

## **Membership**

### **VIII. Membership Register**

The Board keeps a Membership register at the PPI Headquarters of Pirate Parties International. This register lists the name, legal form, address of the registered office, identity of the representative and, where applicable, the registration number in accordance with existing legislation and regulations. All Members may consult the register of organizations at the registered office of the PPI Headquarters.

## **General Assembly**

### **IX. General Assembly**

(1) The General Assembly is the supreme body of Pirate Parties International and is composed of all the Members of that association.

(2) The General Assembly is competent to :

- a) Establish the policies and political orientation of the association
- b) Vote on the application for membership and exclusion of members
- c) Elect Board members, Court of Arbitration members, lay auditor and any position appointment which does not fall under the competence of another organ of the association
- d) Vote on amendments to the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the association
- e) Approve Board's Rules of Procedure, Court of Arbitration's Rules of Procedure
- f) Approve creation and renewal of committees

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- d) *Vote on amendments to the Statutes,***
- e) *Adopt its Rules of Procedure,***
- f) *Approve any internal regulations of the Association, where it deems necessary.***

(3) Once a year, the General Assembly votes on :

- a) The report of the Board and the Treasurer
- b) The report of the Court of Arbitration
- c) The report of the Lay Auditor
- d) The budget for the next year
- e) The calendar of the sessions for the next year

(4) The Board, the Court of Arbitration, Committees and Members can present report and recommendations to the General Assembly.

If the General Assembly approves the report or the recommendations, the Board is charged executed them with the help of other organ of the association if required.

## **X. Functioning of the General Assembly**

(1) The General Assembly is organized in sessions. There is at least one session per year.

(2) The Rules of procedure defines :

- a) deadlines for each phases of the session
- b) debates procedures
- c) procedure for proxy
- d) vote power
- e) voting procedures
- f) any rule necessary for the running of sessions of the General Assembly which are not provided for in these statutes

(3) The quorum is fixed at one third of the Ordinary Members count for each vote

(4) Member Organizations are represented at any session of the General

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Assembly by a delegate or delegates not exceeding six from any one Member Organization.

## **Board**

### XII. The Board

(1) The Board assures the good functioning of the association, its administrative, financial and legal gestion, the intern life animation and the external relations.

The Board is the executive organ of the association.

(2) The functions of the Board are:

- a) to act on behalf of the General Assembly according to its instructions and to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies,
- b) Publish the agenda, promulgate the results, and transcribe them on the dedicated platforms, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the General Assembly meeting according to the Rules of Procedure,
- c) to represent the association at international and national events,
- d) to advise and assist Member Organizations,
- e) to ensure the financial management of the association including preparing and executing budget,
- f) to kepp the register of members in accordance with applicable legal obligations
- g) to exercise other functions resulting from these Statutes or the Rules of Procedure.

(3) The Board is composed of:

- a) one Chairperson,
- b) one Vice-Chairperson,
- c) one Treasurer
- c) seven additional Board Members

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(4) If the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson or Treasurer position is vacant, the Board elects among its members an acting person until the next session of the General Assembly.

(5) If a position is vacant, a vote is held at the nearest General Assembly session to fill it.

If the delay between the beginning of the vacancy and the next session and that the efficiency of the Board requires it, the Chairperson may appoint an acting person to this position.

(6) After each Board election, the Board establishes for each of its members a position description indicating the missions within the organization for which he will be a referent.

(7) The Board Members is elected for two years renewed by half by the General Assembly during the last session of the year.

The Rules of Procedures specify the modalities of this alternating election.

(5) If a **seat** is vacant, a vote is held at the nearest General Assembly session to fill it.

If the delay between the beginning of the vacancy and the next session and that the efficiency of the Board requires it, the **Board** may appoint an acting person to this **seat**.

### **XIII. Functioning of the Board**

(1) The Board shall meet regularly and not less than once a quarter and every time that these Statutes or Rules of Procedure require it.

(2) The Board meetings are public unless at least one third of the Members of the Board vote in favor of a non-public meeting. The decision to hold a non-public meeting must be justified. Minutes of public meetings have to be published on the appropriate platform.

(3) A Board member may resign at any moment.

(4) A seat is vacant when :

- a) A board member resigns
- b) A board member dies

c) A board member has a long term disease that prevents it to assume its position

d) A board member does not execute its functions for more than two months

(5) If the seat has neither become vacant by resignation nor death of the Board Member the remaining Board Members have to declare the seat as vacant by majority vote.

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#### *PPI Headquarters*

### **XIV. PPI Headquarters**

(1) PPI Headquarters shall be incorporated in accordance with the law of the country in which its international headquarters are located in order to enjoy the status of a legal person and a non-profit organization

(2) The PPI Headquarters shall serve as the Secretariat of Pirate Parties International. It shall comprise the Secretary General of the Pirate Parties International and such staff as the Organization may require. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Board and shall be the chief administrative officer of Pirate Parties International.

(3) The PPI Headquarters shall consist of its international headquarters and any regional offices.

***(4) The administrative, financial and legal gestion of the PPI Headquarters is the responsibility of the Board.  
The budget of the PPI Headquater is included in the Budget of the association.***