

STATUTES OF THE CH-EABP

§ 1 Name, headquarter, purpose

Art. 1

The Swiss Association of Body-Psychotherapy is an organization as defined in Art. 60 of the Swiss ZGB (book of civil rights).

Art. 2

The headquarter of the association is situated at the lawful residence of the respective president.

Art. 3

The association supports and protects the interests of therapists who work with the method of Body-Psychotherapy as follows:

- Practical application, research and teaching.
- Educational support, courses for furtherance of education, information, quality control, exchange of experiences and fostering of relationships amongst the members.
- Upholding the interests of body-related psychotherapy as an independent method, protecting their representatives with regard to the public, the authorities and trade organizations and other unions in Switzerland and abroad especially with regard to the EABP (European Association of Body-Psychotherapy).
- Establishment of a network as an umbrella organization of the already existing groups, schools and individual persons working in the field of body-related psychotherapy.

§ 2 Membership

Art. 4

The organization includes full, regular as well as associate members. Full and regular members reserve a voting right with the general assembly whereby schools / institutes each receive one vote.

A) Full members fulfill the admission-requirements of the EABP as well as those of the recognized Swiss Associations for Psychotherapy. Specific requirements are enacted by the board in cooperation with the admission committee. Aside from individual persons, schools and institutes can become ordinary members, if they are juridical persons.

B) Regular members fulfill the admission-requirements of the EABP only. They are individuals or schools / institutes in form of juristic persons.

C) Associate members have no voting right. They are persons who are interested in furthering the purpose and concerns of the organization or candidates enrolled in body-psychotherapy education (status of candidate) or schools / institutes without juristic status.

§ 3 Admission

Art. 5

Applications are to be sent to the president. From there they will be passed on to the EABP. When admitting full or regular membership the admission committee considers the applications based on the fulfillment of the admission requirements. It then presents the applications to the general assembly. The final decision is made there by the majority of members. The decision to refuse an application must be substantiated. In case of refusal, there is a possibility to appeal that decision to the board. The appeal is brought to attention at the next general assembly. Admissions of associate members are made upon request of the board at a general assembly, whereby the majority decides.

§ 4 Branches

Art. 6

The organization consists of the following divisions: the general assembly, the board, the admission committee, the school conference and the auditing committee.

Art. 7

The general assembly represents the head of the organization and decides on all issues unless an issue is expressly delegated to another division. The general assembly elects the board, the admission committee, the control committee and it appoints the president. Conventions are held yearly. Members are invited therefore through a written invitation accompanied by the minutes one month before. An extraordinary general assembly takes place upon request of the board or a request by a fifth of all members.

Art. 8

The board consists of 5 - 7 members: the president, the vice president, two secretaries (if possible one for the French and Italian part of Switzerland and one responsible for the German and Romantsch part), the cashier, the school conference representatives and if possible of a number of owners, how ever many are needed. The term of office for the board is two years. Reelection is possible. The board is entitled to make a decision if in the presence of at least 4 members.

Art. 9

In order to secure the purpose of the organization according to Art. 3 and to strengthen the standard of education, the quality of changing social needs, scientific findings as well as special interests of schools / institutes within the organization, a school conference is formed by the representatives of all schools of the organization. The school conference convenes regularly, constitutes on its own and delegates a representative to the board.

Art. 10

The admission committee consists of three members. They are elected by general assembly every two years. The committee examines the applications based on the received documents and an interview. The committee then presents the application to the board at a general meeting. The general assembly then either approves or rejects the application.

Art. 11

The auditing committee consists of 2 members, auditors who are elected by the general assembly for a duration of 2 years. The auditors present the general assembly with a yearly report, the fiscal year being equivalent to the calendar year. The auditors report contains all financial interests of the organization.

§ 5 Financial means and membership fees

Art. 12

The organization's financial means consists of membership fees and voluntary contributions as well as income derived from association events. The members' year-contribution is fixed on a yearly basis in agreement with the EABP by the general assembly upon request of the board. Responsibility for the association's liabilities lies exclusively with its assets. Individual members are not liable. The president, vice-president and the treasurer are authorized to approve payments up to 4'000 CHF individually and above 4'000 CHF jointly (two signatures required).

Members (ordinary and extraordinary) with a voting right pay the full membership fee. Associate members pay a reduced amount.

§ 6 Termination of Membership

Art. 13

Membership can be terminated through resignation, death or expulsion. Resignations must be reported by letter to the president. An expulsion can be agreed upon by the general assembly through a secret voting process. There must be a 75%-majority. An expulsion upon request of the board must be recorded on the minutes and it must be brought to the attention of all members by means of a personally addressed letter. Dismissal is presented to the member in question and must be substantiated. Should a member fail to pay his / her membership fee after two warnings the board is entitled to expulse the member without resolution of the general assembly.

§ 7 Revision of statutes and dissolving

Art. 14

For a change of statutes or dissolving of the organization, the members must agree with a 2/3 majority of the present members. The board is responsible for the execution of these resolutions.

These statutes were approved at the inaugural meeting of November 21st, 1992 and come into force as of now.

Latest changes were made at the general meeting on April 25th 2009.