Section 5: Patrons

1. Patrons are organisations, Charitable Foundations, funding bodies, Learned Associations, Academies, Societies and other such organisations and individuals, that through some significant and substantive actions, can be judged to have demonstrated a genuine support for and major commitment to the objects of the Academia Europaea and which may in accordance with [Section 13 of] these regulations be invited to accept to become Patrons of the Academia Europaea.

2. Patrons are Affiliated Members of the Academia Europaea.

3. Patrons may participate in meetings of the membership. Patrons may on a recommendation of the Board attend meetings of the Board and of its committees in an observer capacity, subject to any such conditions as may be determined from time-to-time by the Board and may enjoy any other privileges as may be decided from time-to-time.

4. Patrons shall not be entitled to hold or to exercise any executive powers, or to vote in any election and shall not be eligible to stand, hold or otherwise take up any substantive office in the Academia, or to exercise a vote on any committee of the Board.

5. Patrons shall otherwise than is set out above have all the privileges of Ordinary members.

Section 6: The President

1. The President shall normally be elected from amongst the Ordinary Members of the Academia in accordance with Section 13 of these Regulations and shall serve for three years from the date of his election. A retiring President shall be eligible for re-election on the expiry of his period in office, provided that no person shall serve as President for more than six years.

2. Unless prevented by grave cause the President shall act as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting of the Academia and at all meetings of the Board and Council. He shall also act as Chairman at all other meetings of the Academia unless he shall have delegated the function of Chairman of any such meeting to a Vice-President or another Ordinary Member of the Academia.

3. In the event that the President shall for any reason become permanently incapable of fulfilling the duties of his office he shall be deemed to have resigned, and the duties of the President shall be discharged by the senior Vice-President (seniority being measured by reference to length of service as a Vice-President) until such time as a new President is elected.

4. The office of President shall be honorary and shall carry no stipend.

Section 7: The Vice-Presidents

1. There shall be such number of Vice-President(s), as may be determined from time to time by the Board.

2.1 A President may, with the approval of the Board, co-opt member(s) to the Board, and/or designate the same, or already serving Trustee(s) as 'Vice President(s) ex officio', to assist in the discharge of their Presidency, providing that the number of Trustees does not exceed the number as set out in the Articles of Association. The title of Vice President ex officio, shall cease with the ending of the term of the appointing President and shall be non - renewable. However, the term of any extant co-option or election/appointment as a Trustee (without the use of the honorific of VICE-PRESIDENT EX OFFICIO) shall continue to the end of the normal term of the co-option as otherwise determined.

2.2 In addition and specifically, Class Chairs when appointed, shall carry the courtesy title of Vice President (Class…) for the duration of their term as a Class Chair.

2.3 Vice-President(s) (other than ex officio and courtesy) shall be elected from among the Ordinary Members of the Academia in accordance with [Section 13 of] these Regulations. Elected Vice Presidents (officio) shall serve for terms as decided by the Board. A retiring elected Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election provided that no person shall serve as an elected Vice-President continuously for more than two consecutive terms.

3. The duties and/or mandates and the duration of each Vice-President shall be as determined by the Board.

4. In the event that a Vice-President shall for any reason become permanently incapable of fulfilling the duties of his office he shall be deemed to have resigned, and the Board may appoint another member to fulfil his/her duties.

5. The office of Vice-President shall be honorary and shall carry no stipend.

Section 8: The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall normally be elected from among the individual Members of the Academia in accordance with [Section 13 of] these Regulations and shall serve for three years from the date of his election. A retiring Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election on the expiry of his period in office, provided that no person shall serve as Treasurer for more than six years.

2. The duties of the Treasurer shall include budgeting and control and the maintenance and supervision of the accounts of the Academia and the receipt and expenditure of money on behalf of the Academia and any other such duties as the Board may decide.

3. In the event that a Treasurer shall for any reason become permanently incapable of fulfilling the duties of his office he shall be deemed to have resigned, and the Board shall appoint another member to fulfil his duties until such time as a new Treasurer is elected in accordance with the regulations.

4. The Office of Treasurer shall be honorary and shall carry no stipend.

Section 9: The Board

1.The Board shall consist of the elected officers (the President, elected Vice President(s), the Treasurer), and four Class Chairs. The Board shall ensure a fair representation of the Academic Sections. The Board may at its discretion, co-opt additional members for specific purposes, up to the maximum number of Trustees as allowed in the Articles of Association.

2. Recommendations for co-option shall be approved by members based on a motion tabled at the next AGM following any appointment. The period of service of any co-opted members shall be on a three-year mandate basis. This may be renewed by the membership in general meeting on a recommendation of the Board.

3.Subject to paragraph 1 above: The Board shall itself decide on a process for selection of its nominees to serve on the Board.

4.Each elected officer serving on the Board shall serve for three years and shall be eligible for re-election, provided that no officer shall serve as a member of the Board continuously for more than six years.

5. In the event that a Board member shall for any reason become permanently incapable of fulfilling their duties, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board. The Board may appoint another of its number or co-opt an ordinary member to serve on the Board for the remainder of the period of service of the resigning member.

6. The Board shall meet as necessary for the correct conduct of business, but at least twice in each year and shall act on behalf of the membership as the Executive body of the Academia.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Act and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board shall have powers to make rules subsidiary to these Regulations for the conduct of its business, for the conduct of elections, for the procedure for the expulsion of members, and to propose the amendment of all or any of these Regulations, and the recommendation to a general meeting of new Sections and the revocation of existing Sections, on which the general meeting alone has the power to decide upon changes of these Regulations.

8. The Board may establish sub-committees to deal with any aspect of its business. Each sub-committee should include at least one member of the Board.

Section 10 : The Council

1. The Council shall be advisory only and consist of the elected officers ("officer members"), the Class chairs and chairs of the academic sections ("section members").

2. Officer (elected) members shall serve for the period of their elected office. Class and Section chair members shall serve on Council for the entire period of their Class and Section chairmanship.

3. In the event that a section chair member of the Council shall for any reason become permanently incapable of fulfilling the duties of his office he shall be deemed to have resigned and the section committee in consultation with the Class chair shall appoint another Ordinary Member to be a Section chair, who once appointed shall become a member of the Council.

4. Except where necessary, the Council shall wherever practicable transact its business using methods other than by plenary meetings. The frequency of plenary meetings of the Council shall be decided by the Board.

5. The Council will undertake only such business and tasks as may be assigned to it by the Board.

Section 11: The Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary shall direct the offices and manage the day to day business of the Academia on behalf of the Board and shall act as secretary to the Board, the Council and at all meetings of the Academia and of any sub committee of the Board. Subject to the approval of the Board he shall engage and fix the terms of the employment of such other secretariat staff as the Board may determine to be necessary for the management of the affairs of the Academia.

Section 12: General Meetings

1. The agenda for each Annual General Meeting shall include those items as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and also the following:

(a) a report by the President;

(b) a report by the Board including plans and proposals for future activities of the Academia;

(c) Proposals relating to the setting and levels of subscriptions;

Proposals for the election of members of the Council and of Officers of the Academia;

Proposals to approve the appointment of co-opted members of the Board

(f) proposals for the amendment of these Regulations.

2. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Academia may be called by the Board and shall also be so called if the Board receives a written requisition for such a Meeting signed by not less than five percent of the total number of Ordinary Members or fifty such members, whichever shall be the less.

3. Notice of the place and date of any General Meeting shall be given to all members of the Academia in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Notice of any motion intended to be raised by an Ordinary Member shall be given to the Executive Secretary, so as to reach him not less than fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting.

4. Save where otherwise provided by the Articles of Association and Memorandum and these Regulations, decisions taken at any general Meeting shall be by a process described by the Board, including the use of electronic voting in advance of an AGM. If a vote at the AGM is determined as appropriate, decisions shall be by a simple majority of those present and voting. Both methods of voting where employed, shall be taken as of equal validity.

Section 13: Elections

1. **The Ordinary, the Honorary and the Foreign Members**

(a) The Ordinary, the Honorary and the Foreign Members shall be elected by ballot of the members of the Board.

(b) Nominations for candidates as Ordinary, Honorary or Foreign members of the Academia may be made by any Ordinary Member and in a manner as set down by the Board.

(c) The Board may at any meeting proceed to the election of a member or members in any category, or it may refer a nomination or nominations to one or more of the membership advisory committees hereinafter mentioned for advice and defer the election until after such advice has been received.

(d) For the purpose of obtaining advice on the qualifications for membership of any person nominated for election to Ordinary, Honorary or Foreign membership of the Academia, the Board may appoint such membership advisory committees with such terms of reference as the Board sees fit. The Executive Secretary shall be authorised to inform any Ordinary Member of the composition and terms of reference of such committees.

2. **The President**

(a) The President shall be elected by a ballot of members.
(b) The Board shall establish a procedure for the election.

(c) In the final year of a Presidency term or upon the actual or deemed resignation of the President under Section 6 of these Regulations, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Ordinary Members of the impending presidential election, of their right to nominate candidates and of the closing date for the receipt of nominations, and he shall invite nominations.

(d) Following the closing date for the receipt of nominations, the Board shall consider all the nominations received and shall make a proposal to the membership. The Board shall determine the timetable and procedure for an election.

(e) The result of the election shall be communicated at the AGM and to all the members as soon as possible and the President elect shall enter into Office at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting following his election.

(f) Where an election takes place following a resignation howsoever caused of the incumbent President, the senior Vice President shall assume the Presidency until an election is held and a new President is approved by the members.

3. **The Vice-President(s) Officio**

(a) Vice-President(s) officio shall be elected by ballot of the members.

(b) In the final year of a Vice-President`s period of office or upon the actual or deemed resignation of a Vice-President, the Board shall review the number and balance of the Board. If so instructed, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Ordinary Members of the impending vice-presidential election, of their right to nominate candidates and of the closing date for the receipt of nominations, and he shall invite nominations.

(c) Following the closing date for the receipt of nominations the Board shall consider the nominations received, and shall make a proposal to members.

(d) A ballot of all eligible members shall be held. The result of the election shall be communicated to the members as soon as possible and the Vice - President shall enter into Office at the conclusion of the annual general meeting.

(e) In the event that an election follows the expiry of a Vice-President`s normal period of office, the Board shall appoint another ordinary member to serve as a Vice President until such time as a new Vice-President can be elected in accordance with these Regulations.

4. **The Treasurer**

(a) The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot of the members.

(b) During the final year of a Treasurer's period of office, or upon the actual or deemed resignation of a Treasurer under Section 8 of these Regulations, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Ordinary Members of the impending election, and of their right to nominate candidates and of the closing date for the receipt of nominations, and he shall invite nominations.

(c) Following the closing date for the receipt of nominations, the Board shall consider the nominations received, and shall make a proposal to the membership for a ballot.

(d) The result of the election shall be communicated to the meeting and to all other members as soon as possible and the Treasurer shall enter into Office at the conclusion of the annual general meeting.

(e) In the event that an election follows the expiry of a Treasurer's normal period of office, the Board shall appoint another member to serve as a Treasurer until such time as a new Treasurer can be elected in accordance with these Regulations.

5. Section committees

(a) Section committees shall be representative of the membership of their Section. Committees shall be composed of members that are elected from amongst the membership of the Section and in a manner defined by the Board.

(b) Each Section Committee shall appoint a chair from amongst its number in accordance with rules as set out by the Board.

(c) Section chairs shall serve as members of the Council for a period not exceeding six years.

6. Affiliated Members

(a) Affiliated Members shall be invited into membership by the Board.

(b) The Board shall establish criteria for the identification and suitability of candidates as Affiliated Members and establish procedures for the assessment of any such candidates as set out in Section 5.

(c) The terms of membership applicable to Affiliate Members shall be as defined by the Board and may be varied from time-to-time by the Board.

(d) The numbers of Affiliated Members shall be as agreed by the members in general meeting acting on a proposal from the Board.

Section 14: Expulsion of members

1. A member of the Academia in any category shall be deprived of his membership if found guilty by the Board of a continuous or repeated course of conduct incompatible with the purposes and objectives of the Academia. If the person so deprived of membership holds at the time the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or member of the Council or any Sub Committee of the Board, he shall immediately vacate his office.

2. The Board shall prescribe rules for use when a charge of such conduct as aforesaid is preferred against a member. In addition to such other matters as may appear convenient to the Board, such rules shall provide:

(a) for the summary dismissal of a charge as frivolous or vexatious;

(b) for a charge not so dismissed to be put in writing to the member charged and his written response requested;

(c) for the summary dismissal of the charge in the light of such response;

(d) for a hearing before the Board or specially appointed committee thereof of any charge not summarily dismissed at which evidence shall be taken orally or in writing and at which the member charged shall be entitled to be heard in his own defence;

(e) for the representation at the hearing of the member charged, if he so desires, either by another member of the Academia or by any other person whether legally qualified or not.

(f) for the number of votes of the members of the Board in favour of a finding of guilty required for the member charged to be deprived of his membership.

3. The Board shall prescribe rules applicable to cases of non-payment of subscriptions.

Section 15: Assets of the Academia

1. The assets of the Academia shall be employed exclusively in furthering the purposes and objectives of the Academia and for no other purpose provided that nothing in these Regulations shall contravene the Sections of Association and Memorandum or prevent:

(a) the payment of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Academia;

(b) the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in relation to the activities of the Academia by any member of the Academia or the Executive Secretary.

2. The Academia shall open and maintain a bank account or accounts in its name, and every withdrawal from any such account shall be authorised by the signatures of any two of the Executive Secretary, a designated member of the Secretariat, the Treasurer, President or Vice-President(s).

3. The signatories to any bank account opened and maintained as aforesaid shall operate the same in accordance with the directions of the Board.

Section 16: Interpretation

If any question arises in regard to the interpretation of these Regulations or any of them, it shall be decided by the Board.

Section 17: Language

These Regulations may be translated into any European language other than English but the version in English shall be the only authentic version.

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