

SWIPPA: Swiss Positive Psychology Association

Articles of Incorporation

1. Name, location

Art. 1

Under the name SWIPPA (Swiss Positive Psychology Association), an association pursuant to Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code is meant.

Art. 2

The association is headquartered in Zurich.

2. Purpose

Art. 3

The Association SWIPPA represents the interests of its members. One of its aims is to promote cooperation between its members on the one hand and various existing bodies in the field of positive psychology at home (universities, professional associations) and abroad (e.g. International Positive Psychology Association, IPPA; European Network for Positive Psychology, ENPP) on the other. In particular, it shall perform the following tasks

Art. 3.1

To promote research and scientifically based application of Positive Psychology in Switzerland;

Art. 3.2

To establish and promote cooperation between different areas within Positive Psychology, in particular networking of researchers at different universities in Switzerland and abroad, as well as the exchange of research and practice;

Art. 3.3

Establishment of a programme for the further training of persons working both scientifically and practically and, in the long term, the development of postgraduate training which meets the criteria of the Federation of Swiss Psychologists (FSP) as well as university research institutions;

Art. 3.4

To build up a network for multidisciplinary research on positive psychology topics by involving neighboring disciplines;

Art. 3.5

To facilitate and promote the exchange of knowledge concerning current research and findings in the field of positive psychology between the members with particular regard to the

consideration of different language regions of Switzerland. Active efforts shall be made to disseminate and publish findings in Positive Psychology through publications, conferences, courses and similar initiatives;

Art. 3.6

To promote the transfer of knowledge to the general public by offering training events for lay people and active media work;

Art. 3.7

Establishment of platforms with information on positive psychology, which serve the general public, but also the exchange among members;

Art. 3.8

In the long term, the active support of research efforts through the promotion of individual projects and the awarding of prizes (e.g. for young researchers). In addition, the awarding of prizes is envisaged, such as student awards (for outstanding work by students), mid-term career awards (for already advanced researchers) or the life time award (honoring for life time achievement).

3. Membership

Art. 4

The Society shall be composed of full, associate and student members, as well as honorary members and elected third parties to serve on the Commissions. All members shall be required to pay an annual membership fee, which shall be determined by the Executive Committee. All full and student members of SWIPPA commit themselves to the professional ethical guidelines (professional code of conduct) as formulated by the Federation of Swiss Psychologists (FSP); however, FSP membership is not a prerequisite for membership in SWIPPA.

Art. 4.1

The following may be admitted as full members: Psychologists who are of Swiss nationality or who live or work in Switzerland and who hold a university degree (university or university of applied sciences) in the major field of psychology (degree above Bachelor level; i.e. Master, Licentiate, Diploma, Magister or Doctorate).

Art. 4.2

The following may be admitted as associate members: Persons who do not have a university degree in psychology, but are of Swiss nationality or live or work in Switzerland, and have a professional connection with Positive Psychology (e.g. educators; persons working in social work; or other consulting activities).

Art. 4.3

The following may be admitted as student members: Students in psychology of Swiss or other nationality who are studying in Switzerland and are pursuing a university degree in the

major field of psychology (Master's degree, licentiate, diploma, doctorate). Students with a BSc degree who are still enrolled can continue to be student members of SWIPPA. Likewise, students in psychology of Swiss nationality who are studying abroad may be admitted as student members.

Art. 4.4

Persons who have rendered outstanding services to Positive Psychology in general or to SWIPPA in particular may be appointed as honorary members. The decision to award honorary membership shall be made by the Executive Committee. Honorary members are exempt from SWIPPA membership fees. Proposals for the admission of an honorary member can be submitted by all members (ordinary, extraordinary/associate, student).

Art. 4.5

Third persons to serve on Commissions may be proposed by the Commission members and confirmed by the Executive Committee.

Art. 4.6

The application for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board or submitted on the website, stating the fulfillment of the criteria (e.g. the degree programme completed in the case of full and associate members or the degree sought in the case of student members). Corresponding evidence (certificate/diploma or semester enrolment) shall be attached to the application. The Executive Board shall examine whether the requirements for membership have been met and shall decide on admission (majority decision; in the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote).

Art. 4.6.1

If the candidature meets the requirements, the Executive Committee shall decide on admission.

Art. 4.6.2

If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a candidature does not meet the requirements, it shall refuse admission.

Art. 4.7

Membership expires in the following ways:

Art. 4.7.1

By resignation. Such resignation shall be notified in writing to the Executive Committee by the end of the respective calendar year and shall take effect at the end of the financial year.

Art. 4.7.2

By expulsion by the Executive Committee if the financial obligations of a calendar year are not met despite repeated reminders (at least 3).

Art. 4.7.3

By exclusion from SWIPPA. Expulsion shall be effected without giving reasons (e.g. scientific misconduct) at the General Assembly by secret ballot upon proposition of the Executive Board and requires a simple majority of those voting. The exclusion shall be noted by the Executive Board and confirmed in writing, but without stating the reasons.

Art. 4.7.4

By death.

4. *organs*

Art. 5

The organs of SWIPPA are:

1. the General Assembly
2. the Executive Committee
3. permanent and ad-hoc Commissions, which work thematically on specific aspects of the Association's life.

General Assembly

Art. 6.

All members of SWIPPA may attend the General Assembly. Only ordinary members have the right to vote and to be elected.

Art. 7.

The Ordinary General Assembly shall be convened once a year in writing by the Executive Committee for the purpose of dealing with the general business of the year. One month's notice must be given for the Ordinary General Assembly. The agenda shall be sent to the members at least two weeks before the meeting.

The Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Board if the situation so requires or if at least 1/5 of the Ordinary Members so request. It shall be announced with the agenda at least two weeks in advance.

Art. 8

The President of the Executive Committee shall chair the General Assembly. If he/she is unable to do so, he/she shall be represented by the Vice-President.

Art. 9

Areas of responsibility of the General Assembly are:

Art. 9.1

Amendments to the Statutes;

Art. 9.2

the election of the President, the student representative and the members of the Executive Committee; the ~~convening~~ enactment of *standing* committees and the conversion of ad-hoc committees into standing committees ~~and the confirmation of ad-hoc committees.~~

Art. 9.3

the election of honorary members;

Art. 9.4

the final decision on disputed membership admissions according to Art. 4.6

Art. 9.5

the exclusion of members in accordance with Art. 4.7

Art. 9.6

the approval of the annual report;

Art. 9.7

the issuing of mandates to the Executive Committee;

Art. 9.8

the approval of the budget and the accounts;

Art. 9.9

the decision on the awarding of prizes and grants;

Art. 9.10

the dissolution of SWIPPA.

Art. 10

The General Assembly shall only decide on business that has been placed on the agenda. The request for an item to be placed on the agenda must be sent to the Executive Board at least three weeks before the General Assembly. Such propositions may be submitted by any full member. If an associate member wishes to submit a proposition, the support of at least one full member is required.

Art. 11

The General Assembly shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of full members present. A simple majority of those voting is sufficient for decisions, except for amendments to the Statutes and for the dissolution of SWIPPA, where a two-thirds majority of those voting is required in each case.

Art. 12

Voting shall be open unless one third of the full members present request a secret ballot.

Executive Committee

Art. 13

The Executive Board is the executive body of SWIPPA. It is composed exclusively of full members and possibly a student representative and a representative of the CAS as assessors without voting rights. The General Assembly elects a President and 3-5 other members of the Board (Vice-President, Actuary, Treasurer, possible CAS representative, possible student representative). The members of the Executive Board are elected for two years and can be re-elected for three consecutive terms in the same function.

The Executive Board consists of: President, Vice-President, Actuary, Treasurer and, if possible, two assessors from among the students and CAS graduates (without voting rights; if these persons have not completed a university degree in psychology). The Executive Board itself determines the distribution of tasks (in particular the Vice-Presidency, Treasurer and Actuary) of its members.

Art. 14

The areas of responsibility of the Executive Committee are:

Art. 14.1

the external representation of SWIPPA, in particular with regard to media enquiries and requests for national and international cooperation;

Art. 14.2

the organization and convening of the General Assembly;

Art. 14.3

the authority to take all measures in accordance with the purpose of SWIPPA and the execution of the resolutions of the General Assembly;

Art. 14.4

Financial management (preparation of the budget, keeping of accounts, proposal for the determination of membership fees as well as the determination of membership fees);

Art. 14.5

the preparation of a proposal for a programme of activities of SWIPPA (in particular educational events and transfer of knowledge with the public);

Art. 14.6

the establishment of ad-hoc commissions (which may include members as well as third parties), their assignment, as well as the decision on their dissolution. The Executive Committee also has the task of assisting in the preparation of drafts for Commissions.

Art. 14.7

the examination of applications for admission and the final decision on admission, provided there are no objections (in accordance with Art. 4.5.1 and 4.5.2);

Art. 14.8

the exclusion of members in accordance with Art. 4.5.2 and the submission of a proposition motion to the General Assembly for the exclusion of members in accordance with Art. 4.5.3;

Art. 14.9

the appointment of the Vice-Presidency, the Actuary, the Treasurer;

Art. 14.10

Decisions in all matters for which the General Assembly is not responsible.

Art. 15

The Executive Committee shall organize and meet according to its needs; it shall be convened by the President. The Board may take decisions if at least half of its members are present. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority; each member shall have one vote; in the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote. Circular resolutions are possible if all members respond and no member requests a meeting.

Term of office

Art. 17

The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee and the members of the Commission shall be two years. Re-elections are possible.

Commissions

Art. 18

Commissions are divided into permanent and ad-hoc commissions. Their purpose is to shape the life of the Association in specific thematic, strategic and organizational areas.

Art. 18.1

Standing Commissions may be proposed to the Executive Committee by any Full Member or Associate Member with the support of a Full Member. Together (Executive Committee and persons who would like to form the commission) a proposal is worked out on what/how/for what this commission could be active. This proposal shall be voted on at the General Assembly.

Art. 18.2

Standing Commissions shall normally consist of three members and, if necessary, third persons. Appointed Commissions may propose Commission members to the Executive Board. These proposals shall be reviewed and decided upon by the Executive Board on an ongoing basis.

Art. 18.3

Standing Commissions have a remit which is assigned by SWIPPA. Within this area, the Commissions act independently, but have the duty to consult regularly with the Executive Board and report on their activities a) at the General Assembly, b) in the SWIPPA Newsletter on a regular basis.

Art. 18.4

Ad-hoc Commissions may be proposed to the Executive Committee by any full member or associate member with the support of a full member. The Executive Committee shall consider the proposal and decide on the use of the Commission at any time.

Art. 18.5

The scope of activities of ad-hoc commissions is limited in time and subject matter. During their existence, ad hoc commissions are subject to the same rights and obligations as standing commissions, according to Art. 18.3.

Art. 18.6

Ad-hoc Commissions shall normally consist of three members and, if necessary, third persons. Appointed Commissions may propose Commission members to the Executive Committee. These proposals shall be reviewed and decided upon by the Executive Committee on an ongoing basis.

Art. 18.7

Standing and ad-hoc Commissions shall be dissolved by the Executive Board.

Art. 18.8

The Executive Committee is entitled to allocate parts of the Association's assets to the Commissions for the fulfillment of their tasks.

Finances

Art. 19

Only the Association's assets shall be liable for the Association's debts. Any personal liability of the members for the liabilities of the Association shall be excluded. The income of SWIPPA shall be based on the following:

Art. 19.1

Membership fees

Art. 19.2

Subsidies and all kinds of donations and contributions from third parties;

Art. 19.3

Income based on services.

Authorisation to sign

Art. 20

SWIPPA shall be bindingly liable to third parties with the signature of the President and one other member of the Board.

Dissolution

Art. 21

In the event of the dissolution of SWIPPA, the General Assembly shall decide on the use of the assets and on the deposit of the archives in accordance with the purpose of the Association as set out in Art. 3.

Interpretation

Art. 22

The interpretation of the Articles of Association falls within the competence of the General Assembly.

Announcements

Art. 23

Announcements shall be made by written notice to the members.

Revision of the Articles of Association

Art. 24

Proposals for amendments to these Statutes may be made by the Executive Board or by 25% of the Ordinary Members. Proposals from members shall be addressed to the Executive Board. Amendments to the Statutes shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes validly cast at a General Meeting.

5. finances

Income

Art. 25

The income of SWIPPA shall consist of:

Art. 25.1

the membership fees;

Art. 25.2

contributions from third parties;

Art. 25.3

the income from publications and services.

Liability

Art. 26

SWIPPA shall be liable only with the assets of the Association.

Business year

Art. 27

The financial year of SWIPPA shall be the calendar year.

The statutes are set out in the by-laws of **11.06.2022**

(adopted by the Assembly of Delegates)