



**INTERNATIONALER MUSIKBUND
CONFÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIÉTÉS MUSICALES
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MUSIC SOCIETIES**

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Statutes

International Confederation of Music Societies CISM

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History

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Article 1 Name, seat, purpose and duration of the association

- 1.1 The International Confederation of Musical Societies, hereinafter called CISM, is a voluntary confederation of national and regional organisation of wind band associations and educational institutions within Europe. The association is of unlimited duration.
- 1.2 CISM's seat is the registered office of the Schweizer Blasmusikverband (SBV). Unless determined otherwise, the seat also serves as the postal address.
- 1.3 CISM is a non-political, non-religious, non-partisan and non-profit organisation.
- 1.4 The fiscal year is the calendar year.

Article 2 Purpose and Objectives

- 2.1 CISM shall pursue the following objectives:
- a) to promote wind music culture
 - b) to promote the communication and exchange of information between members by providing a network and being a point of coordination
- 2.2 These objectives shall be achieved by
- a) Promotion of wind music culture
 - Patronage
 - Training of jurors
 - Awarding of the European Competition Bohemian-Moravian Music
 - Youth Orchestra competition
 - Conferences
 - Projects as approved by the General Assembly
 - Awards
 - b) Communication, exchange of information and maintaining the network
 - Point of Information
 - hold annual meetings for Executive Board and members (if possible the chairs) to exchange ideas
 - hold a General Assembly"

Article 3 Membership

Members of the CISM are

- 3.1 Full members
- national wind music associations
 - regional wind music associations
 - wind music organisations and educational institutions in Europe"
- 3.2 Benefactors
are natural persons or legal entities that support CISM in spirit or financially.

- 3.3 Honorary members
Honorary membership may be conferred to a natural person, by resolution of the Executive Board, as recognition for special services rendered."
- 3.4 Termination of membership
a) through exclusion pronounced by the General Assembly
b) through resignation
Notices of resignation have to be submitted in writing at least six months before the end of the fiscal year.
In case of termination of membership, all outstanding dues to CISM shall be paid.
Members who have resigned or been excluded shall have no rights to any of CISM's assets.

Article 4 Duties and Rights

- 4.1 The member associations of CISM remain autonomous in their internal decision-making processes.
By becoming a member of CISM they support its purpose and objectives and share its responsibilities.
- 4.2 The membership fee as set by the General Assembly is payable within 30 days of receipt of invoice.
- 4.3 Honorary members shall not be subject to membership fees.

Article 5 Organs

Organs of CISM are:

- . The General Assembly
- . The Executive Board
- . The Auditors

Article 6 General Assembly

Composition

- 6.1 The General Assembly is the supreme body of CISM. It is composed of:
- . Full members
 - . The Executive Board
 - . The Auditors
 - . The honorary members
 - . Benefactors

Voting rights

- 6.2 Each full member has one vote in the General Assembly.
Only those members who are fully paid up by the time the General Assembly convenes shall exercise their voting rights.

- 6.3 Each member of the Executive Board has one vote. They shall not vote on behalf of their respective national or regional association.
- 6.4 Honorary members and benefactors advise the General Assembly. They are entitled to vote on behalf of their respective association if they perform the function of an official delegate.

Meeting of the General Assembly

- 6.5 The General Assembly shall meet at least every two years.
- 6.6 The meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened at least three months prior to taking place with the invitation enclosing the agenda.
- 6.7 In case of urgent matters, the Executive Board may convene an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly by circulating the agenda.
In such case the deadline for invitations is one month.
- 6.8 The Executive Board must convene an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly when at least half of the full membership requests it.
- 6.9 The full members shall submit their motions at least two months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

Agenda of the General Assembly

- 6.10 The General Assembly is chaired by the President. The minutes are taken by a secretary who shall be elected by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly has the following agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Election of count staff
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly
4. Approval of Executive Board report
5. Approval fo accounts
6. Report and motions of the Auditors
7. Dismissal of the Executive Board
8. Elections
 - a) Executive Board
 - b) Auditors
9. Setting of membership fees
10. Adoption of the annual budget for the respective biennium
11. Decision on motions as submitted by the Executive Board and full members
12. Admission of new members
13. Exclusion of members
14. Setting of the next meeting
15. Honours (and Awards)

Quorum

- 6.11 With the exception of Article 6.15., the General Assembly shall have a quorum irrespective of the number of members present. Elections and decisions can also be made in writing, in such case, they have to be included in the next meeting's minutes."

Voting

- 6.12 Voting shall be by show of hands unless the majority of the voters present requests a secret ballot.
Abstention shall be counted as a non-vote.
With exception to Article 6.14, resolutions are passed by simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the motion shall be dismissed.
- 6.13 Motions that are not tabled on the agenda require the approval of at least 2/3 of the present, eligible votes in order to be submitted.
- 6.14 Resolutions regarding the amendment of the Statutes or dissolution of CISM require a ¾ majority of the eligible votes.
- 6.15 A resolution to dissolve further requires at least half of the members being present.

Elections

- 6.16 Elections shall be by show of hands unless the majority of the voters present requests a secret ballot.
- 6.17 Elections require the absolute majority in the first round and the simple majority in the second round.
- 6.18 Abstention shall be counted as a non-vote.
- 6.19 Only those candidates shall be eligible that have been proposed by a full member or a member of the Executive Board.

The President shall be elected by the General Assembly.

The remaining members of the Executive Board shall be elected individually.

Article 7 Executive Board

Composition

- 7.1 The Executive Board is composed of 3 – 5 members
- . President, elected by the General Assembly
 - . Vice President / Head of Committees
 - . Head Music Committee
 - . Head Finance and Accounting Committee

- 7.2 A member of the Executive Board may perform several functions.
- 7.3 The term of office is 4 years.
- 7.4 The Executive Board constitutes itself with exception to the President.
- 7.5 Re-election of the Executive Board is not possible.
- 7.6 If a member of the Executive Board resigns prior to the end of the term, the succeeding General Assembly shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Duties of the Executive Board

- 7.7 The Executive Board executes the decisions of the General Assembly.
- 7.8 The duties, authorities and responsibilities of the Executive Board are outlined in bylaws to as Approved by the General Assembly.
- 7.9 The President chairs the meetings of the Executive Board.
- 7.10 The members of the Executive Board represent the association vis-à-vis third parties and are the liaison to the membership.
- 7.11 The Executive Board shall convene as often as required and at least biannually.

Signature and Representation

- 7.12 CISM is legally bound by the joint signature of the President and one other member of the Executive Board.

Committees

- 7.13 According to the bylaws approved by the General Assembly, the committees shall be chaired by the members of the Executive Board.
- 7.14 The Executive Board may confer certain tasks to subordinate expert bodies. However, the Executive Board retains the responsibility for the orderly conduct of the business."

Article 8 Auditors

- 8.1 The General Assembly elects
a) an auditor
b) a substitute auditor
- 8.2 The term of office is 4 years as with the Executive Board.
- 8.3 The Auditors shall be responsible for the formal and material revision of all payment Transactions as well as annual accounts. They shall verify the presence of the assets documented. They shall report and submit motions to the General Assembly in writing."

Article 9 Finances

- 9.1 The revenues of CISM are drawn from:
- a) the annual membership fee
 - b) interest
 - c) publications and sale of material
 - d) contributions, subsidies, deficit guarantees, grants, profit shares from events
 - e) Donations, gifts and legacies
 - f) contributions of benefactors

9.2 The expenses arise out of fulfilment of duties.

9.3 Solely the assets of CISM shall be held answerable for any liabilities.

Article 10 Miscellaneous

10.1 The official languages of CISM are German and English.

10.2 In case of doubt, the German version shall prevail.

10.3 In case of dissolution of CISM and after payment of all dues, the remaining funds of the association shall be allocated to a cause chosen by the last General Assembly.

Article 11 Effective date

The aforementioned Statutes as approved by the General Assembly on 27 April 2018 shall become effective as of this date and shall replace the previous Statutes of CISM."

Executive Board of CISM, as elected at the meeting of the General Assembly held in Rome on 27 April 2018

Bischof Valentin	President
Füllemann Heini	Vicepresident / Finance
Schulze Heiko	Music
Romiti Andrea	Communication

The member associations of CISM are as of 28 April 2018

Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Musikverbände e.V.	Germany
Bund Saarländischer Musikvereine	Germany
Liechtensteiner Blasmusikverband	Liechtenstein
Schweizer Blasmusikverband	Switzerland
Slowenischer Musikverband	Slovenia
Oesterreichischer Blasmusikverband	Austria
Associazione nazionale Bande Italiane Musicali Autonome	Italy
Confederacion Espanola de Sociedades Musicales	Spain