

Statutes of the Swedish Society of Biomechanics (SSB)

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§1 Name and residence

The "Swedish Society of Biomechanics", acronym SSB, is a non-political, non-profit association. The society is registered with seat in Lund, Sweden. The activities shall be in accordance with the Civil Laws of Sweden.

The name in Swedish is "Svenska Sällskapet för Biomekanik", acronym SSB, and the official language is English.

The society is established for an unlimited period of time.

§2 Aims

The Society has the following aims:

- i. To encourage progress in the field of Biomechanics in all aspects, including basic and applied research and education;
- ii. To promote the propagation of scientific information in the field of Biomechanics;
- iii. To promote the interaction between different disciplines of the field of Biomechanics as well as between basic and applied research;
- iv. To cooperate with other scientific organizations, governmental and private bodies, both national and international that pursue similar activities;
- v. To develop structured activities on issues involving Biomechanics.

To reach these goals, the following activities are promoted:

- i. The organization of an annual meeting at which members of the Society are encouraged to present their educational, research and development work;
- ii. The organization and management of advanced courses on special themes suggested by the members;
- iii. Promoting young biomechanics-oriented scientists active in Sweden;
- iv. Using "ad hoc commissions" to address identified issues in areas of Biomechanics;
- v. Provide information to members about Biomechanics research in Sweden and internationally.

The Society will strive to be affiliated with other national and international societies in relevant fields to create benefit for its members.

§3 Membership

Membership of the Society is open to;

- i. All individuals involved or interested in the area of Biomechanics, mainly in Sweden;
- ii. Above citizens living abroad and involved or interested in the area of Biomechanics;
- iii. Academic, public or private institutions active in Biomechanics research or testing in Sweden.

Membership starts by registering for membership and payment of the first membership fee.

Resignation from the Society is possible immediately by informing the council.

Members can be excluded from the Society if:

- i. They fail to pay the membership fee after repeated reminders;
- ii. They act deliberately, openly and repeatedly against the aims of the Society, or are acting to inflict damage or to discredit the Society. After having sent at least one warning by registered mail to the non-compliant member, the Council can decide on exclusion.

§4 Financing of the Society

The financing of the goals of the Society is to be provided through;

- i. Membership fees, the amount of which will be suggested by the Council to the General Assembly;
- ii. Through profits from meetings and events;
- iii. Through donations or an industry sponsorship program;
- iv. Through contributions from public corporations;
- v. Through revenue from the Society's assets.

Only the Society's assets are liable.

§5 Organization

The rules of Swedish Civil Laws apply for the organization of this Society.

The Society's business is conducted through:

- i. The Members' General Assembly;
- ii. The Council;
- iii. The Auditors.
- iv. The Annual Meeting and Annual General Assembly rotates between Swedish cities. The location and date are decided by the Council. Whenever possible, the General Assembly must take place during the Annual Meeting. Notification of Annual Meeting and Annual General Assembly, together with the Agenda, as set by the Council, shall be sent to each member not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting.

An extraordinary General Assembly can be called at any time with a 2 month notice:

- i. By the Council;
- ii. By any Society Member(s) having collected the signature of at least one tenth of the Society Members for that purpose.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Council can ask the Society Members to vote on a topic electronically, provided that sufficient information, including pros and cons are presented to each member at least 2 weeks before the voting deadline.

§6 Elected officers

The Council consists of at least five members elected by the members at the General Assembly for a term of two years. Repeated terms of duty are possible. The General Assembly shall elect a President. The council should appoint a Treasurer and Secretary among the elected council members. The council should include one doctoral student representative.

The Council alone distributes and assigns the duties and functions of its own members. The Council designates the members with power of attorney for the Society and the extent of their representation. The president and the treasurer are signatories for the society. The Council is responsible for all tasks of the Society unless otherwise stated by law or bylaws.

An auditor is elected by the members at the General Assembly for a two year term of duty. The auditor is responsible for auditing the annual financial report, and presenting a written report and a formal recommendation at the General Assembly.

A nomination committee, appointed by the general assembly, of at least two persons should propose at least five council members, whereof one president, at minimum 2 weeks before the general meeting.

§7 Bylaws

Bylaws governing the administration of the society shall be drawn up by the council and submitted to the members for ratification.

§8 Changes to Statutes and Bylaws

Changes to the statutes and bylaws can only be made at a General Assembly Meeting of the Society. A resolution to change the Statutes and Bylaws must be proposed to by the Council or by ten percent of the total members or at least ten members, whichever is greater. The resolution is passed if it gains the vote of at least two third of members present at the General Meeting. If a quorum is not obtained, a properly constituted General Meeting can be specially convened by the President, at the earliest, one day later. A resolution to change the Statutes and Bylaws may then be passed by a vote with a normal majority sufficient to pass any resolution.

§9 Decision-making and quorum

The society's governing bodies are the general assembly and the council.

General assembly. Each member in good standing shall have one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Ten percent of the membership or at least ten members present at the meeting, whichever is more, shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. Decisions are made openly by acclamation unless a voting member in good standing requests closed voting. With exceptions of §8, decisions are made by the majority.

Council. Decisions are made openly by acclamation unless one council member requests closed voting. Decisions are made by the majority when at least half of the council members are present.

§10 Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved by the action of ten percent of the total members or at least ten members, whichever is the greater. The resolution to dissolve the Society is passed if it gains, in a mail ballot, the vote of at least two thirds of members in good standing. If a quorum is

not obtained, a properly constituted General Meeting can be specially convened by the President, this second meeting being, at the earliest, one month later. A resolution to change the Statutes, i.e. to dissolve the Society, may then be passed by a vote with a normal majority sufficient to pass any resolution.

In the case of the dissolution of the Society, any remaining assets will be donated to an institution with similar objectives, as decided by the Council.

§11 Notifications of Changes

The President shall notify any changes in the Statutes and Bylaws; the names of elected officers of the Society; change in address of the registered office; dissolution of the Society to Lunds kommun, Sweden. The present statutes come into effect on March 21st, 2019