ESB Netherlands National Chapter: By-Laws

Article I: Inconsistencies

If these By-Laws conflict with the terms of the ESB Statutes and By-Laws, the terms of the latter shall prevail.

Article II: Members

1. Any ESB active, student, senior, or honorary member in good standing and either affiliated with an organization located in the Netherlands or of Dutch nationality, but working or resident in another country is a rightful member of the ESB Netherlands National Chapter. The same applies to corporate members whose legal site is in the Netherlands.
2. Membership in the Chapter is terminated if:
    i. The member ceases to be a member of the ESB.
    ii. The member informs the Executive Board of the Chapter and the ESB Council in writing of their wish to resign from the Chapter.

Article III: Meetings of Members (General Assembly)

1. All members in good standing of the Chapter may attend the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall be held every year, in a place and time decided by the Executive Board.
2. The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Chapter or, if absent, by another member of the Executive Board.
3. Notification of the General Assembly, including the assembly agenda, shall be sent to each member not later than thirty days prior to the meeting.

Article IV: Executive Board

1. The Chapter is managed by an Executive Board consisting of minimum of three and maximum of six members. It shall be aimed in the Executive Board to have a fair representation of the research and academic institutes in the Netherlands active in biomechanics field, while promoting broad diversity across background, gender, and career stage.
2. The Executive Board members are elected by active members of the Chapter in good standing via a secret ballot (electronic or physical), organized by ESB Council or the Executive Board of the Chapter.
3. The applications for an election are to be submitted to the President of the Chapter latest three weeks prior the date of the voting.
4. Executive Board members hold offices for a period of two years. A member can be re-elected for a second consecutive term. After two consecutive terms, a member must vacate that specific office for at least one term.
5. The Executive Board elects among its members a President.

6. The Executive Board may determine the amount of annual Chapter dues, if any. Any annual Chapter fee shall not exceed 20% of the ESB annual fee. Senior and honorary members are exempt from Chapter dues.

Article V: Mission

The Chapter shall operate with the following primary aims (including but not limited to):

- Fostering a unified biomechanics community within the Netherlands to deepen scientific collaboration within the biomechanics field, and to strengthen ties with the communities in other scientific fields to benefit the biomechanics field,
- Advancing national biomechanics education and training to train the next generation of biomechanics scientists,
- Serving as a point of contact for national research agenda-makers and funding bodies to elevate biomechanics on the national research agenda.
- Acting as a local conduit for ESB initiatives, increasing the visibility and impact of the Society within the Netherlands.

Article VI: Amendments to the By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the active members in good standing at any General Assembly. Any adopted changes must be submitted to the ESB Council for review and final approval to ensure no conflict with the ESB Global Statutes.

Article VII: Dissolution of the Chapter

The Chapter may be dissolved by one of the two conditions below:

i. By decision of the ESB Council.
ii. By a resolution passed by at least 75% of voting members present at an extraordinary meeting convened for this purpose (requiring a quorum of at least 20% of total members).