



Statutes of the European Youth Parliament Norway Alumni Association

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Statutes

§1 (Name)

1. The name of the organisation is European Youth Parliament Norway Alumni Association, abbreviated to EYPNAA.

§2 (Purpose)

1. The purpose of the organisation is to
 - i. Increase awareness of European questions, encourage active European citizenship and motivate youth to get engaged in European politics.
 - ii. Promote intercultural understanding and dialogue as well as plurality of ideas and opinions.
 - iii. Create arenas where European youth can express their own opinions.

§3 (Goals and activities)

1. The goals of the organisation are to
 - i. Facilitate contact between the members through organising various events.
 - ii. Contribute to the personal development of the members.
 - iii. In cooperation with EYP Norway facilitate and work towards international EYP events in Norway.
 - iv. Increase the knowledge about EYP Norway through information activities
 - v. Assist with expertise in preparing delegates to participate in international sessions
2. The organisation's activities include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Organising the annual National Selection Conference for EYP Norway.
 - ii. Organising annual regional sessions in select local chapters.
 - iii. Organise local meetings in line with the purpose of EYPNAA.



3. The activities of the organisation are defined by the organisation's guidelines.
4. The guidelines of the organisation:
 - i. Are binding and defining for the organisation's activities when they are written down in a separate document and approved by the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting approves or rejects guidelines with a simple majority vote.
 - ii. Are amended by the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority vote.
 - iii. Can be created by the board of EYPNAA in situations where there are no previously existing guidelines for the activity in question. Newly established guidelines must be approved at the first forthcoming Annual General Meeting to continue to be in effect.
 - iv. Should be available to the members of the organisation, either on the organisation's website or by request.
 - v. For activities that are delegated by the National Committee must also be approved by the National Committee's own board to be binding. If the National Committee rejects the guidelines, the EYPNAA board has a right to bargain on behalf of the members, and shall negotiate a binding agreement conscientiously and in accordance with the members' intentions as far as possible. After they have been approved by the National Committee, the negotiated agreement should be presented to the members as soon as possible. They again need to be approved by a simple majority vote at the first forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

§4 (Affiliation)

1. The organisation is an independent part of and supports the national and international EYP Network.

§ (Membership)

1. Membership is open for all those who have paid the membership fee and has either:
 - i. Represented Norway at an event approved of by the organisation
 - ii. Represented another country at an international EYP session but is currently residing in Norway, or
 - iii. Have been granted an individual application for membership, directed to the board of EYPNAA.

The membership is valid for 12 months after the past payment of the membership contribution.

§6.1 (Annual General Meeting)

1. The ordinary Annual General Meeting is held every year. The Annual General Meeting shall treat:
 - i. Approval of summons
 - ii. Election of the moderator and secretary
 - iii. Determine who is eligible to vote
 - iv. Approval of the income statement and balance sheet
 - v. Use of annual profit/coverage of deficits
 - vi. Evaluate and disseminate information on what the previous board has done
 - vii. Election of the new board
 - viii. Election of the Nomination Committee
 - ix. Received proposals



2. The board convenes the Annual General Meeting.
3. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent out no later than two weeks before the meeting.
4. Proposals for the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the board before the general meeting begins.
5. Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened if the board or half of the individual members demands it.

§6.2 (Voting)

1. Decisions at the Annual General Meeting are taken by a simple majority vote.
2. Amendments to the statutes of the organisation require a two-thirds majority.
3. The quorum is 1.5 times the number of the board +1.
4. All paying members have the right to vote. Votes can also be made by proxy. An authorisation to vote by proxy must be announced in writing to the board before the general meeting begins. Votes by proxy count towards the quorum.

§6.3 (Place and location of the Annual General Meeting)

1. The Annual General Meeting of the organisation shall be held in connection with the National Selection Conference, with the newly elected board starting their tenure from the turn of the new year.
 - a. Confirmation of time and location of the Annual General Meeting shall be announced no later than 12 weeks in advance.

§7 (Local chapters)

1. Local chapters can be established if the following criteria are fulfilled:
 - a. Minimum two members who are resident or registered in the same county or smaller geographical area so wishes.
 - b. There are no existing local chapters in the area already, or the existing local chapter agrees to the creation of a new one.
 - c. A founding meeting is held where separate statutes are created, dealing with election of and composition of the board, as well as rules for dissolution of the local chapter.

§8.1 (The board)

1. The composition of the organisation's board is elected at the Annual General Meeting for a tenure of one year and consists of the following portfolios:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice president
 - c. Communication manager
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. National coordinator
 - f. Project coordinator



§8.2 (Changes to the composition of the board)

1. The size and composition of the board can temporarily be amended by the board itself with a two-thirds majority if this is deemed necessary. Final approval will have to be made at the first forthcoming General Meeting after the change has taken place.

§9 (Nomination committee)

1. The nomination committee is elected by the general meeting.
2. If there is a lack of candidates running for the Nomination Committee, these positions shall be filled by the board of EYPNAA no later than 12 weeks before the general meeting.
3. The members of the Nomination Committee should ideally not have too close of a connection to the current board.
4. The Nomination Committee's task is to nominate candidates for the positions of the EYPNAA board as well as the following Nomination Committee.
5. The Nomination Committee is encouraged to nominate more than one candidate for each position if they have similar qualifications.
6. The Nomination Committee's nominations are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

§10 (Selection of Head Organisers to the National Selection Conference)

1. The selection of the Head Organisers to the annual National Selection Conference shall be done through an open application submitted to and considered by the board of EYPNAA in discussion with the National Committee.
 - a. The selection shall be done by the 31st of August the year before the National Selection Conference in question.

§11 (Dissolution)

The organisation can only be dissolved through a unanimous vote by the board if suggested by at least half the individual members.



Changes

§8 was, after suggestions from the board (August 2008), changed by acclamation at the General Meeting the 20th of September 2008.

§5 was, after suggestions from the board (August 2010), changed by a unanimous vote at the General Meeting the 18th of September 2010.

§1, 3, 5, 6.1, 6.3, 8.1, 8.2, 9, 10 and 11 were, after suggestions from the board and the members (September 2019), changed at the General Meeting the 14th of September 2019.

§5, 6.1 and 9 were, after suggestions from the board and the members (September 2020), changed at the General Meeting the 12th and 13th of September 2020.