

Statute

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SYNS - Swiss Young Neurosurgeons Society

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Statute of the Swiss Young Neurosurgeons Society (SYNS)

1. Name and seat

Under the name "Swiss Young Neurosurgeons Society", hereinafter referred to as SYNS, an association exists in the sense of Art. 60 ff. ZGB with its registered office at the University Clinic for Neurosurgery, Inselspital, Freiburgstrasse 4, CH-3010 Bern. The Society is politically and denominationally independent.

The SYNS Society is part of the Swiss Society of Neurosurgery (SGNC) and is its youth division.

2. Aim and purpose

The aim of SYNS is to form a common platform for residents in training to become specialists in neurosurgery in Switzerland. It serves lifelong teaching and learning as well as the exchange of ideas and expertise and promotes the development of neurosurgical training in Switzerland. To this end, SYNS organizes for its members, among other things, regular theoretical and practical educational courses. The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes.

3. Means

In order to pursue the purpose of the Association, SYNS has the following means at its disposal:

- Annual sponsorship of the Swiss Society for Neurosurgery (SGNC) (3000.- CHF/year)
- Sponsorships from the medical industry
- Course fees from own educational courses
- Donations and contributions of all kinds

SYNS shall not levy any membership fees or charges and shall not pay any conference fees or other compensation to the Board. All funds of the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of the Association in accordance with these Statutes.

The annual membership fee is payable to the parent SGNC (see SGNC Statute - Section V).

The financial year shall correspond to the calendar year.

4. Membership

All residents in neurosurgical training in Switzerland can become members from the first day of the 3rd year of training. SYNS members are recognized as young members of the SGNC (Young Neurosurgeons).

SYNS members have the right to vote and be elected at the SGNC General Assembly.

It is possible for anyone to join SYNS as a supporter and participate in all activities organized by the association, even if they are not an active member with voting rights.

Passive members without voting rights can be natural or legal persons who support the association ideally and/or financially.

Persons who have made a special contribution to the Association may be awarded honorary membership by the SYNS General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board.

The application and procedure for registration as an active member must be carried out via the portals of the parent company SGNC.

5. Termination of membership

Membership shall lapse:

- a. By resignation, which must be communicated in writing to the President.
- b. By cancellation of membership due to non-payment of the annual subscription twice. This falls within the competence of the Executive Board and can only be decided by the Executive Board after the member has received a reminder by registered letter.
- c. By expulsion. It may be requested by the Executive Board or by one-fifth of the members. The exclusion shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of those present and shall be communicated to the member by registered letter without stating the reasons.
- d. By the death of the member.
- e. SYNS membership expires automatically at the latest 12 months after attainment of the neurosurgical specialist title or upon discontinuation of their further neurosurgical training.
- f. In the case of legal entities: by resignation, exclusion, or dissolution of the legal entity

6. Resignation and exclusion

Withdrawal from the association is possible at any time. The letter of resignation must be addressed in writing to the SYNS Board or the SGNC.

A member may be expelled from the association at any time for violating the statutes or violating the objectives of SYNS. The Executive Board decides on the exclusion.

7. Organs of the association

The organs of SYNS are as follows:

- the General Assembly
- the Executive Board

8. The General Assembly

The supreme body of the Association is the General Assembly. An ordinary General Assembly takes place annually within the framework of the SYNS Symposium.

Members shall be invited to the General Assembly in writing at least one month in advance, stating the agenda items. Invitations sent by e-mail shall be valid.

Requests for the inclusion of items on the agenda of the SYNS General Assembly must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least two weeks before the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee or 1/5 of the members may at any time request the convening of an extraordinary General Assembly, stating the purpose. The meeting shall be held no later than 4 weeks after receipt of the request.

The General Assembly shall have the following inalienable duties and powers:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
- b. Approval of the Annual Report of the Board of Directors
- c. Discharge of the Executive Board
- d. Election of the President
- e. Taking note of the program of activities
- f. Amendment of the Articles of Association
- g. Resolution on the dissolution of the Association and the use of the liquidation proceeds.

Any General Meeting duly convened shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present.

The members shall pass resolutions by simple majority. A motion shall be adopted if it receives more votes in favour than votes against; abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

9. The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of at least two persons (President and Vice-President).

The term of office of the Executive Board shall be three years. Re-election is not possible.

At the end of the term of office, the new Board shall be elected by ballot during the General Assembly. The Board shall be elected between the candidates by majority vote.

The Executive Board shall conduct the day-to-day business and represent the Association externally. It issues regulations.

It may engage persons for the achievement of the objectives of the Association in return for reasonable compensation.

The President shall have the right to vote and be elected during SGNC Board meetings.

9.i Further tasks and competencies of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall have all powers not delegated to another body by law or by these Articles of Association.

The following offices are represented on the Board:

- Presidium
- Vice Presidium
- Finance
- Media

Cumulation of offices is possible.

The Board of Directors constitutes itself with the exception of the Presidency.

9.ii SYNS Board

In each A-category Training Center, a SYNS representative (Delegate) is elected from the Clinic. The Delegate can, if he so wishes, retain the function until he no longer becomes a SYNS member or until he can change clinics.

The Delegates, together with the Presidium and Vice-Presidium, form the "SYNS Board".

Specific tasks of the SYNS Delegate are:

- Active participation in the organization of SYNS activities
- Active involvement of Clinic colleagues in SYNS activities
- Active involvement of members in the General Assembly of the SGNC
- Role as a relationship between Clinic Chief and SYNS Board, especially for the recruitment of new SYNS members
- Annual communication of the official number of SYNS members
- Participation in the annual Board Meeting of the SYNS

The function is canceled as soon as the Delegate changes clinics for any reason.

In this case, the Delegate is to elect a successor with the clinic's colleagues.

Delegates may also assume offices of the Executive Board (except the Presidency and Vice-Presidency).

The Executive Board shall meet as often as business requires. Any member of the Board may request that a meeting be convened, stating the reasons.

Unless a member of the Executive Board of Directors requests oral deliberation, the adoption of resolutions by circular letter (including e-mail) shall be valid.

The Executive Board shall in principle act in an honorary capacity and shall not be entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses.

10. Authorisation to sign

The Association shall be bound by the collective signature of the President together with one other member of the Board.

11. Liability

Only the assets of the Association shall be liable for the debts of the Association. The personal liability of the members is excluded.

12. Dissolution of the association

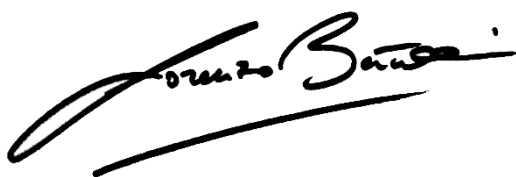
The dissolution of the Association may be decided by a resolution of a General Meeting convened for this purpose with a majority of 2/3 of the members' votes, if at least 50% of the members participate.

If less than 50% of all members attend the meeting, a second meeting shall be held within one month. At this meeting, the association may be dissolved by a simple majority, even if less than half of the members are present.

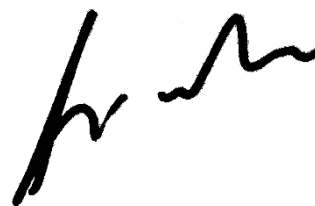
In the event of dissolution of the Association, the profits and the capital shall be transferred to another legal entity exempt from taxation on the grounds of non-profit status or public purpose. The assets of the Association shall not be distributed among the members. The distribution of the association's assets among the members is excluded.

13. Entry into force

These statutes were adopted at the founding meeting on 09.10.2011 and came into force on that date.



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Adopted by the General Assembly at the annual SYNS Symposium on 07.10.2022 in Basel.