

Statutes EESTEC

Name and Seat

Article 1

The name of the association is Electrical Engineering Students' European Association, abbreviated as EESTEC. EESTEC has its official seat in Delft, the Netherlands.

Aim

Article 2

The Association is a non-political, non-profit organisation for Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) students at universities, institutes and schools of technology in Europe awarding an engineering degree. The aim is to promote and develop international contacts and the exchange of ideas among the students of EECS. The association shall try to achieve its aim through the following principal activities:

- Professional workshops on topics in the field of EECS
- Cultural student exchanges
- Publication and distribution of articles on technical subjects
- Other activities directed at achieving the aim

Association- and Financial- Year

Article 3

The association-year is the time period between the annual assemblies, where election of the Board takes place. The financial year is from the first of February to the thirty-first of January.

Membership

Article 4

1. The Members of the Association are associations (Local Committees) at universities, institutes and schools of technology as defined in Article 2.
2. University, institute or school of technology can host only one Local Committee of EESTEC.
3. There is no membership fee. Donations can be made.

4. Members must comply with these Statutes and the Rules of Procedure.
5. In order to become a Member an institution has to apply to the Board of the Association to be registered as an observer. Standards of acceptance are determined by the Rules of Procedure.
6. The Board holds a register with the names and addresses of the Members.
7. EESTEC bears no financial or other liability for its members.

Termination of Membership

Article 5

Membership must be terminated by the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority vote in favor of termination, by secret ballot.

Grounds for termination of membership are:

1. A member has not sent a representative to the General Assembly for two consecutive assemblies and has not provided the Board with a formal request stating grounds on which the termination of membership should not be considered.
2. Resignation by a member. The member must send a written request to the Board of the Association to terminate the membership.
3. Resignation by the Association. The Board, acting on behalf of the Association, can propose termination of membership with a formal rationale letter.
4. Deprivation of membership, when the member has acted or is acting in defiance of the Statutes, Rules of Procedure or general aims and purpose of the Association.
5. Any prior financial liability of the member to the Association remains in force beyond the termination of membership until its full settlement is reached.

Board of Association

Article 6

1. The Board will be appointed by the General Assembly for a period of one association-year. Election process is specified in the Rules of Procedure.
2. The Board shall act in accordance with the Statutes, the Rules of Procedure and directives given by the General Assembly.
3. The Board will consist of a minimum of 3 persons: the chairman, the treasurer and a vice chairman. The Board will have a maximum of eight persons.
4. The Board answers for its activities to the General Assembly and is relieved of its duties with the acceptance by the latter of the final financial report, report of the activities and the report of the Oversight Committee.
5. The Board can be suspended or dismissed at any time by the General Assembly, under the account of formal reasons. Suspension or dismissal of the

Board is decided by a two-thirds majority vote in favor by the General Assembly.

The Tasks of the Board

Article 7

1. The Board is responsible for running and representing the Association between General Assemblies.
2. The members of the Board are authorised by the General Assembly to enter an agreement with a third party whereby the Association commits itself to be a guarantee or co-debtor.
3. The Board has to answer to the inquiries of the Oversight Committee at all times.
4. A complete financial report has to be presented annually to the General Assembly by the Board of the Association. This has to be done during the first General Meeting. At the last General Meeting the budget for the next year must be presented. It must be approved by the General Assembly in order to be valid.
5. A report of the relevant activities of the Board has to be presented at each General Assembly.
6. The Rules of Procedure specify the remaining tasks, obligations and limitations of the Board.

Congress and General Assembly

Article 8

1. Yearly at least one Congress of approximately one week duration shall be held.
2. The participants of the Congress form the General Assembly of the Association. Each Member, a participating Local Committee, shall have one vote. Equal number of representatives must be invited from each Local Committee.
3. The General Assembly will be called by a written notice to the Members at least seven (7) days in advance. The notice shall state the subjects to be treated at the General Meetings.
4. The General Assembly has the right to make governing decisions regarding the association.
5. In order for the General Assembly to make decisions, it is required that at least fifty percent (50%) of all Member Local Committees are represented. This rule does not apply when the final dates of the Congress have been announced at least two (2) months in advance.
6. During each Congress there can be several General Meetings, which are the sessions of the General Assembly.

7. The General Meetings shall be presided by a chairman who is to be elected by the General Assembly at the beginning of the first General Meeting. The minutes of all General Meetings will be taken by a secretary who is to be elected by the General Assembly at the beginning of the first General Meeting. These minutes must be made public.
8. All procedures regarding the Congress are specified in the Rules of Procedures.

Bodies of Association

Article 9

Oversight Committee

1. During the annual Congress the Oversight Committee is elected by the General Assembly. It consists of at least two members, who are independent of the Board.
2. The Oversight Committee has the task to check the financial transactions and the work of the Board and advise if necessary. The Board has to submit a formal report on its activities to the OC at least twice during an association-year at regular intervals.
3. The Oversight Committee has the duty to call a General Assembly in the case they observe severe irregularities that need the attention and decision of the General Assembly.
4. The Oversight Committee has to prepare a report on the activities of the Board and present this to the General Assembly.
5. Election procedures, and detailed tasks of the Oversight Committee are specified in the Rules of Procedure.
6. All other Bodies of Association are specified in the Rules of Procedure.

Changes to the Statutes

Article 10

1. Changes to the Statutes can only be effected by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly.
2. The decision is valid only as provided by the clause 5 of article 8.

Dissolution

Article 11

1. The Association can be dissolved only by decision of the General Assembly. The decision shall be made in accordance with the voting provisions of Article 10.
2. The means of the Association will be donated to another student association with aims similar to EESTEC. The exact association will be decided by the General Assembly during their last meeting.

Rules of Procedure

Article 12

The Association is bound to comply with the entire content of the Rules of Procedure. Changes to the Rules of Procedure can only be effected by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly in favor. The content of the Rules of Procedure may not be in conflict with the statutes or with the Dutch law.

Final Clause

Article 13

In all cases not provided for in the Statutes or the Rules of Procedure or the Dutch Law, the General Assembly shall decide.

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