

Statutes of the Standing Committee for Health Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik

§1 Purpose of the Committee

1. Objectives

The Committee serves to promote research and scientific exchange in the field of health economics. It contributes to the support of young academics and the promotion of excellence.

2. Activities

In order to achieve these goals, conferences and general meetings are held regularly. The Committee informs the public about its activities through a website.

§2 Membership

1. Prerequisite

Members of the Committee must be academically qualified in the field of health economics and willing to participate regularly in the meetings of the Committee. Membership of the Verein für Socialpolitik is a prerequisite for membership of the Committee.

2. Co-optation of new members

a. Each Committee member may nominate candidates for new memberships. The proposing member must not have mentored the candidate during the qualification phase. He/she must submit information (CV, publication list) about the nominee to the Chairperson at least 5 weeks before a General Assembly. The Chairperson shall forward this information to all members with the invitation in advance of the General Assembly.

b. Members of the Verein für Socialpolitik with a doctorate have the opportunity to apply for membership of the Committee on their own initiative. The candidate must submit a letter of application, CV and list of publications to the chairperson by July 31 of each year. The Chairperson shall circulate this information to all members with the invitation in advance of the first General Meeting following July 31.

c. The General Meeting shall vote on whether to pursue the co-optation of the person concerned. If the meeting votes in favour of an invitation, the candidate shall be invited to attend one of the following meetings as a guest and give a presentation. If the General Assembly decides against an invitation, then a new proposal by a member or an application on one's own initiative is only possible after 3 years.

d. The co-optation of the guest will be voted on in the general meeting of the Committee after the presentation. Decisive criteria are the research in the field of health economics and the willingness to contribute to the activities of the Committee. If the General Assembly votes in favour of the co-optation, the candidate will be offered admission as a member.

3. Exclusion of members

a. Membership of the Committee may be terminated by resolution of the General Meeting if a member has failed to attend at least three consecutive Committee meetings without excuse or has failed to attend five consecutive Committee meetings with excuse. The member shall be informed before the committee meeting if expulsion for non-attendance is imminent. The general meeting of the committee shall decide on exceptions, in particular on the possibility of suspended memberships.

b. Membership of the Committee shall automatically terminate upon termination of membership of the Verein für Socialpolitik.

4. Membership of emeriti / Senior membership

Members who have been active for many years and are now retired may, at their own request, convert their membership to the status of senior member. Senior Members shall be released from the obligation to attend, but shall lose the right to vote at the General Assembly.

5. The Committee shall strive for a balanced age and gender structure of its membership.

6. Associate membership

The General Assembly of the Committee may appoint guests as Associate Members by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. An associate member has no voting rights and is exempt from the obligation to be a member of the Verein für Socialpolitik.

§3 Chair

1. the Chairperson shall be elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority.

2. The election of a new Chairperson shall take place at the General Assembly in the year preceding the change of office.

3. The term of office shall be 2 years. A single re-election is permissible.

4. The Chairperson shall be responsible for all day-to-day business of the Committee. He/she shall prepare the meetings and General Assemblies, chair the meetings and implement the resolutions of the General Assembly.

5. The Chairperson shall represent the Committee in the Extended Board of the Verein für Socialpolitik.

6. The predecessor of the Chairperson shall be the Vice-Chairperson.

7. The Chairperson may be represented in all functions by the Vice-Chairperson.

§4 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be convened at least once a year, usually within the framework of the meetings of the Committee.

2. The convocation shall be made by written invitation of the Chairperson to the members at least 4 weeks before the date of the General Assembly. The invitation to the General Assembly shall be accompanied by a provisional agenda.

3. The general meeting shall have the following functions:

a. Election of the Chairperson,

b. Co-optation of members,

c. Invitation of candidates for membership,

d. Determination of date, place and, if necessary, topic of upcoming meetings, and

e. Amendments to the Statutes.

4. The General Assembly shall generally pass resolutions by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

5. Planned amendments to the Statutes shall be announced at least 4 weeks before the meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the votes cast is required for amendments to the Statutes.

6. The election of the Chairperson shall be by secret ballot upon request.

7. The chairperson shall draw up the minutes of the general meeting, which shall be sent to all members of the committee. It shall contain the resolutions and a list of the members present. The minutes shall be submitted to the office of the Verein für Socialpolitik for archiving.

8. Resolutions may also be passed outside the general meetings in the form of circular resolutions involving all committee members by electronic or postal means. In this case, the chairperson shall record the vote and the result of the vote and present it at the next general meeting at the latest.

§5 Meetings

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson in writing at least once a year. The invitation shall be sent to all members together with the provisional programme at least 4 weeks before the meeting.

2. Guests may be invited to give talks and to discuss presentations at the meeting. This part shall be separated from the deliberations of the General Assembly.

§6 Ethics

1. The members of the Committee are obliged to adhere to the guidelines of the Code of Ethics of the Verein für Socialpolitik.

2. Where applicable, members of the Committee are required to comply with the other guidelines of the Verein für Socialpolitik, such as the guidelines for ex post impact analyses based on microdata.

§7 Formalities

1. The Chairperson shall decide on the interpretation of the Statutes. If there is an objection to the decision, the majority of the members present or voting electronically or by post shall decide.

2. The statutes, the list of members and the programmes of the meetings of the Committee shall be publicly available (on the website of the Committee).

(3) The statutes shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Ordinary General Meeting. It shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Verein für Socialpolitik for information.

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