



Articles of Association

**The Young Academy of Norway**

## **§1 Mission statement**

The purpose of the Young Academy of Norway (hereinafter “the Academy”) is

- a. to be an interdisciplinary forum for younger researchers.
- b. to be a research policy platform for younger researchers.
- c. to be an active driver of innovative research dissemination.
- d. to be an attractive forum for scientific debate.

## **§2 Organization**

The Academy

- a. shall consist of up to 40 members who work in Norway.
- b. may additionally include up to 10 members who work abroad, but who belong to a Norwegian research community.
- c. shall have an interdisciplinary composition, have a broad geographical representation domestically and a balanced gender distribution.
- d. shall have Norwegian as its working language.
- e. shall be meeting-based.

## **§3 Membership**

Membership of the Academy

- a. is limited to 4 years.
- b. is achieved on the basis of an application, brief CV and an interview, where candidates explain their motivation, specific interest in and possibility to participate actively in the Academy’s activities.

## **§4 Criteria for membership**

New members must

- a. have significant and independent scientific or artistic research and have been prominent in their field of expertise.
- b. show an interest in and have the potential to participate actively in the Academy's activities.
- c. be no more than 38 years of age in the year of admission. Allowances in age due to parental leave, conscription and sick leave will be in accordance with the guidelines of the Research Council of Norway.

## **§5 Election of members**

The Academy elects new members each year. A selection panel consisting of up to four representatives from the Academy and 2-4 external representatives selects applicants and holds interviews. The selection panel is nominated by the board and approved at an Academy meeting. The head of secretariat acts as secretary of the selection panel. The selection panel reports to the board and propose candidates for membership. The final decision regarding which candidates that will be offered a membership is done by the board.

## **§6 Resignation and loss of membership**

Members

- a. have the opportunity to resign from the Academy. Resignation must be in writing.
- b. can lose their membership due to lack of participation. Loss of membership occurs by means of a vote at an academy meeting and is decided by a two-thirds majority.

## **§7 Management**

The Academy is managed by a board consisting of five Academy members, including a chair and a deputy chair, in addition to up to two external members. The term of office is one year for board members for the Academy and two years for external members, and starts on the Academy's anniversary in October.

The board shall ensure that the Academy conforms to the mission statement (§1) and prepares matters for meetings of the Academy. The Academy's management meets when necessary and should be characterized by continuity and renewal. The management should preferably be elected from the outgoing board.

## **§8 Election of the Academy's management**

Each year, the Academy elects a board consisting of five Academy members: three board members, a chair and a deputy chair. Nominations for members of the board, a chair and deputy chair must be submitted in writing to an election committee. The election committee will present the election proposals no later than two weeks before the election takes place.

The election occurs by anonymous vote and is decided by simple majority. Election of chair and deputy chair should be done in a joint list. Election of board members is done in a separate vote, after the election of the management. On election day, a vote-counting committee will be appointed consisting of three members, who will ensure the faithful implementation of the election.

If a member of the board has to resign from their post during their term of office, a new board member will be elected at the next meeting of the Academy. The new board member's term of office expires at the next ordinary election.

If the chairman has to resign from their post during their term of office, the deputy chairman will act as chairman until the next ordinary election.

## **§9 Committee for election of the Academy's management**

The election committee is nominated by the outgoing election committee. The election committee is appointed at the Annual general meeting and consists of four members of the Academy.

## **§10 Academy meetings**

The academy holds at least two Academy meetings every year. Meetings will be held in different places in Norway.

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## **§12 Minutes**

Minutes must be taken at each academy meeting and board meeting. The minutes shall contain the date, place, name of all who attended the meeting, issues, decisions and an overview of any election or re-election. The minutes may be amended at the subsequent Academy meeting.

## **§13 Secretariat**

The secretariat organizes the Academy's administrative operations, including its finances. The secretariat is headed by a head of secretariat, and its size will be adapted to its needs and resources.

## **§14 Amending the articles of association**

Proposals for amendments to the articles of association shall be made in writing and submitted to the Academy management. The Academy management shall notify all voting members about the proposed amendment no later than two weeks before discussion of the amendment of the articles of association. A two-thirds majority is required for amendments to the articles of association to be adopted.

