

JEUNESSES MUSICALES INTERNATIONAL STATUTES

SECTION I NAME AND SEAT – CHARACTER – OBJECTIVES

1 - Name of the Association

- 1.1 The association is called “Jeunesses Musicales International aisbl” – in short : JMI.
- 1.2. It is the legal successor of the prior ”S cretariat de F d ration Internationale des Jeunesses Musicales asbl.”

2 - Seat of the Association

- 2.1. The association’s seat shall be in the Maison des Associations, 1, rue Defacqz 1000 Brussels Region Capitale (Belgium).
- 2.2. It shall be moved to any other place only by decision of the Annual General Assembly, only by altering article 2.1.
- 2.3. The association’s administration (head office, organizational units) may be situated in any other place in the world by decision of the Board.

3 - Character

- 3.1. The association is a legal entity, with no dependency to any other natural or juridical person.
- 3.2. The association shall be non-governmental and free of any ideological, political, social, racial or otherwise discriminating position and standing for the human rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
- 3.3. The association shall be of an international character, cherishing the music of all cultures.
- 3.4. The association shall be a non-profit organization. It is registered as an «association international sans but lucrative» (aisbl) according to Belgian law.

4 - Objectives of the Association

- 4.1 The aims of the organization are to cherish and foster in an artistic and educational manner
 - music (and connected arts)
 - the youth (up 30 years of age),
 - the cultural education of young people, and
 - the global understanding of peoples
- 4.2 In order to achieve its claim “to enable Young people to develop through music across all boundaries” the Association shall
 - ensure close co-operation between its members, co-ordinate and assist their efforts with a view to attaining their common objectives;
 - study issues of common concern to its members;
 - ensure that information concerning national and international activities of the Association and its members, their ideas and experience, is distributed as widely as possible,
 - promote the establishment of national member organizations with similar objectives wherever they do not yet exist, and support those which are in their initial stages,
 - facilitate exchanges between members,
 - facilitate exchanges of young musicians,

- effect promotion of young musicians
- organize activities and programmes of an international character,
- engage in trainings, conferences and meetings
- work in campaigns, public relation and advocacy
- promote or support concerts, competitions, festivals
- co-operate with international organizations,
- represent its members and their common interests within international organizations and institutions, and
- engage in other activities that help to achieve the Association’s objectives.

5 - Languages

5.1. Official languages of the Association shall be French, English and Spanish. Documents of the General Assembly shall, as far as possible, be made available in these three languages, for the minutes and resolution the French text shall be prevailing.

5.2 The working language – for debates in the General Assembly and all other meetings and for all other documents – shall be English.

5.3. In case of dispute or difficulty referring to the Statutes, the French text shall prevail.

6 - Fiscal Year

6.1. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year, from January 1st to December 31st.

7 - Duration

7.1. The Association shall be constituted for an unlimited period.

SECTION II MEMBERSHIP

8 – Members

8.1. The association shall consist of “National Members” and “Associate Members”.

8.2. A National Member of the association shall be

- a legal entity, with no dependency to any other natural nor juridical person.
- preferably membership-based in structure and government
- having internal decision making democratic bodies
- non-governmental and free of any ideological, political, social, racial or otherwise discriminating position
- a non-profit organization
- cherishing the music of all cultures.
- working in the field of youth and of music, especially by:
 - adhering to statutes and aims and to the decisions of JMI or having similar goals and aims
 - working for the recognition of access to music as a human right
 - having a national structure, activities and outreach
 - organizing activities for young people and with young people ;
 - serving the needs and interests of young people in the field of music
 - involving young people in their activities and structures in all levels of the organization.

8.3 National Members are

- a) named Jeunesses Musicales, followed by the name of the state in which they operate – in French or in any other language – and are using the official JM logotype.
- b) in case of owning a different name they shall use the name described above along with the JM logotype in parallel.

8.4. The use of the name and the logo of Jeunesses Musicales (hereinafter JM Brand) shall be

described in separate Rules of Brand Usage adopted by the AGA.

9 – Admission of National Members

9.1 Admission of a National Member is decided on by the General Assembly following a proposal by the Board who will have taken into consideration the advice of the Membership Review Panel and the Legal Commission, which shall both examine requests for admission.

9.2 Newly admitted members will hold a “candidate member” status for a period of 2 years before advancing to “full membership”.

9.3. In a country where a National Member of the Association already exists, no other organization may be admitted as such, but only as an Associate Member.

10 – Associate Members

10.1 If an applicant for Associate Membership fulfills all the criteria for a National Member, and if there is no National Member in its country, it shall apply for National Membership.

10.2 Associate Members may be organizations working in the field of youth and music. They shall be as near as possible to the criteria for national membership in accordance with Article

8.2. They shall

- enhance the outreach and network of Jeunesses Musicales
- complement the portfolio of activities not provided by another Member in a given country.
- add to the activities of the Association and/or support them.
- collaborate and communicate with the Association and with the National Member (if there is any) of their country.

10.3 Associate Members may be

- national, provincial or local entities in any country;
- international and/or regional organizations

10.4 Any Associate Member shall be

- an independent legal entity, and
- free of any ideological, political, social, racial or otherwise discriminating position

11 – Admission of Associate Members

11.1. Admission of an Associate Member is decided on by the General Assembly following a proposal by the Board who will have taken into consideration the advice of the Legal Commission and of the Membership Review Panel, which shall examine requests for admission.

11.2. If a National Member exists in the applicant’s country, it shall be duly informed and requested to present its opinion in writing to the Board. The respective National Member has the right to address the General Assembly on the matter.

12 – Members’ Rights

12.1 Any Member has the right

- to be present at all JMI General Assemblies
- to speak before the General Assembly
- to forward a motion to the General Assembly
- to vote on all JMI matters
- to vote with one proxy from another JMI member (see 18.6)
- to elect all JMI statutory bodies and functions
- to elect and be elected to all JMI committees and working groups
- to participate in all JMI activities (and programmes)

12.2. Only (full) National Members have the right

- to be elected to all JMI statutory bodies and functions (Board, legal commission, election commission, Presidency, Treasury)
- to jointly convoke an extraordinary General Assembly (acc. to article 18.2)
- to jointly propose the dissolution of the Association (article 44)

12.3 National Members are entitled to use the name and logo of Jeunesses Musicales (according to article 6.3.). Associate Members are entitled to use the title “Member of Jeunesses Musicales International” and the logo.

13 – Members’ Obligations

13.1 Any Member of the Association shall

- comply with the statutes, the ethical code and all internal regulations by-laws and terms of reference mentioned therein and to all decisions taken by the General Assembly ;
- respect and protect the Association’s reputation and trustworthiness ;
- pay the subscription fee determined by the General Assembly and laid down in a by-law to the statutes ;
- submit the annual activity report as requested by the Secretary-General ;
- regularly attend the General Assemblies in person, at least once every three years ;
- to engage in other bodies and meetings of the Association ;
- collaborate closely within the JM network to achieve the objectives of the association;
- participate in at least one international JM programme.
- All National Members are obliged to use the name “Jeunesses Musicales + country” (according to articles 8.3 an 12.3).on all communication according to respective terms of reference.
- Associate Members shall use the subtitle “Member of Jeunesses Musicales International” (according to article 12.3.).

14 – Suspension of Members’ Rights

14.1. Should a member no longer fulfill the requirements of articles 8. (National Members) or article 10. (Associate Members) and/or article 13, and/or if the member fails to pay its membership fee by the end of the third month of the current year, the following rights of this member may be suspended by the General Assembly on a proposal and substantiation by the Board:

- the right to vote at the General Assemblies;
- the right to be elected to any function, which also causes the loss of any function a member may presently have by election or appointment;
- the right to participate in the Associations’ programs

14.2 The maximal term of suspension for National Members shall be until the third – for Candidate Members the second – General Assembly following the one that decides on the suspension; the minimal term shall be until the next General Assembly.

14.3 At each General Assembly the case shall be revised, based on evidence the affected Member shall display to the Board 60 days in advance, who will pass it on for study to the Membership Review Panel.

15 – Termination of Membership

Membership ends

15.1. automatically by the dissolution of the member organization.

15.2. by active resignation of the member by the end of a calendar year. The member must declare its exit in written form at least six months in advance. Otherwise, membership will be prolonged until the end of the following year.

15.3 By exclusion. Any Member

- which no longer fulfills the requirements of articles 8 and 10 and/or – severely violates the obligations laid down in article 13
- either in an acutely offensive manner or in failing to cure such deviations during a term of suspension according to article 14;
- or which has evidently ceased activities finally or at least for a coherent period of more than three years

may be excluded by the General Assembly on proposal of the Board by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present or represented at a secret ballot in the absence of the member concerned. No member shall be excluded without being informed on the reasons thereof at least three months before the date of the General Assembly called to decide on this matter and after having had an opportunity to present its defense to the General Assembly

15.4. The member when leaving shall have no claim on any of the association's assets.

15.5. In case of resignation or exclusion any debts shall be settled by the end of the calendar year, which are being owed by the Member to the Association or vice versa.

15.6. Other possibly existing contracts between the Association and its former Member shall be thoroughly examined how to be terminated without causing additional damage

15.7 Termination of membership also causes the loss of any function a representative of a former member may presently have by election or appointment.

15.8. The termination of membership also causes the loss of the right to use the name Jeunesses Musicales and logo (according to article 12.3)

SECTION III

16 – The General Assembly

16.1. The General Assembly is the highest democratic authority of the Association and its supreme body,

16.2 It consists of the delegates of the member organizations of the Association

Each National Member may be represented by a delegation of no more than three persons,

The third person of the delegation must be a young delegate under 30.

Each Associate Member may be represented by no more delegation of two delegates, of whom the second must be under 30.

16.3. Member may also send « observers » to the General Assembly. « Observes « may be asked to leave the assembly during defined issues of the agenda.

16.4. Members of the Board or any Statutory Body and the Secretary-General shall be entitled to participate in the General Assembly.

16.5. Persons with honorary titles, according to article ### and other guests may be invited to the General Assembly by the Board.

17 – Tasks of the General Assembly

17.1. The General Assembly possesses all the rights and powers to achieve the Association's objectives and purposes.

17.2. The General Assembly shall in particular:

- (a) admit and exclude members of the association
- (b) decide on honorary presidents and emeritus members.
- (c) decide on the structure and amounts of membership fees
- (d) elect the President, the Treasurer and all other members of the Board
- (e) elect and dismiss the Secretary-General on a proposal by the Board

- (f) elect an Auditor and an Alternate
 - (g) elect the Election Commission and its chairperson
 - (h) elect the Legal Commission
 - (i) elect the Membership Review Panel
 - (j) elect the Committees
 - (k) revoke members of the Board and other Statutory Bodies for severe reasons
 - (l) receive and discuss the annual reports of the Board and the Secretary-General, especially the financial report.
 - (m) receive the Auditor's report.
 - (n) receive and discuss the reports of Commissions and Committees
 - (o) take a decision on the discharging of the Board for the past fiscal year on a proposal by the Auditor.
 - (p) receive and approve the Board 's and the Secretary-General's budgetary and activity plan for the coming year
 - (q) discuss and approve to (long-term) strategies
 - (r) approve to any by-laws, internal regulations and terms of reference when afflicting member's rights or the General Assembly's powers.
 - (s) discuss and decide on motions brought forward
 - (t) modify the statutes
 - (u) dissolve the Association
 - (v) adopt the Resolutions of the Assembly : and
- Exercise all other rights and duties as foreseen for the highest decision-making body of the organization in accordance with the Law.

18 – Convocation and Quorum

18.1. The General Assembly shall meet at least once every year (Annual General Assembly). The President shall issue the notification to attend at least three months before the opening of the Assembly along with a preliminary agenda.

18.2 An extraordinary session of the General Assembly may be convoked at the request of the Board, the Legal Commission or one fifth of the National Members. The notification to attend shall be issued by the President, the Secretary-General or any National Member along with the list of National Members who had consented – at least 30 days before the opening of the extraordinary General Assembly and with an agenda.

18.3. For the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly to be valid, members representing at least fifty per cent of the voting points (according to articles 19.5 to 19.7.) shall be present or represented.

18.4. For decisions concerning changes of the Statutes or the dissolution of the Association's members representing at least two third of the voting points shall be present or represented

18.5. If for any reason the General Assembly may not be held, all the mandates due to be renewed shall be prolonged until the next General Assembly.

19 – Debates, Voting Rights and Resolutions

19.1. The President of the Association (or in the following order as his deputy : the Vice-Presidents, by agreement or length of term of service in the AGA (seniority), or one chairperson elected by the Assembly leads the debates and may admit speakers to the floor.

19.2. Each delegate has the right to speak. On the invitation of the chairperson also observers may take part in debates.

19.3. Members of the Board and other Statutory bodies as well as the Secretary-General may participate in debates.

19.4. Each Member may forward a motion to the Assembly before or during an item of the agenda is being discussed, but not, if the item has been closed by the chairperson, and not, when a decision has already been taken.

19.5. Each member has one vote. A full National Member's vote counts five voting points and cannot be split. A Candidate National Member's vote and an Associate Member's vote each count one voting point.

19.6. Any Member that is unable to attend the General Assembly may give a proxy – in written form by e-mail or telefax with an original signature of its legal representative – to one other National Member present at the General Assembly empowering it to speak and vote on its behalf.

19.7. Each Member present at the Assembly may only hold one such proxy. Candidate National Members may only hold a proxy from another Candidate Member or from an Associate Member. Associate Members may only hold proxies from one other Associate Member each.

19.8. Except in cases provided for elsewhere in the Statutes, the General Assembly shall take decisions by a simple majority of the votes.

19.9. The resolutions of the Assembly shall be drawn in writing and shall be read aloud before the end of the Assembly for their adoption.

19.10. The minutes of the Assembly shall be drawn in writing and shall be communicated to all the Members of the Association within a term of three months. The minutes of General Assemblies shall be kept at the Associations head office and shall be at the disposal of the members and any law-designated third party, on request and at any given time.

SECTION IV BOARD

Article 20 – Board members

20.1 The Association shall be governed by a Board, whose members shall be elected by the General Assembly.

20.2 It consists of at least four members, who shall be

- the President
- the Vice-Presidents
- the Treasurer
- who also form the “Executive Board”
- and of a maximum of eleven elected members.

20.3 The Secretary-General is an ex-officio member of the Board – and the Executive Board without a voting right.

20.4 A delegate of the Belgian federal government, and especially of the administration subsidizing the association shall be an ex officio member of the Board without any voting right.

Article 21 – Election of Board members

21.1. Board members shall be elected by the General Assembly in a secret ballot. They shall be elected for the sake of their personal qualifications. They shall not sit as representatives of their respective National Member organization.

21.2. The General Assembly shall make its choice among candidates who will ensure, as far as possible, rotation among the National Members, and take into account a fair geographical representation.

21.3. The Board shall include at least three members who are under thirty years of age at the

time of their election. Every second year, two candidates under the age of thirty shall be elected and every intervening year, one candidate under thirty shall be elected.

21.4. The President, the Treasurer and the other Board members shall be elected with the endorsement of their respective National Member organization or, in the case of a candidate who is citizen of a country not presently represented, by two National Members.

21.5 If an election of the President or the Treasurer is necessary this shall take place first. Each of those two offices shall be elected in a separate ballot. Candidates gaining most votes and more than 50% of the voting points will be elected.

21.6 The term of office of the President and of the Treasurer shall last for three years; they may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

21.7 For the other members of the Board the mandate shall last for two years. They may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

21.8 To ensure rotation and institutional know-how transfer, Board members shall be elected in two groups of a maximum of five respectively four members whose term of office shall overlap for one year. Vacant posts may be elected in the following year for only the rest of the period.

21.9 Those elected shall be the candidates who obtain the larger number and more than 50% of the voting points, except in the case of there not being a sufficient number of candidates of less than 30 years of age. In this case, the candidate(s) under thirty who obtain most votes will be elected on a priority basis, and then the remaining vacant posts will be filled by the candidates aged over 30 who obtains most and more than 50% of the voting points.

21.10 When the Board members have been elected, the General Assembly shall elect from these members excluding the President and the Treasurer the two Vice Presidents whose mandates lasts until the next General Assembly. They shall be eligible for immediate re-election. At least one of the Vice-Presidents shall be elected from the Board members mentioned in article 21.3.

21.11 Only those who are mentioned on the list of candidates established by the Election Commission and sent to the Members one week before the General Assembly, may be elected.

Article 22 – Board meetings

22.1. The Board shall meet at least three times per year. Audio-Video-conferences may be applicable, if technically feasible for each Board member.

22.2. The convocation shall be issued by the President along with an agenda at least thirty days before the meeting.

22.3 The meetings shall be chaired by the President, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents (according to article 19.1)

22.4. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of Board members present, with the chairperson having a casting vote in the case of an equal votes. A quorum of more than half the Board members shall be necessary.

22.5. The Board members can decide to cast a ballot on specific issues by e-mail, phone or fax. The ballot has to be agreed on by a majority of all Board members.

Article 23 – Powers of the Board

23.1. Save for the jurisdiction of the General Assembly, the Board shall have all powers of governing the Association. In between two sessions of the AGA, the Board is responsible for the implementation of the Association's policies and programs.

23.2. The Board may delegate certain powers of management and administration of the Association to individual members of the Board, to the Executive Board (articles 20.2) or to the Secretary-General (article 31.).

23.3. Legal actions, whether as plaintiff or defendant, shall be followed by the Board, represented by the President or another Board member nominated for this purpose by the Board, and by the Secretary General.

23.4. The Board may adopt by-laws (Internal Regulations) to regulate procedural aspects concerning the enforcement of these Statutes. The by-laws can only regulate matters within the rules laid down in the Statutes. For adoption or abolition these by-laws require a three quarters majority of the Board members present. In case these by-laws do afflict member's rights or the General Assembly's powers, they have to be adopted by the General Assembly (article 17.2) after having been commented by the Legal Commission.

23.5. The Board shall:

- a) ensure that the Statutes are observed and that the decisions of the General Assembly are implemented;
- b) submit to the General Assembly draft policies and proposals for the JMI action plan ;
- c) submit to the General Assembly the budget, on a proposal from the Treasurer and the Secretary-General;
- d) propose to the General Assembly the amount of the subscriptions to be paid, based upon the recommendations of the Treasurer and the Secretary-General ;
- e) put forward to the Membership Review Panel, the Legal commission and thereafter to the General Assembly requests by candidates for admission, and propose the exclusion of members
- f) submit to the General Assembly – together with the Secretary-General – a report on its activities and a financial report,
- g) appoint, whether or not from among its own members, any Task Force which it deems to be necessary (according to article 31.)
- h) supervise and support the activities and the actions of the Secretary-General ;

Article 24 — President

24.1 The President shall instigate and develop the activities of the Association and its programs and act as the representative of the Association. Specifically, he/she shall

- a) preside over meetings of the Board, the Executive Board and the General Assembly,
- b) maintain personal contacts with the members and promote membership,
- c) direct and develop the activities of the Association and its entities,
- d) supervise and support the activities of the Secretary General,
- e) maintain relations between the Association and the Honorary Entities.

Article 25 — Vice Presidents

25.1 In the absence of the President, Board meetings shall be presided by one of the Vice-Presidents, upon their mutual agreement or based on length of terms of office (seniority).

25.2 The Vice-Presidents may also be bestowed with representative tasks in case the President is unable to conduct them or in the turn of internal task distribution.

25.3 The Vice-Presidents are also members of the Executive Board.

Article 26 — Treasurer

26.1 The Treasurer shall assume the financial management of the Association in close collaboration with the Secretary-General and the Board. Specifically, the Treasurer shall

- a) prepare for the Board a financial report on the past financial year, and a budget for the coming financial year,
- b) advise the member of the amount of their annual subscription in due time,
- c) issue formal notices to the members which are in arrears with the payment of their annual subscriptions and to propose any necessary consequential measures.

26.2 The Treasurer shall also supervise the financial management of the JMI Head Office and the current revenues and expenditures

Article 27 — Resignation

27.1. If the President should resign or is unable to perform his/her function, the Vice-President with higher seniority should automatically take over. If the Vice-President with higher seniority is prevented from carrying out the President's functions, the other Vice-President shall do so. Otherwise, the Board should appoint another member of the Board as acting President. If the Board fails to appoint an acting President, the senior Board member shall assume the President's functions until the following General Assembly.

27.2. If the Treasurer should resign, another Board member proposed by the President shall be designated until the next General Assembly.

27.3. Should a member of the Board resign before his/her mandate's completion, the next General Assembly shall provide a replacement and the successor shall complete the term of mandate.

Article 28 — Executive Board

28.1. The composition of the Executive Board is described in article 18.2 and 18.3.

28.2 Its role is

- to follow up on decisions made and guidelines set by the Board,
- to give additional support to the Secretary-General and
- to prepare issues to be approved by the Board.

28.3 The Executive Board will have its own meetings separate from the Board, and will report its executions and proposals to the Board for final approval

Article 29 – Minutes of the Board meetings

29.1 Minutes are taken of each Board meeting. The minutes are kept and registered at the JMI Head Office. They shall be at the disposal of the members of the Board or the General Assembly. They shall be at disposal of third parties with prior approval of the Board.

SECTION V HEAD OFFICE – SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 – Head Office

30.1 The Association may establish a Head Office. It should be situated at the seat of the Association, but may be moved to any other place by decision of the Board (see article 2.3).

30.2 The Head Office of the Association shall be independent of, and financially separate from any other organization.

31 – Secretary-General

31.1. The Association shall have a Secretary-General as a statutory function

31.2. The Secretary-General shall be appointed and dismissed by the General Assembly on a proposal by the Board. He / She shall be contracted by the Board for a defined term of office.

31.3 The Board shall define the powers and obligations of the Secretary-General in a special terms of reference, that has to be approved to by the General Assembly.

31.4. The Secretary-General shall be the Executive Director of the Association and an ex officio member of the Board (see article 20.3)

31.5. The Secretary-General shall do everything necessary to achieve the objectives of the Association

- by issuing the convocations on behalf of the President to the General Assembly and to meetings of the Board,;
- by ensuring that minutes are drawn of those meetings, that they are sent out and documented in the archives;
- by implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly and the decisions of the Board;

- by ensuring the compliance of all the Association’s decisions and activities with the Statutes, by-laws and terms of reference and resolutions of the General Assembly ;
 - by ensuring the compliance of all the Association’s activities with the framework of general laws and regulations ;
 - by developing proposals to the Board for the Association’s strategies, policies and projects ;
 - by supporting the work of statutory bodies and committees of the Association ;
 - by managing the funds of the Association in combined responsibility with the Treasurer and the Board;
 - by representing the Association towards the Members, partners and all external relationships,
 - by leading the Association’s public relations and all relevant communications ;
- 31.6. The Secretary-General shall have the following powers and obligations :
- He / She shall always act in close cooperation with the President and the Board as described in terms of reference (according to article 31.3).
 - His / Her powers shall be limited by the decisions and the resolutions of the General Assembly or by the decisions of the Board.
 - In this frame he shall be a fully empowered legal representative of the Association, able to sign all contracts ;
 - He / She shall be leading the Head Office (and other possible units) and be the senior to all the Association’s staff, whom to recruit and employ shall be his own right.

SECTION VI COMMITTEES – TASK FORCES – COMMISSIONS

Article 32 — Committees

32.1. The General Assembly may elect Committees to study certain issues and to study and follow up projects. It shall decide upon the purpose and duration of their functions. The chairperson of each respective committee shall be elected by its members.

32.2. Each Committee shall report annually to the General Assembly.

32.3. The convocation of Committees shall be issued by their Chairperson upon consultation of the Secretary-General

32.4. Committees members shall be elected for two years. They are immediately eligible for re-election. If a committee member resigns, a substitute member shall be elected by the next General Assembly, who shall serve only the remainder of his predecessor’s term.

32.5. Should a new committee be created or all members of a committee resign simultaneously, a drawing of lots shall decide which of the members shall leave after one year, in such a way that the rotation principle may be applied.

Article 33 – Task Forces

33.1. The Board may appoint Task Forces to study certain issues and projects and shall decide upon the purpose and duration of their functions. The Task Forces will report back to the Board.

33.2. The Board appoints the chairpersons of the respective Task Forces.

33.3. The convocation of Task Forces shall be issued by their chairperson upon consultation of the Secretary-General.

Article 34 — Legal Commission

34.1. The General Assembly shall elect a Legal Commission This commission shall be composed of three members of whom at least one shall be an active or former member of the legal profession.

34.2 No member of the Legal Commission shall be a member of the Board or another

Commission.

34.3. The Legal Commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The convocation of the Legal Commission shall be issued, the President, the Secretary-General or the chairperson upon consultation of the Secretary-General.

34.4. The Legal Commission shall

- a) study any questions concerning legal matters regarding the internal and external affairs of the Association and advise the Board and the General Assembly on any legal questions which may arise;
- b) supervise the compliance with the Statutes and Internal Regulations;
- c) examine requests for admission and proposals for amendments of the Statutes or of the Internal Regulations, and report thereon to the Board.
- d) report back to the General Assembly and the Board.

Article 35 — Election Commission

35.1. The General Assembly shall elect the Election Commission, which shall consist of three members proposed by the national member sections. Members of the election commission can only be re-elected for three consecutive terms

35.2 No member of the Election Commission shall be a member of the Board or another Commission.

35.3. The election of members of this commission shall take place after all the other elections. The chairperson of the Election Commission shall be elected first.

35.4. If the chairperson resigns or cannot carry out his/her function, a member elected by the commission as vice chairperson shall complete the chairperson's term of office.

35.5. The Election Commission shall

- a) actively search for suitable candidates, collect and examine the nominations for the different functions to be filled within the Association and report to the General Assembly.
 - b) advise Members of vacant posts and functions at least three months before the beginning of the General Assembly and invite them to send their proposals for candidates including all relevant information to the Election Commission at least thirty days before the beginning of the General Assembly.
 - c) prepare the elections of the General Assembly in such a way that all Members, shall have a roster of the candidates for the Board, Commissions and Committees, at least seven days before the beginning of the General Assembly.
- 35.6. At the General Assembly, the chairperson of the Election Commission shall introduce the candidates objectively and provide a brief curriculum vitae and motivation letter of each of them.
- 35.7. The chairperson of the Commission shall convene meetings with proper notice.

Article 36 – Membership Review Panel (Commission)

36.1 The General Assembly shall elect a “Membership Review panel” as a Statutory Body. It shall consist of up to five members including two Board members. Their term of office shall be for two years.

36.2 The Panel 's tasks are on request of the Board or Secretary-General

- to assess all membership applications
- to study Candidate to « full » Members' advancement
- to assess Associate Members' renewals quests
- to study proposals for Members' exclusions and
- to report about its findings to the General Assembly.

36.3 The Panel shall develop and employ a scheme of criteria and methods of monitoring and evaluation in form of a by-law to these Statutes, approved to by the General Assembly.

36.4 The Panel is to inform the Board on its evaluations, communicate its findings to the respective Member and recommend measures of improvement, before delivering its report to the AGA.

Article 37 — Auditor

37.1. Each year, the General Assembly shall appoint an Auditor and an Alternate.

37.2. The Auditor shall

- a) check the accounts and reports of the Secretary -General and the Treasurer resp. the Board, without removing the original documents
- b) submit an audit report that shall be issued to the Member organisations at least thirty days before the annual General Assembly.
- c) present the audit report to the General Assembly.

Article 38 — Arbitration Committee (optional)

38.1. If a dispute arises between two or more Members that cannot be reconciled by the Board, the parties may request the setting up of an Arbitration Committee. This committee shall consist of a representative of a different National Member named by each of the parties to the dispute, and of a chairperson named by the Board, whose nationality shall differ from the nationalities of the parties already involved.

38.2. If one of the parties refuses to submit to the arbitration procedure requested by the other, or refuses to abide by the decision of this Arbitration Committee, the other party shall be entitled to refer the dispute to the General Assembly. The decision of the General Assembly shall be final.

Article 39 Recall of elected officials

39.1 Any elected person who loses the support of his member organisation, shall cease to hold that office in the Association. The next General Assembly (or the next Committee meeting if he is a chairperson of a Committee) shall, if necessary, appoint a successor to complete the vacant mandate.

39.2 Any elected or appointed official of the Association shall be revoked from his office, in case his supporting member organisation's rights are suspended (according article 14.1) or its membership having ceased for any reason (according to article 15.)

39.3 If a member of a Commission or a Committee repeatedly fails to attend meetings without satisfactory reasons, does not participate in the work, or otherwise grossly neglects his obligations, the Commission may decide by a two third majority vote of the members present to replace that person – if necessary for the work – until the next General Assembly and propose to this Assembly to revoke the former person.

SECTION VII HONORARY FUNCTIONS

Article 41 — Honorary President

41.1. The General Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President to individuals who have rendered exceptional services to the Association.

41.2. Honorary Presidents may on a proposal of the Board and on invitation by the President attend the General Assembly.

Article 42 —, *Patrons*, Emeritus Members

42.1. On the proposal of the Board, the General Assembly may designate as official Patrons of the Association important notabilities, dignitaries or celebrities upon their written previous acceptance, who may support the Association to enhance its standing and promote its

activities.

42.2. The title of “Emeritus Member” may, in acknowledgement of a long-time dedication, be bestowed upon persons who have played an important role in the life of the Association.

SECTION VIII AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

Article 43

43.1. Any proposal for an amendment of the Statutes may be made by the Board or may be submitted to the Board by any Member organization or by the Legal Commission.

43.2. The Secretary-General shall send the proposal to the Member organizations at least six months beforehand of the date of the General Assembly that will decide on the aforesaid proposal.

43.3. Any proposal for the amendment of the Statutes shall be examined by the Legal Commission, which shall give its advice to the Members sixty days before the meeting of the General Assembly.

43.4. A decision to amend the Statutes shall be taken only if it is discussed by the General Assembly with Members representing at least two third of total voting points, and if adopted in a secret ballot by a majority of at least two third of the voting points represented in the Assembly.

SECTION IX DISSOLUTION

Article 44

44.1. The proposal for the dissolution of the Association shall be made by the Board or at least a third of the national Members or the Legal Commission. The proposal shall be examined by the Legal Commission, which shall give its advice to the National Members sixty days before the meeting of the General Assembly.

44.2. A decision to dissolve the Association shall be taken only if it is adopted in a secret ballot by a majority of four fifth of the National Members present or represented.

44.3. In the case of dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide on the method of liquidation. The net assets shall be transferred to the JMI Foundation or an institution or entity, which, at the international level, pursues the same or similar goals and activities for youth and for music in a non-profit purpose.

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