

STATUTES VSPVU

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NAME, SEAT

Article 1

1. The association is named: VERENIGING VOOR STUDENTEN PSYCHOLOGIE EN PEDAGOGIEK AAN DE VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT.

The abbreviated name is: VSPVU.

2. The association is based in Amsterdam.
3. The association possesses full legal capacity.

AIM

Article 2

The association aims to represent the interests of students enrolled in at least one of the following studies: (i) Psychology; (ii) Pedagogische Wetenschappen; and (iii) Universitaire PABO, at the Faculty of Behavioral and Movement Sciences of the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, in the broadest sense of the word.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

1. The association has members and former members.
2. Members can be those who have applied for membership and pay the membership fee.
3. Former members are members who are no longer registered with the association but have expressed a desire to remain involved with the association.
4. The board decides in all cases regarding the acquisition of membership.

Article 4

1. Members, former members are entitled to participate in activities emanating from the association and have access to the general meeting.
2. Members have voting rights in the General Assembly. Each member can cast one vote. Former members have an advisory vote.
3. Members owe a membership fee.

Article 5

1. Membership shall terminate by:
 - a. death of the member;
 - b. written termination by the member to the Board;

- c. termination on behalf of the association; this may be affected if a member has ceased to meet the membership requirements laid down in the articles of association, if the member does not fulfil its obligations towards the association, as well as when the association cannot reasonably be required to continue the membership.
 - d. expulsion. This can only be pronounced when a member acts contrary to the statutes, regulations or decisions of the association or harms the association in an unreasonable manner.
2. Termination on behalf of the association shall be effected by the board. There shall be a possibility of appeal at the general meeting.
 3. Termination of membership by the member or by the association may only take place subject to a notice period of two weeks. However, membership may be terminated immediately if the association or the member cannot reasonably be required to continue the membership.
 4. Any termination contrary to the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall cause membership to end at the earliest permissible time following the date of termination.
 5. A member may terminate his membership with immediate effect within one month after a decision whereby his rights are restricted or his obligations are increased has become known or been communicated to him; the decision shall not then not apply to him.
 6. A member may also terminate his membership with immediate effect within one month after he has been notified of a resolution to convert the association into another legal form or to merge.
 7. Expulsion from membership shall be effected by the Board,
 8. Of a decision to terminate membership by the association on the grounds that a member fails to fulfil its obligations towards the association, as well as that the association cannot reasonably be required to membership and of a resolution for expulsion from membership, the person concerned shall be allowed to resign within one month after receipt of the notification. One month after receipt of the notification of the decision, the person concerned may appeal to the General Meeting.

He shall be notified in writing of the decision and the reasons for it as soon as possible.

During the appeal period and pending the appeal, the member shall be suspended, provided that the suspended member shall have the right to justify himself at the general meeting at which the appeal referred to in this paragraph is dealt with.

Article 6

1. By accepting membership of the association the member submits to the statutes and other binding rules of the association.
2. The Board shall ensure that the Statutes are available for inspection.

BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES

Article 7

1. The board shall consist of at least three natural persons. The board shall have the separate positions of chairman, secretary and treasurer.
2. The board members shall be appointed at the general meeting from among the members of the association.

Article 8

1. The members of the board shall hold office for one year and shall resign according to a schedule to be drawn up by them.
The retiring member may be re-elected; whoever is appointed in an interim vacancy shall take the place of his predecessor on the schedule
2. Any board member, even when appointed for a fixed term, may at any time be dismissed or suspended by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast during the general meeting.
A suspension that is not followed by a resolution to dismiss within six months shall terminate by operation of law by the expiration of that term.
3. Board membership shall further end:
 - a. by death;
 - b. by resignation;
 - c. by termination of membership in the Association.
4. If the number of board members has fallen below three, the board shall remain authorized. However, the board shall be obliged as soon as possible to convene a general meeting, at which the filling of the vacancy or vacancies will be discussed.

Article 9

1. The Board represents the association.
2. The power of representation is only granted to the chairman, acting jointly with the secretary or the treasurer, or the secretary, acting jointly with the treasurer.
3. The board may grant power of attorney to one or more members of the Board, as well as to others, collectively or individually, to represent the association within the limits of that power of attorney.
4. For taking out loans, buying, alienating, encumbering, or leasing real estate, the Board requires the authorization of the General Meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD

Article 10

1. The association has an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is tasked with supervising the policies of the board and the general affairs of the association, as well as exercising the duties and powers assigned or granted to the Advisory Board in these articles.
2. The Advisory Board consists of at least two natural persons who cannot be part of the board.
3. Members of the Advisory Board serve for one year and retire according to a schedule to be drawn up by the Board. The retiring member is immediately eligible for reappointment.
4. The board is obliged to provide the Advisory Board with all desired information and, if requested, to show them the funds, books, and other documents of the association.

BOARD MEETINGS

Article 10

1. The association has a General Board Meeting. The General Board Meeting has an informative task regarding the general affairs of the association.
2. The General Board Meeting consists of the Board members, the chairpersons of the various committees, and the members of the Advisory Board.

3. The General Board Meeting meets at least once every two months. The chairman of the Board also serves as the chairman of the General Board Meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Article 12

1. General meetings shall be convened by the Board as often as deemed necessary.
2. The board is obliged to convene a general meeting if at least ten members submit a written request to the board.
3. The date and time of a general meeting shall be announced at least seven times twenty-four hours in advance by means of notices and/or posters in appropriate places. The place may be announced later.

Article 13

1. Annually, but no later than six months after the end of the Association's year, the Board shall call a general meeting, to be known as the annual meeting.
2. At this meeting, the election of the new board shall take place and the chairman and treasurer shall report on their policy and management during the past Association year.
3. After approval of the reports of the chairman and treasurer, the board shall resign with simultaneous installation of the newly elected board.

ANNUAL REPORT, ACCOUNT AND JUSTIFICATION & FINANCIAL AUDIT

Article 14

1. The Association year shall run from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.
4. The board shall be obliged to keep such records of the financial situation of the association that its rights and obligations may at all times be known from them.
5. At a general meeting, within six months after the end of the Association's year, unless this term is extended by the General Meeting, the Board shall present its annual report and, upon presentation of a balance sheet and a statement of income and expenditure, shall render an account of its policy conducted during the past financial year. After expiration of the term, any member may demand this account and justification from the board in court.
6. The general meeting shall annually appoint from the members a committee of at least two (2) persons. The committee shall examine the account and report its findings to the meeting.
7. The board shall be obliged to give the committee all information it requests, to show it the cash and the values if it so desires, and to allow it inspection of the books and records of the association.
8. The charge of the committee may be revoked at any time by the general meeting, but only by the appointment of another committee.
9. The Advisory Board, as described in Article 10, may also function as a cash audit committee.

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Article 15

1. Internal regulations that are to be established in a general meeting give the following rules about:
 - a. the activities of the Board;

- b. the manner of execution of the voting rights;
 - c. the meetings;
 - d. other topics for which the regulation is deemed desirable by the general meeting;
2. The internal regulation may not contain provisions conflicting with the law and the statutes.

STATUTES AMENDMENT

Article 16

1. Proposals to amend the statutes can be made at the initiative of the board or upon the request of at least ten members who express their desire in writing, providing a description of the proposal to the board.
2. Such a proposal can only be adopted with at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting, for which notice has been given stating that an amendment to the articles will be proposed. The notice period for convening this meeting is at least seven times twenty-four hours.
3. A written copy of the amendment proposal has to be made available at least five times twenty-four hours before the intended meeting.
4. An amendment to the articles does not take effect until a notarial instrument has been drawn up.

DISSOLVEMENT

Article 17

1. The association can be dissolved if, at a general meeting where at least half of the members are present or represented, two-thirds of the votes cast express approval for the proposal. If half of the members are not present or represented, a second general meeting will be convened after that general meeting, to be held no earlier than fourteen days and no later than six weeks after the first general meeting. In this second meeting, a decision can be made on the proposal discussed in the previous general meeting, regardless of the number of members present or represented, provided it is approved by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.
2. A proposal for dissolution must be communicated to the members in writing at least four weeks before the general meeting.
3. A decision to dissolve implies a decision to liquidate. Unless otherwise determined in a decision to dissolve, the liquidation is carried out by the board.
4. Unless the general meeting establishes a different destination in the decision mentioned in the previous paragraph, any positive balance belongs to those who were members of the association at the time of dissolution.

GENERAL PROVISION

Article 18

1. In the association, the general meeting holds all powers that are not delegated to other bodies by law or the statutes.
2. The general meeting decides on cases that are not provided for by the statutes or internal regulations.
3. In deviation from the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the board can provide for urgent matters in emergency situations.

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