

# NIMiMS

## *STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION*

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### ***1. Name and Seat***

The society is called NIMiMS (Network for the Inclusion of Music in Music Studies). Its official seat is in Helsinki, Finland.

### ***2. Purpose and Functions***

The purpose of the association is to serve as an international and interprofessional network which maintains, supports, promotes and develops the inclusion and integration of music in the field of music studies and, by extension, in the wider study of culture and society.

To fulfill its purpose, the association

- organizes cultural, educational and discussion forums and festivals
- carries out research, advisory and publication activities
- makes approaches to various authorities
- interacts with related associations.

To support its functions, the association may

- organize chargeable events related to music and music research
- receive donations and wills
- possess fixed assets necessary to its functions
- carry out lotteries and fundraisings after proper authorization.

### ***3. Members***

Anyone who accepts the purpose of the association can join as a member. Individuals and legal entities, which want to support the aims and functions of the association, can join as supporting members.

Based on application, the executive committee of the association decides, who shall be approved as a member or supporting member.

The executive committee may propose to the general meeting of the association to approve that an individual who has significantly supported and promoted the aims and functions of the association can be invited as an honorary member or an honorary chair.

### ***4. Resignation and expulsion of a member***

A member has the right to resign from the association by informing this in writing to the executive committee or its chair or by informing this in a general meeting to be noted in the minutes.

The executive committee can expel a member, if a member has not paid the membership fee, otherwise neglected the obligations a member has committed to by joining the association, or if a member, within or outside the association, has conducted in a

manner that significantly harms the association, or if a member no longer fulfills the membership conditions stated by the legislation or the statutes of the association.

### ***5. Admission and membership fee***

The annual general meeting decides the amount of the admission- and annual membership fee for individuals and legal entities. Honorary chair and honorary members are freed from paying the membership fee.

### ***6. Executive committee***

The association has an executive committee consisting of a chair and two other members, and 0-2 vice-members. The term of office is the time between annual general meetings. The executive committee nominates from within its ranks a vice-chair and chooses from its ranks or from outside a secretary and a treasurer and other necessary officials.

The executive committee comes to session by the invitation of the chair, or, when he is incapacitated, of the vice-chair, when they see it fit, or when at least half of the executive committee members demands an assembly due to an issue they represent.

The executive committee is quorate when at least half of its members, including the chair or vice-chair are present. Matters shall be decided on a simple majority rule vote. If the votes are tied, the chair has the deciding vote. However, in the case of a tied election the outcome shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

### ***7. Signatories for the Association***

The signatories for the association are [1] the executive committee chairperson, [2] the vice-chair, [3] the secretary or treasurer, or another individual assigned by the executive committee.

### ***8. Accounting Period and Audit***

The fiscal year of the association is one calendar year.

The financial statement with its supplements and the annual report by the committee must be given to the auditors at least before four weeks prior to the annual general meeting. The auditor(s) must give a written report of the audit at least two weeks before the annual general meeting to the executive committee.

### ***9. Meetings of the Association***

If so decided by the executive committee or the general meeting, the meetings of the association can also be conducted via mail, or by online connection, or by other technical means during or before the meeting.

The annual general meeting shall be held yearly on a date set by the executive committee between January and May.

An extraordinary general meeting can be called, when General Meeting of the Network so decides, or when the executive committee sees fit, or when at least one tenth (1/10) of voting members of the association so demand in writing for a specific issue. The meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of it being demanded from the executive committee.

At General Meetings, each full member, honorary member and honorary chair shall

have one vote.

The decision of the association meetings shall be, unless otherwise stated in the statutes, the opinion that has received over half of the given votes. Matters shall be decided on a simple majority rule vote. If the votes are tied, the chairperson has the deciding vote. However, in the case of a tied election the outcome shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

### ***10. Summoning the General Meetings of the Association***

The executive committee invites members to association general meetings no less than seven days in advance either by mail, email, or an announcement in a local daily newspaper of the seat

### ***11. Annual General Meeting***

At the Annual General Meeting the following agenda shall be followed:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. The chairperson, secretary, two examiners of the minutes and, if needed, two ballot counters shall be chosen.
3. The legality and quorum of the meeting are determined.
4. The working order of the meeting is accepted.
5. The financial statements, annual report and the auditors' statement are presented.
6. A decision shall be made on the approval of the financial statement and on discharging the executive committee and other accountable from accountability.
7. The Plan of Action, Budget and the amount of admission and membership fees shall be ratified.
8. The chairperson of the executive committee and other committee members shall be chosen.
9. The auditor or two auditors shall be chosen, and their deputies.
10. Other issues that have been mentioned in the meeting invitation will be dealt with.
11. Other possible issues are dealt with.

If a member wants the general meeting to deal with a certain issue, the executive committee has to be informed about this in such a good time in advance that the issue can be included in the meeting invitation.

### ***12. Changing the Statutes and Dissolution of the Association***

These statutes can be changed, or the association can be dissolved, in a general meeting, if the change proposal, or the proposal for dissolving, is approved by at least three quarters (3/4) of votes cast.

The meeting invitation must include a note of a proposal of change to the rules, or dissolution of the association.

When the association is dissolved its assets shall be distributed to support the purpose of the association as decided by the association general meeting deciding on the dissolution. If the association is annulled, its assets shall be distributed in the same manner.