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# Rules of the Nordic Eating Disorder Society

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## § 1 OBJECTIVE

The Nordic Eating Disorder Society (NEDS) has as its main object to serve as a forum for new contacts and exchange of experiences among eating disorder professionals in the Nordic countries in order to increase knowledge about and improve the treatment of eating disorders.

This objective is attained by (not in order of priority):

- Facilitating research in the field, especially research that implies co-operation among professionals in the field in the Nordic countries
- Facilitating co-operation among professionals working in a clinical context in the field in the Nordic countries
- Working to make existing and new knowledge in the field available to members of the Society
- Promoting contacts with corresponding organisations outside the Nordic countries

## § 2 MEMBERSHIP

All members of the National societies in the NEDS are automatically members of the NEDS.

## § 3 MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fee is established at the general assembly.

## § 4 BOARD

A board consisting of one ordinary member and one substitute from each of the member countries handles the affairs of the Society. The national societies are to elect one representative and a substitute. The chairperson of the board is elected by general vote at the general assembly. The election period for the chairperson is 4 years. The board members elect from among their numbers a vice-chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. The board forms a quorum when at least half of the members are present.

~~The presidency of the board should be rotated among the member countries. To emphasise the multiprofessional character of the Society the members of the board should, if possible, represent at least three different professions from more than one discipline.~~

## § 5 ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Society has no separate election committee, but the board also serves as election committee.

## § 6 MEETINGS

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~~The Society biannually holds a general assembly. The board is responsible for the arrangements in connection with the general assembly. All member countries should, if possible, in turns arrange a membership meeting, at which the general assembly is held. The time and place of the biannual membership meeting is determined at the preceding general assembly. The NEDS shares the economical responsibility for the membership meeting with the national society, and is entitled half of the potential surplus.~~

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the society, supervising the activities of the board. The General Assembly, containing all members of the society, meets annually. The board is responsible for the arrangements in connection with the general assembly. The general assembly can be arranged online or in connection to a membership meeting.

All national societies in NEDS should biannually arrange a membership meeting in the form of a scientific conference. The responsibility for arranging the membership meeting should be rotated among the member countries. Deviation from the rotation scheme can be decided by the general assembly. The NEDS shares the scientific and economical responsibility for the membership meeting with the national society and is entitled to half of the potential surplus.

An extraordinary general assembly can be called together by the board, and should be called together when at least 20% of the members of the Society demand it in writing. Notice should be made at least one month in advance by sending the agenda out.

#### **§ 7 AUTHORISED SIGNATORY**

The association's name is signed by the chairperson of the board or by the treasurer, each on their own.

#### **§ 8 LANGUAGE**

Languages used at the Society's meetings are Nordic languages or English. The rules of the Society and all minutes of the board meetings and the general assembly should be in English.

#### **§ 9 ALTERATION OF RULES AND DISSOLUTION**

The alteration of these rules must be decided by a general assembly. The suggested alterations must be announced in the agenda for the meeting. Two consecutive general assemblies (one an ordinary general assembly) must decide about the dissolution of the Society.

Existing funds in the Society are at dissolution entrusted to the knowledge seeking, patient supporting, or sick caring activities appointed by the last assembly.