

Attachment: Most notable changes to the Statutes

In the attached document you will find the current version of the EAAE Statutes in the left column and the EAAE Council's proposal for a new version in the right column. Changes to the current articles are highlighted in yellow.

An important guideline for the work has been to incorporate the current activities and practices of the Association in the statutes, and to clarify the governing principles of the Association. In this presentation we sum up the most notable proposed changes.

Wording

Some language wise changes are made to construct a more consistent document:

- to clarify the content and message in the articles
- to avoid that the same message or principle is communicated more than once
- to apply consistency in the Association terminology (e.g. Statutes instead of regulations, Council member instead of administrator)

An external English language expert has been hired for quality assurance of the proposed article changes. The previous EAAE Council hired a lawyer to assure that references to Belgian law are up to date. The current Council has extended these references based on contributions by prof. Herman Neuckermans.

Structure

- Article 2 on the purpose of the Association will be substituted with the EAAE Mission Statement
- Two new articles are added (7 and 21), on definition of the EAAE Bodies and EAAE Project Leaders.
- The current articles 17, 18 and 19 (on president, vice president and secretariat) are moved and re-labeled 13, 14 and 15 for better consistency. The corresponding current articles are kept in the left column.

The EAAE Council

- The Council consists of maximum 11 members: President, Vice President, Treasurer (appointed by Council among Council members) and maximum 8 Council members
- All Council members must be recruited from active member institutions
- The principle of rotation of Council members is established. The Council members are elected for three years. One third of the Council members should be substituted each year.
- Quorum of the Council is established by the presence of minimum six of its members, including President, Vice-President and Treasurer
- It is not possible to have proxies in the Council meetings
- The Council may meet by video conference in special situations.
- The President and Vice President are elected for terms of 3 years, and maximum two terms.
- The established practice that the Vice-President automatically becomes President in the consecutive term is opened up and removed from the Statutes.
- The General Secretary role is removed from the statutes.

Membership

- Honorary members should not be able to vote at GA
- Honorary members may be nominated by the GA. No further rules on background, academic achievement or contribution to the Association are made.
- Members may be temporarily suspended by the Council until next upcoming GA if found to actively violate EAAE's work, but only formally excluded by the GA. Non-members are excluded from the EAAE online guide

General Assembly

- Representatives at the GA may hold maximum 3 proxies in addition to his/her own vote
- The GA may elect a Chair for the GA, which is not necessarily the EAAE President. The GA Chair has no duties outside of the GA
- Removed " The General Assembly .. either at the registered offices or at the location set by the previous General Assembly .."