

Articles for the Route of St. Olav Ways

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§ 1 Name

Association for the Cultural Route of St. Olav Ways (ACSOW).

§ 2 Purpose

The main purpose for ACSOW is to manage the status as a European Cultural Route and promote the common European heritage represented through the Route of St. Olav Ways.

Furthermore, ACSOW will facilitate projects, publications, research and activities coherent with the St. Olav heritage in general. ACSOW will focus especially on Pilgrimage along the St. Olav Ways.

§ 3 Legal status

The Association is a sole proprietor independent legal person with impersonal and limited responsibility of debt. The Association is registered in the Brønnøysund Register Centre in Norway.

§ 4 Business address

National Pilgrim Centre of Norway (NPS) is responsible for the secretariat of the Association executing the role as Route Manager. The Association has the same business address as the Nidaros Cathedral Restoration Workshop.

§ 5 Membership

Public and private companies and organisations are welcome as members. Individual membership is not allowed. Members pay an annual membership fee to the Association.

§ 6 Voting rights and eligibility

All members have the right to vote and are eligible for tasks within the Association.

§ 7 Membership fee

Membership fees are determined by the General Assembly. Membership fees are paid in advance. Members, who owe membership fee for more than one year, lose their right to vote and risks exclusion from the Association. The Governing Board determines exclusion. Excluded members can not renew their membership until previous membership fees are paid.

§ 8 Allowance

There is no allowance for elected positions within the Association.

§ 9 General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association. The Governing Board calls the General Assembly no later than one month before the General Assembly. Proposals for the General Assembly need to be forwarded to the Governing Board no later than two weeks before the General Assembly. Complete agenda for the General Assembly needs to be available for members no later than one week before the General Assembly.

All members have access to the General Assembly. The General Assembly is free to invite other persons and / or media to be present.

A quorum shall consist of the members present at the General Assembly. Each member has one vote. Votes can be presented by authorisation.

The General Assembly elects a chair for the meeting.

The General Assembly shall not decide on changes of the articles unless the proposed new articles are part of the agenda available for members no later than one week before the General Assembly.

§ 10 Voting at the General Assembly

A proposal needs a general majority to be adopted. Blank votes will be declined.

Voting over two or more proposals requires a ballot paper. Only declared candidates can be listed on the ballot paper. Electing several candidates for different roles during one election, the different candidates for the different roles need to be pointed out on the ballot paper. Blank votes or incorrect ballot papers will be declined.

A separate election for individual candidates where the amount of votes is less than half of the eligible voters, the chosen candidate is the one with the most votes.

Electing several candidates for different roles under one election, every candidate must have a general majority. Those who achieve a general majority considers elected and those who does not achieve a general majority are forwarded to a second election. In the second election, the chosen candidates are the ones with most votes. In case of equal votes, the election is determined by drawing.

§ 11 General Assembly

1. Approve the annual report
2. Approve audited accounts
3. Proceed suggestions from the members
4. Fixe the annual membership fees
5. Approve the annual budget

6. Appoint:
- a) Chair of the Governing Board, assistant chair, board members
 - b) Accountant

§ 12 Extraordinary General Assembly

Extraordinary General Assembly is called for if the Governing Board decides to or if 1/3 of the members demand it.

Invitations to extraordinary general assemblies follow the same rules as for ordinary general assemblies.

Extraordinary General Assembly can only act on items proposed on the agenda.

§ 13 Governing Board

The Association is led by a Governing Board consisting of 7 representatives. One of which is appointed by the Nidaros Cathedral Restoration Workshop. The Governing Board represents the highest authority between General Assemblies.

The Governing Board shall:

1. Implement General Assembly decisions.
2. Prepare an activity plan for the Governing Board election period.
3. Whenever necessary, appoint committees / reference groups / individuals for special assignments and prepare mandate and instructions for such appointments.
4. Execute necessary control with the economy of the Association according to current regulations.
5. Represent the Association in public.

The Governing Board invite to meetings at the request of the Chair or when more than half of its members requires it. To obtain a quorum more than half of the members need to be present.

Proposals are eligible with more than half of the votes.

The Chair together with one of the members are signature authority holders.

Governing Board consists of:

- Chair
- Deputy Chair
- Board members

There are no deputy members. The Governing Board is elected by the General Assembly. The Governing Board is elected for a period of two years. Board members can be re-elected once.

§ 14 Changing articles

Articles can only be changed at ordinary or extraordinary General Assemblies, being listed as an item of the agenda. It takes 2/3 of the eligible votes to change the articles.

§ 15 Dissolution, merging and dividing

Dissolution of the Association can only be proposed at ordinary General Assemblies. If dissolution is voted for, it needs 2/3 of the votes to be eligible. If dissolution is decided, an extraordinary General Assembly shall be called within 3 months. Dissolution is only put into effect if the extraordinary General Assembly votes the same way, again with 2/3 of the votes.

Dissolution calls for a dissolution committee. The Governing Board can be formally appointed as dissolution committee. In case there is no appointment, the Governing Board will be forced to act as a dissolution committee.

Any fortunes of the Association will, in case of dissolution, be given to a purpose equivalent to the Associations work. The dissolution committee have the authority to decide over possible donations.

Members have no claims on the Associations fortune in case of dissolution.

Merging or dividing the Association will not be treated as dissolution, but as a change of articles, hence § 14. In case of merging or dividing, the Governing Board shall draft a plan for the merging/division to be voted over at the General Assembly. Decisions regarding merging or division needs to be approved by possible creditors.