

ARTICLES OF THE "EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTS"

Name

Art. 1. The name of the association shall be European Association of Organic Geochemists, hereinafter referred to as E.A.O.G.

Seat

Art. 2. The seat of the association shall be in The Hague.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects of the association shall be:

- to promote organic geochemistry in the widest sense and cooperation between scientists working in this field;
- to promote cooperation with other organisations active in related areas of science;
- to organize international scientific meetings.

Membership

Art. 4.

1. Anybody interested in organic geochemistry can be admitted as a member of the association subject to approval of the board.
2. Application for membership shall be made, in writing, in accordance with the instructions provided on the internet homepage and in the journal of the association.
3. Resignation from the association shall be made, in writing, in accordance with the instructions provided on the internet homepage and in the journal of the association.
4. Members who are more than two years in arrears in payment of subscription can be given notice by the board after a letter pressing for payment has been sent.
5. Honorary members can be appointed by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the board. They have all the rights of members and do not have to pay a subscription.

Language

Art. 5

1. The official language of the association is English. During scientific meetings other languages beside English can be permitted by the board.
2. The Dutch text of these articles is binding.
3. When these articles use the term "in writing", this refers to all messages sent via common means of communication either as, or transferable to, hardcopy.

Board

Art. 6.

1. The board shall consist of at least five members, who shall choose from among them a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.
2. The board members shall come from more than two different European countries.
3. The members of the board shall be elected by ballot, in writing, by all E.A.O.G. members shortly before a General Meeting. The secretary shall organize the ballot. A call for nominations shall appear in the journal "Organic Geochemistry" and on the internet homepage of the association in due time. If the number of candidates equals the number of vacant positions, there will be no ballot and the election will be held at the General Assembly.
4. The members of the board shall hold office until the end of the fourth General Meeting after the one close to which they have been elected. The chairman shall hold office for maximum six years from the time he or she has been elected by the board members. Board members can be dismissed at any time by the General Meeting.
5. Board members who retire from office shall be eligible for immediate re-election once.
6. The board shall divide the duties among its members by mutual arrangements.
7. Nominations for board membership shall be made by the board or by at least seven members, or if this is smaller, one fifth of the total membership that can take part in the election. Nominations shall be received by the secretary at the date indicated in the call for nominations. The nomination shall carry a signed declaration by the candidate that he is prepared to serve as a member of the board.
8. Should a member of the board resign, the board shall have the power to co-opt a replacement with full voting powers. The term of this member of the board shall end at the time at which the term of the person he/she replaces would have ended. The maximum number of co-opted members shall be less than half of the number of board members elected by the ballot.
9. Board meetings shall be presided over by the chairman; in case of his/her absence one of the other members of the board can preside as acting chairman.
10. The secretary shall keep the record of the meeting.
11. The board shall represent the association officially and legally. This representation shall also be awarded to two of the three board members occupying the positions of the chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Tasks of the board

Art. 7.

1. Within the restrictions given by the law and these articles, the board shall manage the association.
2. The board shall do everything which it considers useful towards achieving the objects of E.A.O.G. as mentioned in article 3.

The General Meeting

Art. 8.

1. The General Meeting shall be held at least annually. The board shall decide on the location of the meeting; this location can be outside The Netherlands, but shall normally be within Europe, unless otherwise decided by the previous General Meeting.

2. Proposals shall be accepted by a normal majority of the votes polled, unless stated otherwise in these articles. If the votes are equally divided, a decision shall be made by the board. Blank votes shall not be counted.
3. Decisions on proposals not made or endorsed by the board can only be made at a General Meeting at which at least forty percent (40%) of the members are present or represented.
4. General Meetings shall be convened by the board at least fourteen days in advance.
5. Members can be represented at the General Meeting by other members, who have been authorized as such in writing.

Finance

Art. 9.

1. The amount of the annual subscription for membership shall be determined annually by the board.
2. The financial year shall be from April 1st to the next March 31st.
3. Each year, within six months from the expiry of the financial year, subject to extension of this period by the General Meeting, the board shall prepare an annual report and an annual account and balance sheet with explanatory notes.
4. The General Meeting shall annually appoint a committee of at least two members, who are not members of the board. This committee shall audit the annual accounts and balance sheet and report thereon to the General Meeting. The members of this committee can be re-elected once.

Amendments of the articles and liquidation

Art. 10.

1. Amendments to the articles can only be made and liquidation of the association can only take place by the decision of a General Meeting which is convened, mentioning these amendments or that liquidation.
2. An alteration or liquidation may only become effective when supported by at least two-thirds of the votes counted, taking into account Ar. 8, sub. 3.
3. Amendments can be proposed by the board or at least twenty members.
4. In case of liquidation the board shall act as liquidators unless the General Meeting appoints other liquidators.
5. The board shall appropriate the credit balance in case of liquidation.

Final articles

Art. 11. All cases not ruled by these articles or by law, are decided by the board.

Done in The Hague, March 3, 1983.

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