

Study Association Bloom Bylaws

Article 1

DEFINITIONS OF CONCEPTS

The concepts used in this document are defined below:

1. **Association:** the legal entity to which the Articles relate;
2. **Statutes:** the Articles of the Association;
3. **Audit Council:** synonymous with the Financial Committee, as mentioned in Article 13 Paragraph 4 of the Statutes;
4. **Association Year:** the association year of the Association running from the first day of October up to and including the following thirtieth day of September;
5. **The Program:** BSc Computational Social Science of the University of Amsterdam;
6. **General Assembly (GA):** the body of the Association that is formed by the members of the Association who are entitled to vote, or else the meeting of the members, honorary members, prospective members and patrons of the Association;
7. **In Writing:** by letter, by fax, by e-mail or by message which is transmitted via any other current means of communication and which can be received electronically or in the written form, provided that the identity of the sender can be sufficiently established;
8. **Board:** the Management Board of the Association;
9. **Praesidium:** the presiding body of the General Assembly as specified in article 15 of these Bylaws;
10. **Patron:** any natural person or legal entity that donates a monetary contribution to the Association, as specified in Article 5, Paragraph 5 of these Bylaws;
11. **Abstain Vote:** a vote cast at a General Assembly that is considered as not being cast, synonymous with Article 18 Paragraph 4 of the Statutes;
12. **Blank Vote:** protest vote; a vote cast at a General Assembly that is counted towards the total votes, but is merely cast to show dissent against the current proposition; it is neither in favour or against the current proposition;
13. **Absolute Majority:** a majority of 50% plus one vote in favour of the current proposition;
14. **Special Majority:** a majority of two-thirds of the votes in favour of the current proposition.

Article 2

GOAL OF THE BYLAWS

1. These bylaws can be amended with the consent of the GA.
2. These bylaws are made in addition to the statutes and are meant as a clarifying tool.
3. Articles in these bylaws with same-themed articles in the statutes are numbered synonymously.

Article 3

SEAT

1. The Bloom office resides on Roeterseiland Campus in JK Building.

Article 4

GOAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The objective of the Association is to enrich members' experience during and after their time in the Program by organising social and academic events.
2. The general year-long composition of the Association includes:
 - a. The Praesidium;
 - b. The Board;
 - c. The Committees;
 - d. The Advisory Board;
 - e. The Audit Council;
 - f. The Members.

Article 5

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, MEMBERS AND PATRONS

1. A person is considered a prospective member if they have applied to be a member, but have not been admitted by the Board.
 - a. An example of this could be when a member has not paid their membership contribution.
2. A Patron has to donate a minimum yearly contribution of €50 to the Association to be considered as such.
 - a. Patrons are invited to the GAs, however they do not retain voting rights.
 - b. Patron status and the respective contribution can be refused at the discretion of the Board.
3. Honorary Members are proposed by the Board using a motion at a GA. If an Absolute Majority of the validly cast votes are in favour, and the prospective Honorary Member accepts the title, they are appointed as such.
 - a. Honorary Members are invited to the GAs, however they do not retain voting rights.
 - b. The title of Honorary Member may be revoked if an Association member proposes this at a GA. The proposal needs to be accepted with a Special Majority.

Article 6

MEMBER ADMISSION

1. To be eligible for an Association membership one must comply with one of the following:
 - a. The future member has been part of the Program at some point in time.
 - b. When a future member does not meet the requirement specified within Article 5, Paragraph 1 Subsection a of these Bylaws, a membership request can be made to the Board. The Board will have the final say in the admission of this member.
2. A membership may be refused by the following procedure:
 - a. If a member's admission is at risk of being refused by the Board, then said annulment of the membership can be turned to the GA to decide.
 - b. The GA is left to decide if said membership will be refused. Refusal is approved by a majority vote from the GA.
3. Members must provide the Association with a valid email address and billing address for the entirety of their membership, as well as a valid student number from the University of Amsterdam if the member is currently studying in the Program.
 - a. The register of names and addresses will be collected and stored for billing purposes.
 - b. For details on the use and storage of private information, refer to the Bloom Privacy Policy.

Article 7

END OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Termination of membership is to be conducted in accordance with Article 7 of the statutes.
2. Membership fees are not refundable.
3. In the case of an active Association member's demise, the following grieving protocol is acted out by the Board.
 - a. In honour of the former member, a minute of silence will be held at the next GA.
 - b. If deemed possible, activities that are planned before the funeral - with the exception of travels - will be postponed.
 - c. In honour of the member, there will be a message of condolences published in the Association's magazine, if existing.
 - d. The Board will in every situation have the final say in how to act in the time of grieving and may contact the member's family regarding grieving matters.

Article 8

CONTRIBUTION

1. Membership requires a contribution determined by the Board.
 - a. This contribution is necessary in order to become an active member of the Association.

- i. An active member is any member who is part of at least one of the Association's bodies, other than the GA.
 - b. Failure to pay the contribution may result in termination of the membership at the discretion of the Board as specified in Article 7 of the Statutes and Article 7 of this document.
2. The Board carries the discretion to relieve said contribution only when a situation reasonably justifies the relief of payment.

Article 9

THE BOARD

1. The Board must consist of at least:
 - a. Chair;
 - b. Secretary;
 - c. Treasurer.
2. The Board of the Association internally determines the function of each position.
3. One member of the Board may fulfil multiple functions, but can never fulfil two of the following functions: Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
4. Only Association members may vote in the installation of Board members in the GA.
5. The candidate Board is being chosen as a whole, from a list of binding nominations.
6. A binding nomination ("voordracht" in Dutch) consists of a Board composition of at least three people.
7. A binding nomination before the GA can come from the Board, or from 10 or more members acting in unison.
 - a. All binding nominations from the Board have to be sent together with the invitations for the GA.
 - b. All binding nominations from 10 or more members acting in unison have to be sent to the Board before the GA starts.
8. At least one of the binding nominations proposed by the Board comes from the Application Committee's recommendation. This is the Nominated Candidate Board.
9. The GA is allowed to create a new binding nomination during the GA if all existing binding nominations are not accepted.
 - a. To officially create a new binding nomination, an Absolute Majority vote must be passed.
10. To elect a proposed binding nomination a Special Majority vote is needed.

Article 10

TERMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP

1. Every Board member may be dismissed or suspended by the GA through Special Majority vote (two-thirds of present Association members at the GA).
 - a. Each voter in favour or against suspension must be able to indicate their justification before the GA.

2. In the case that a member of the Board resigns, for whatever reason, the Board is authorised to:
 - a. Find an appropriate replacement to take care of the execution of the tasks of the Board member that has dropped out.
 - b. Distribute the tasks of the Board member who has dropped out within the Board and take care of the execution of those tasks.
 - c. Evaluate if the former board member is retired or dismissed.
 - i. If the board member is to be dismissed their dismissal must be approved as stated in Article 10, Paragraph 1 of this document.
3. The Board will inform the members in writing 14 days after the drop-out or dismissal of the Board member at the latest.
4. The Board will organise a GA 30 days after the drop-out of the Board member at the latest, to explain the situation. In the case of a planned GA in that period, no separate GA needs to be organised.
5. If there is a drop-out of a member of the Candidate Board that occurs between the Closing Assembly and the Opening Assembly, the new Board needs to present a plan for the execution of the tasks of this person. In case the new Board chooses to install a replacement for the member that dropped out, the GA needs to vote on this replacement.
6. During the Opening Assembly, the GA will retire the Board of the previous Association Year.
7. The Board to be retired can only be retired when the GA has agreed to:
 - a. The Year Report.
 - b. The Yearly Financial Report.
8. If the Year Report or the Yearly Financial Report are rejected the Board will be dismissed and not retired. The Candidate Board will be installed.

Article 11

DECISION MAKING BY THE BOARD

1. The Board strives to have at least one weekly meeting.
2. The Board strives to reach a unanimous decision before resorting to vote on the matter at hand.
3. If the Board cannot reach a majority on the matter at hand, the GA will be tasked with resolving the matter.

Article 12

BOARD MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Board is jointly responsible for everything that occurs within the Association.
2. The Board is held accountable for its conduct by the GA.
3. The tasks of the Board are specified in the position-specific section in Article 12 Paragraph 7. The general tasks are specified by the Boards White Papers.
4. The Board establishes office hours in which they are present in the boardroom.
5. Upon registration with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (KvK), each Board member is authorised to take responsibility for the signing of contractual agreements.

- a. Two Board Members are required to sign contractual agreements.
6. The determination of Board members outside the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer may vary and may be determined by the Board.
 - a. Proposed additional Board roles consist of:
 - i. Internal Study Commissioner;
 - ii. Internal Social Commissioner;
 - iii. Internal Promotion Commissioner;
 - iv. External Commissioner;
 - v. Vice-chair as an additional role for a selected Board member, excluding the Chair.
7. Each function of the Board is responsible for a variety of tasks. The main tasks of mandatory and proposed Board functions are summarised below:
 - a. **The Chair** is responsible for managing the internal relations within the Board, and the external relations of the Association, in addition to other tasks.
 - b. **The Vice Chair** is responsible for temporarily taking over the Chair's responsibilities in case the chair is not able to fulfil these, as well as working as a contact person in case there is an issue regarding the acting chair. This role is an additional role for a selected Board member, excluding the Chair.
 - c. **The Secretary** is tasked with administrative tasks, the organisation of the GA with the Praesidium, in addition to other tasks.
 - d. **The Treasurer** is responsible for all financial transactions, revenue streams and the financial policy of the Association, in addition to other tasks.
 - e. **The Internal Study Commissioner** is responsible for monitoring and coordinating communication between the Board and academic Committees.
 - f. **The Internal Social Commissioner** is tasked with organising and coordinating communication between the Board and social-related Committees.
 - g. **The Internal Promotion Commissioner** is responsible for monitoring and coordinating communication between the Board and promotion-related Committees.
 - h. **The External Commissioner** is responsible for the acquisition and maintenance of external relationships such as Sponsors and Partners.
8. The tasks of the Board members are not limited to or exclusive to the activities mentioned above. They may be changed at the discretion of the Board and expanded in their White Papers.
9. The Board is collectively responsible for the coordination and execution of all their tasks.
10. Next to the function-specific tasks the Board members fulfil, the Board also completes general tasks:
 - a. The election process of the Audit Council and Advisory Board as specified in Article 27 of this document;
 - b. The setup and execution of the White Paper to improve the Board transition;
 - c. The collaboration with other Associations;
 - d. Management of the Study Association Bloom Boardroom;
 - e. Maintaining a relationship with the Domain of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences and the BSc Computational Social Science.

Article 13

AUDIT COUNCIL

1. The Audit Council consists of at least two and a maximum of four people. The Audit Council shall strive to exist of at least:
 - a. One member who has been a Treasurer within the Association in the past;
 - b. One member who has not been a Treasurer within the Association.
2. The Audit Council has the task of researching the reliability and completeness of the financial policy and the financial administration of the Treasurer over the fiscal year they were appointed for.
3. Members of the Board cannot be a part of the Audit Council.
4. The Audit Council members are installed for one financial year. At the resignation, members can be re-installed at that instant if they wish to do so.
 - a. An Audit Council member can be re-installed for a maximum amount of three terms. After this time the respective member needs to go through the official application process again.
5. The Audit Council presents their findings to the GA and declares a voting recommendation when this is deemed necessary. The Treasurer is obliged to provide the desired information in time.
 - a. When the Audit Council needs to provide a voting recommendation, the recommendation can be given by a single member of the Audit Council, however the Audit Council should agree on a combined statement and recommendation prior.
 - b. The Audit Council strives to have at least one member be present, however the GA can still be held if the recommendation is submitted in writing to the Praesidium and a member is available during the time of the GA for potential follow-up questions.

Article 14

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Association functions in yearly cycles.
2. At each GA, the following rules must be obeyed:
 - a. At least 10% of the total members must be present at the GA.
 - b. Each member with the right to vote has one vote at the GA, with the exception of those involved with Board-related procedures.
 - c. Every member can hand in motions, which then will be voted upon and decided by an absolute majority, as long as handled in at least 48 hours before the General Assembly. Exceptions can be made at the Praesidium's discretion.
 - d. In case of a rejection, the Presidium is allowed to ask for an explanation of the negative voters.
3. In each Association Year, at least the following three GAs must be held and will discuss the points as described in the Statutes Article 14 Paragraph 2.
4. The Opening Assembly
 - a. Takes place in October of that Association Year.
 - b. The departing Board presents its Year Report and Financial Year Report which must be approved by the GA with a majority vote.

- c. The departing Board is discharged by the GA.
 - d. The new Board is inaugurated by the Praesidium as specified in Article 28 of this document.
 - e. The new Board presents its Year Plan and Financial Year Plan which must be approved by the GA with a majority vote.
 - f. The new Association Committees are introduced and accepted without a need for a voting procedure.
 - g. If so desired, after the Opening Assembly an Opening Assembly Reception can be held inviting all current Association Members as well as the Committees, Praesidium and Board members of the year prior. The Opening Assembly Reception will be organised and held by the former Board.
5. Mid-Year Assembly
- a. Takes place between February and March of that Association Year.
 - b. The Board presents its Half Year Report and Financial Half Year Report which need to be approved with a majority vote by the GA.
 - c. A new Application Committee is approved by the GA.
 - d. If new Praesidium members were up for election; the nominated Praesidium is approved and inaugurated.
6. Closing Assembly
- a. Takes place between May and June of that Association Year.
 - b. The Nominated Candidate Board is announced and officially elected as a whole by the GA.
 - i. Their nomination is announced by the Application Committee and followed by a vote.

Article 15

PRAESIDIUM

1. The Praesidium is tasked with ensuring that the Board's acts are in compliance with the Statutes and Bylaws of the Association.
2. The Praesidium consists at least of a Chair and a Secretary. Their tasks in the GA are described as follows:
 - a. Make sure the documents of the meeting are sent out within the conditions as specified in Article 19 of these rules;
 - b. Filling the technical position of chairmanship during the GA;
 - c. Facilitating the GA;
 - d. Keeping minutes of the GA;
 - e. Archiving meeting documents with the Board.
3. The Praesidium takes care of the Chairmanship, the Secretary and the organisation of every GA.
 - a. If the Praesidium is absent, the Chair of the Board will preside. If the Chair and the Vice Chair are absent, one of the other members of the Board, to be appointed by the Board, will act as Chair. If it is also not possible to appoint a Chair in this manner, the meeting will appoint its own Chair.
4. Every Member of the Praesidium is appointed by the GA for a one-year period of the same position, with the Mid-Year Assembly serving as the moment of dismissal and installation.

- a. Candidates for the Praesidium will be voted for individually during the Mid-Year Assembly.
 - b. Candidates for the Praesidium cannot fill another official position in the Association during their term; Board Member, Advisory Board Member, Audit Council Member.
5. The Praesidium, in addition to the Chair and Secretary of the Board, will be responsible for the application and transmission process of the new Praesidium, after which the GA will vote on the installation of the Candidate Praesidium Members through acclamation.
6. Within a month before the Mid-Year Assembly, a call for applications for the Praesidium has to be sent out to Association Members.
7. If a Praesidium Member decides they want to prolong their position by another year, they can do so without needing to participate in the application process for a maximum of three terms.
8. If a Praesidium Member wants to hold another position which is open within the Praesidium, they can do so without needing to participate in a new selection process.
9. The current Praesidium and a member of the Board will review all Praesidium applicants.
 - a. If a unanimous decision can be reached the nominee will be presented in front of the GA.
 - b. If no unanimous decision can be reached all applicants will present themselves in front of the GA. The GA will then vote on all the applicants.
10. The new Praesidium will start fulfilling its role after the Mid-Year Assembly.
11. When a Member of the Praesidium resigns during the year, the Board and the Praesidium will open applications for and choose a new Candidate. This candidate will, once chosen, fulfil their role immediately.
12. The Praesidium can delegate the tasks internally as they see fit.
13. The Board lends support to the Praesidium when necessary.

Article 16

ACCESS AND RIGHT TO VOTE

1. All members have a vote. The Board as a whole can only give voting advice to the GA.
2. In the case that a member has cast multiple votes (e.g., one vote beforehand in writing and one on the day in person, or voting twice through electronic means), the latest vote will be the only one that is counted.
3. All members can be authorised by a maximum of one other member, to cast a vote in their name.
4. The General Assembly decides on the admission of external individuals not invited to the GA.

Article 17

CHAIRPERSONSHIP, MINUTES

1. The contents of the record of every GA and Board meeting should be made known to the members.
 - a. The contents of the Board meetings and what the Board has been doing will be explained at the GA's.

- i. The minutes of Board meetings can be shown at a special meeting with the respective member(s) upon specifically requesting this.
- b. The proceedings of GAs will be shared with all members within 2 weeks of the GA happening.

Article 18

PASSING RESOLUTIONS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Praesidium must call for a volunteer to oversee the counting of the votes cast in the GA. If there are multiple volunteers, all are invited to oversee the counting.
 - a. This volunteer must not be part of the Board or any persons up for election during the respective GA.
2. At any point in time during the GA, the GA can vote to table an agenda point if this point is not considered relevant for discussion at the GA.
 - a. This vote needs to have a 100% majority.
3. If the correctness of the vote conducted by the Praesidium is challenged immediately after it has been pronounced, a new vote must be taken if the majority of the GA or, if the original vote was not taken by roll-call or ballot, a person present and entitled to vote so desires, This new vote will nullify the original vote. Votes that in accordance with Paragraph 4 of this Article have been cast electronically prior to the General Meeting will also be deemed to be cast in the new vote.
4. Before a vote by acclamation the Praesidium ensures all people present agree to do so. Otherwise the vote will be cast by ballot or electronically.

Article 19

CONVENING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

1. The Praesidium with the Chair, and Secretary of the Board, takes care of the call for a GA. This happens in writing to every Association Members' email address, as known by the Association, at least 14 days before the meeting. The call needs to contain a place and time of the meeting, as well as an overview of the subjects to be discussed, as far as these are known when sending the call.

Article 20

AMENDMENT TO THESE DOCUMENTS

1. For rules on making amendments to the Statutes, refer to Article 20 of the Statutes.
2. For rules on making amendments to the Bylaws:
 - a. Amendments to the Bylaws need to be accepted through Absolute Majority at the GA.

- b. These rules come into force at the moment of acceptance by the GA.

Article 21

DISSOLUTION

1. For rules on the dissolution of the Association, refer to Article 21 of the Statutes.

Article 22

ADVISORY BOARD

1. The Advisory Board advises the Board about the functioning of the Board and the Association.
2. The Board informs the Advisory Board about their tasks. The Advisory Board and the Board strive to meet at least 3 times per year. The Chair of the Board organises these meetings.
3. The Board or individual Board members can ask for advice from the Advisory Board as a whole or from individual members.
4. Everything that is discussed in the meetings of the Advisory Board with the Board is confidential information.
5. The Advisory Board can ask the Audit Council for information and advice.
6. The Advisory Board consists of a minimum of three members. The Advisory Board loses its power if it has less than three Members, as specified in this Article. It can, however, still advise the Board.
7. The Advisory Board recommends the Advisory Board Members for the upcoming year.
 - a. The new Advisory Board has to be approved by the GA at the Closing Assembly. They will be installed at the Opening Assembly of the following.
 - b. The Advisory Board strives to include:
 - i. At least one former Board Member of the Association;
 - ii. At least one member with experience as a board member of a different association.
8. The Advisory Board is invited to every GA. At least one member of the Advisory Board needs to be present at the GA to reach the quorum to start the GA.
 - a. When the Advisory Board needs to provide a voting recommendation, the recommendation can be given by a single member of the Advisory Board, however the Advisory Board should agree on a combined statement and recommendation prior.
 - b. The Advisory Board strives to have at least one member be present, however the GA can still be held if the recommendation is submitted in writing to the Praesidium, a member is present at the start of the GA, and a member is available during the time of the GA for potential follow-up questions.
9. The Advisory Board has the right to ask the Praesidium to plan a GA.
10. The task of a member of the Advisory Board ends:

- a. At the death of the member;
- b. At the resignation of the member;
- c. At the end of their term, as specified in Article 22 Paragraph 7 Subsection a of the Bylaws;
- d. At a unanimous decision of the Board. The Board needs to explain their decision at the following GA.

Article 23

REGULATIONS

1. The provisions in these rules have to be read by taking the Statutes of the Association into account.
 - a. If the Statutes and the provisions made in this Document contradict each other the rules set by the Statues will always supersede that of the Bylaws.

Article 24

COMMITTEES

1. A Committee is tasked with organising relevant events/projects and has at least three members.
2. The Association strives to have at least the following Committees:
 - a. Promotion, responsible for designing the Association's merchandise and publishing the Association's magazine;
 - b. Social, responsible for organising social events, such as borrels and parties;
 - c. Study, responsible for organising academic events and related endeavours.
3. The Committee application procedure is handled as follows:
 - a. The Board holds applications for a Committee Head for each Committee, to be presented at the Closing Assembly.
 - i. The relevant Internal Commissioner, one general Board member, and the previous Committee Head should be present to take part in the application process.
 1. If already known, nominated Board members may be involved in the application process.
 - ii. If the role of Committee Head and Internal Commissioner overlap, another previous Committee member appointed by the Committee Head will join the application process.
 - iii. If the Committee Head reapplies, a member of the Board will appoint a former Committee Member to join the application Committee during this process.
 - b. Before the Opening Assembly, the appointed Committee Heads will hold and finalise applications for the rest of the Committee members.
4. Before the Opening Assembly, the Committees create a year plan in collaboration with the Board.

- a. In consultation with the Board, it is possible to alternatively create two half-year plans.
5. At the discretion of the Board, the Committee can get access to general additional funds if deemed necessary.
 - a. The allocation of extra funds needs to be motivated at the next GA.
6. Committees are tasked with maintaining White Papers, which detail all kinds of information that could be of use to future Committees.
7. Before the end of the academic year, but after the Closing Assembly, all Committees have to present a reviewed version of their White Papers to the newly elected Board.
8. The Board holds the power to suspend, create, and dissolve Committees.
 - a. Dissolvement and suspension must be approved by the GA.
9. If, during the Association Year, a member of a Committee proves to be unfit for their position, the Board has the power to discharge the member of their position at any time.
10. In the event of a Committee Head no longer being part of the Committee, the Board carries the procedural discretion in regard to filling the vacancy.
11. In the event of a Committee Member no longer being part of the Committee, the Committee itself carries the procedural discretion in regard to filling the vacancy.

Article 25

THE APPLICATION COMMITTEE

1. The Application Committee takes care of the application procedure and the formulation of the Nominated Candidate Board.
2. The Application Committee consists of three members, which will be explained below:
 - a. The External Member;
 - b. The Internal Member;
 - c. The Board Member.
3. The External Member provides an external perspective on the application process. The External member is not a member of the Association. There is a preference for an External Member who is a board member from another association. The Board of the Association is responsible for recruiting candidates.
4. The Internal Member represents the member's base during the application process. This position is open to all members of the Association, except the Board. This position is advertised by the Board of the Association.
5. The Board Member represents the Board's perspective during the application process. The Board Member is selected by the Board themselves and is proposed to the GA and installed.
6. In case there are no candidates for the function of the Internal Member or External Member, the Board will ask the GA for authorisation to find candidates to fill the positions. The Board will strive to fulfil these positions in the best way it can.
7. The Board presents their three candidates at the Mid-Year Assembly.
8. All members of the Application Committee have an equal voice.

Article 26

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD

1. In case a member of the current Board is applying for a position on the new Board, they will refrain, where possible, from all participation in the application process.
2. It is not necessary for one to apply for a concrete position on the board.
3. All members of the Association, not including members of the Application Committee, can apply for a function on the Board.
4. The Board will announce the exact dates around the application procedure, guided by the Application Committee, at least 7 days before the opening period.
5. The Application Committee determines, in consideration with the Bylaws and the Statutes of the Association, their operating procedure.
6. The Application Committee will use the information sent to them confidentially.

Article 27

PROPOSITION OF THE BIG CHEESES

(Big Cheese being an important person in the Association)

1. At the Closing Assembly, the following Nominated Candidates, if applications were held, will be presented by the respective body:
 - a. The Application Committee will recommend a new Board;
 - b. The Advisory Board will recommend a new Advisory Board;
 - i. The discharge of the old Advisory Board and the instalment of the new Advisory Board happens at the Opening Assembly.
 - ii. The Board will assist in finding candidates if needed.
 - c. The Board will introduce new Committee Heads;
 - d. The Audit Council will recommend a new Audit Council.
 - i. The new Audit Council will automatically be installed at the start of the next financial book year. Following this, the old Audit Council will be discharged.
2. At the Mid-Year Assembly, the following Nominated Candidates, if applications were held, will be presented by the respective body:
 - a. The Praesidium will recommend the new Praesidium;
3. The Candidate Board should be listed alongside or within the invitation for this GA.
 - a. The rest of the Big Cheeses can be listed if decided already
4. At the GA, the respective body will give a verbal explanation of the procedure of the application process, giving a general overview of why the Nominated Candidate(s) have been selected, and why they are a good fit for their role.
5. Subsequently, the Nominated Candidates will introduce themselves to the GA. After that, the GA can ask questions to both the Nominated Candidates and the body which recommended said Candidates.
6. The Praesidium will facilitate the voting about the proposition as a whole.
7. If the proposition is rejected, refer to Article 9 Paragraph 9 of this document.
8. From the statements of the Nominated Candidates and the respective body no rights can be derived.

9. In order to keep the Association closely connected to the Program as well as to each other, and represent the association effectively to potential third parties. Students applying for representative roles, meaning the Board and the Praesidium should currently or have been previously enrolled in the Program.

Article 28

INSTALMENT OF THE BOARD

1. In the Opening Assembly, the new Board will be inaugurated by the GA.
2. In the case of there being any alterations to the Candidate Board, the current Board and the Application Committee will have to explain these changes at the Opening Assembly.
3. Inauguration of the Board Members goes as follows:
 - a. The Board Members will be presented by the Praesidium.
 - b. After the Opening Assembly, the Opening Assembly Reception might be held in accordance with Article 14 Paragraph 4 Subsection g.

Article 29

FINANCIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. There will be a separate document for all financial rules and procedures.
 - a. This document will be presented and voted on during the Closing Assembly of the year 2023/2024
 - i. Once this document has been approved, Article 29 Paragraph 1 of these Bylaws will automatically be amended to: 'There is a separate document for all financial rules and procedures'. All subsections of this Paragraph will be automatically removed, as well as Article 24 Paragraph 5 of this document.
2. Further regulations are in the financial rules of procedure.

Article 30

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Provisions in these rules cannot be misused or abused.
2. These Bylaws count 14 pages.

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