



European Society of Biomechanics: Statutes

Article I: Name

The Society shall be known as the “European Society of Biomechanics”. For the purpose of the activities of the society, Biomechanics is defined as “The study of forces acting on and generated within a body and of the effects of these forces on the tissues, fluids or materials used for diagnosis, treatment or research purposes”.

Article II: Registered Office

The Society is registered as an association at the ~~Rhône Prefecture Court of Illkirch Graffenstaden, Strasbourg~~, under the ~~the law 1901 and the decree from 16 August 1901 provisions of Articles 21-79 of the local Civil Code as enacted by French Law introducing the Civil Code, 1st June 1924~~. The address of the registered Society is ~~Centre de Traumatologie et d'Orthopédie, 67400 Strasbourg, Illkirch-Graffenstaden~~ Lyon and may be transferred by simple decision of the Council.

Article III: Duration

The Society is established for an unlimited period of time.

Article IV: Objectives

The objectives of the Society are:

- to encourage, foster, promote and develop research, progress and information concerning the science of biomechanics, as well as to promote, initiate, sustain and bring to a satisfactory conclusion research with others and programmes of development and information in this particular field,
- to collaborate with other associations and bodies whose efforts are directed at the same objectives and whose interests are allied with or are similar to those of the Society itself,
- to promote the propagation of scientific organizations, governmental and private bodies, both national and international, in order to establish specifications and standards for biomechanics in general,
- to encourage progress in the field of the clinical applications of the science of biomechanics in all its aspects, including research, teaching as well as to foster any other activity pertinent thereto.

The Society is non profit making and undertakes to abstain from all political activity.

Article V: Membership

The Society comprises any persons, irrespective of nationality, who have an interest in biomechanics and are accepted for membership by the existing members. The term “members” in these Statutes and in the By-laws shall be construed to mean the members of the Society, duly elected to membership in accordance with these Statutes.

All members undertake to respect these statutes and the association's by-laws.

Article VI: Termination of Membership

The Council of the Society is empowered to suspend, expel or accept the resignation of members at its discretion. Suspended members may also be reinstated at the discretion of the Council.

Article VII: Council

The affairs of the Society shall be managed in accordance with these Statutes and By-laws by a Council elected by the members. The council shall comprise at least seven members and not more than ten from at least three European countries. From amongst themselves they shall appoint a President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The Council members shall hold office for a term of four years and are eligible for one re-election.

Article VIII: Administration

The President (or Council member designated by the President) represents the Society in the Courts and in every act of civic life.



Disbursement of money on behalf of the Society is authorized by the President or his delegated representative.

Article IX: Assets

The assets of the Society constitute:

- the membership dues,
- public or private grants of money,
- income from events organised by the association,
- gifts and legacies,
- income on assets and securities owned by the association,
- any assets not prohibited by the applicable laws.

Article X: General Meetings

A General Meeting of the members shall be held at least once every two years at a time and place decided by the Council. Notification of a General Meeting, together with the Agenda as set by the Council, shall be sent to each member not less than thirty and not more than fifty days prior to the date of the meeting. Minutes of the proceedings are kept in one not more books provided for that purpose, authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary.

Article XI: Changes to the Statutes

Changes to the Statutes can only be made at a properly constituted General Meeting of the Society at which at least 10% of the total members are present. A resolution to change the Statutes must be proposed by the Council or by 10% of the total members or at least 25 members, whichever is the greater. The resolution is passed if it gains the vote of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of voting members present at the General Meeting.

Article XII: Dissolution

The Society may only be dissolved at a properly constituted General Meeting of the Society specially convened for this purpose at which at least 20% of the total members are present. A resolution to dissolve the Society must be proposed by the Council or by 10% of the total members or at least 25 members, whichever is the greater. The resolution is passed if it gains the vote of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of voting members present at the General Meeting. Upon dissolution, the assets of the Society shall be distributed to one or more organizations having similar objectives, as decided during the General Meeting.

Article XIII: Notification of Changes

The President shall notify any changes in the Statutes, the names of elected officers of the Society, ~~change in address of the registered office~~, dissolution of the Society, to the ~~Court of Illkirch-Graffenstaden~~ Prefect of the Rhône Department.

Article XIV: Official Language

English shall be the official language of the European Society of Biomechanics.

Article XV: By-laws

By-laws governing the administration of the Society shall be drawn up by the Council and submitted to the members for ratification.

Article XVI: Adoption of the Statutes

These statutes were adopted at the General Meeting on ~~8-28 Junely 2022~~ 08.