

Statutes of the Association

Association of Women in Mathematical Physics

1. Name and headquarters

Under the name "Association of Women in Mathematical Physics" exists an association in the sense of Art. 60 ff. ZGB with its headquarters in Zurich.

It is politically and denominationally independent. The name of the association is abbreviated as "AWMP".

2. Aim and purpose

The association has the following goals:

- To promote and support women in the field of mathematical physics
- To support women in starting and continuing their studies in mathematical physics
- To support and encourage women to pursue or continue a career in mathematical physics
- To offer or establish a network and meeting space of/for women in mathematical physics
- To promote international communication and collaboration among women in all fields of mathematical physics.
- To promote diversity and equal opportunities for all individuals in mathematical physics
- To cooperate with other groups and associations with similar goals.

The association does not pursue commercial purposes and does not seek profit. The members of the board are volunteers.

3. Financial means

The association has the following means at its disposal for the pursuit of its aims:

- Membership fees
- Income from its own events
- Donations and grants from private and legal individuals.
- Donations from public bodies and non-profit institutions.

The membership fees are determined annually by the general meeting.
The fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year.

4. Membership

The following types of membership exist:

- Ordinary member
- Supporting member
- Honorary member

Any natural person who identifies as female may become an ordinary member of the association. Ordinary members have a simple right to vote.

Supporting member of the association can be any natural person or legal entity. Supporting members do not have the right to vote.

Upon proposal of the board of directors to the general assembly, honorary membership may be awarded to female persons who have rendered outstanding service to the association. Honorary members have a simple right to vote.

Individuals seeking membership must complete a written application to the board for consideration.

New members can be admitted at any time.

The board of directors decides on the admission of new members based on the application.

The association keeps a directory of members.

Different membership fees may be charged for the different types of membership.

5. Membership expiration

Membership expires

- for natural persons by resignation, exclusion or death.
- for legal entities by resignation, exclusion or dissolution of the legal entity.

6. Resignation and expulsion

Resignation from the association is possible at any time.

Resignation shall be effected by a written notice of resignation to the Board.

The full membership fee must be paid for the year in question.

A member can be expelled at any time by the board of directors with written notification of the reasons.

The decision to expel a member shall be made by the board; the member may appeal the decision to the general assembly.

If a member owes the membership fee despite a reminder, he/she can be automatically expelled by the board.

7. Governing structure of the association

The structure of the association are:

- a) The general meeting
- b) The board of directors
- c) The committee
- d) The auditors

8. The general meeting

The highest body of the association is the general meeting.
A regular general meeting is held annually.

The physical meeting can be replaced by an online conference room (e.g. via Zoom, Skype, Facetime or similar) or supplemented by a live stream of the meeting with chat for discussion and voting.

All members shall receive an invitation to the general assembly in writing 14 days in advance which includes the agenda items. Invitations via email are valid. Proposals for additional agenda items for the general assembly must be sent in writing to the board at least 7 days before the general assembly.

The board of directors or 1/5 of the members may at any time request the convening of an extraordinary general meeting with a written notice stating the purpose. The meeting must be held no later than 8 weeks after receipt of the request.

The general assembly has the inalienable right to discharge the following tasks and competencies:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting.
- b) Approval of the annual board report
- c) Acceptance of the auditor's report and approval of the annual financial statement.
- d) Discharge of the board
- e) Election of the board, the committee, and the auditors
- f) Determination of the membership fees
- g) Approval of the annual budget
- h) Approval of the program of activities
- i) Adoption of resolutions on motions of the board and members

- j) Amendment of the statutes
- k) Decision on exclusion of members
- l) Decision making on the dissolution of the association and the use of the proceeds for liquidation.

Any general meeting duly convened shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

The members pass resolutions by a relative majority. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Amendments to the statutes require the approval of a 2/3 majority of those present and entitled to vote. Elections and votes shall be by an open show of hands, unless the meeting decides on a secret ballot.

At least one record of the resolutions passed shall be made.

9. The Board

The board is elected by the general assembly for a term of one year. Board members must be full or honorary members of the association. Reelection can take place as often as desired. The board consists of a team of at least three persons. In addition, the general assembly may elect a maximum of two additional board members.

The board constitutes the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Administration, Communication and Finance.

Accumulation of offices is possible.

The board manages the affairs of the association, represents it externally and handles all business that is not assigned to another body by law or according to these articles of association.

The board of directors may form commissions for special tasks and delegate individual tasks to them. These are completed under the supervision of the board.

The board can delegate tasks of the association to other organizations after approval at the general meeting.

The members of the board of the association are volunteers and are in principle only entitled to compensation for their actual expenses and cash outlays.

Meetings of the board shall be held as needed under the direction of the chairperson of the association. The board may conduct its business by correspondence (including email).

The board has a quorum if more than half of the board members are present. Each member of the board has one vote. In the event of a tie, the chairperson has the casting vote.

At the request of the chairperson of the association, the vice chairperson may represent the chairperson in all matters.

10. The Organizing Committee

The committee (English "Organizing Committee") is elected by the general assembly for a term of one year.

Committee members must be full or honorary members of the association. Reelection can take place as often as desired. The size of the committee shall be determined by the general assembly.

The board of directors is part of the committee. Committee members have special technical or organizational functions, such as the main organization of an event or website administration.

The committee deliberates and takes decisions on the organization of events and, at the request of the board, on other organizational business. These items can be confirmed individually or as a collective list by the next general assembly.

Meetings of the committee shall be held as needed and shall be chaired by the chairperson of the association. The committee may conduct its business by correspondence (including email).

Each committee member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the chair of the association shall have the casting vote.

A committee member may elect to be represented by a regular member in the event of their absence. The committee constitutes a quorum when at least half of the committee members are present, represented, or voting by correspondence.

The committee may allow other interested members to participate in the meetings and discussions of the committee, but they shall not have the right to vote.

The members of the committee serve in an honorary capacity and are in principle entitled only to compensation for their actual expenses and cash outlays.

11. The Auditors

The auditors shall be elected by the general assembly and shall consist of a natural person or legal entity who shall check the accounts at least once a year.

A member of the board cannot be an auditor at the same time.

The auditors report and propose to the general meeting about the finances and the accounting.

The term of office is 1 year. Reelection is possible.

12. Authorization to sign

The board of directors has the authority to regulate signatory rights for the association. Only board members may have signature rights, and at least two different signatures are required.

13. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the debts of the association. A personal liability of the members is excluded.

14. Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of the association can be decided by a resolution of an ordinary or extraordinary general assembly and can be dissolved by a majority vote of 3/4 of the members present. This majority vote must also include at least 3/5 of the board members.

The funds remaining after the dissolution of the association shall be donated to an institution with the same or similar purpose. A distribution among the members is excluded.

15. Entry into force

These statutes were adopted at the founding meeting of March 20, 2023 and came into force on that date.

Date, Place

The Chairperson:

The Recording Secretary: