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# General Assembly

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**Agenda and Statute Amendments**

Informative issue for members



**smusi**

Studenti di medicina dell'USI

# Agenda

- I. Welcome and Formalities
- II. Reports from the EB
- III. Elections
- IV. Statute changes
- V. Requests from members
- VI. Communications from members
- VII. Varia





# Bylaws changes - premises

- Rationale: First amendment of the statutes since they were written, it became clear that many points needed to be updated and clarified, as well as some fine-tuning of roles
- Disclaimer: many changes are purely structural (division of paragraphs) or limited to correcting an improper lexical choice, but **do not alter the meaning of the articles in any way**. These will **not** be discussed in detail.
- Procedure: Changes are listed on the right (white column) referring to articles and paragraphs. Any changes since the last version and any notes will be listed on the left (grey column).
- Text in green represents additions or changes
- Text in red represents altered or deleted parts

# Bylaws changes (1)

## Art. 1 - Name and affiliation

- 1. and 2. merged and slightly reworked
- 2. smusi **is** a member of the “Swiss Medical Students' Association” (swimsa)
- 3. The **Executive Board (EB)** is responsible for recruiting the delegates [...]

## Art. 2. Office

- smusi is based at the USI campus west, via G. Buffi 13, Lugano.

## Art. 3. Nature and purpose (merged)



- 1. [...] **is based at the campus of Lugano, Via. G. Buffi 13** + 2. [...]
- 3. smusi **aspires to become** a member of the “Swiss Medical Students' Association” (swimsa). The **Board of Directors** is responsible for recruiting the delegates [...]

*From paragraph 1.*

**Art. 2. Nature [...]**

**Art. 3. Purpose [...]**

# Bylaws changes (2)

## Art. 4. Benefits for USI communities

- 2. smusi can propose projects or organize events that are open to all the students and aimed to promote the social life and cohesion of and with other faculties, in accordance with vision and goals of the Student Corporation.

## Art. 6. Financial resources

- 1. The association is funded mainly through:
- a. *reworked, without altering the meaning*
- b. sponsorship agreements;
- c. other sources of income (such as event tickets or similar).

*de novo, compliance with student corp.*

- 1. The association **will be** funded [...]
- b. Other sources of income
- c. **At the time of founding smusi does not require any membership fees. However, it is in the power of the GA to change the bylaws and require membership fees in the future, if needed.**



# Bylaws changes (3)

## Art. 8. Registration

- smusi **commits to keep, to the extent of its limits**, an updated list an up-to-date register of its members [...]

## Art. 10. Organs

- 1. The organs of smusi are: [...]
- B. Executive Board (EB);
- a. Presidium,
- **d. Other roles and Delegates, as specified in Art. 12.1,**



- 1. smusi **keeps** an up-to-date register of its members [...]
- a. Presidium (**President and Vice-President, or Co-Presidency**)
- *d. to h. merged (already written in 12.1)*

# Bylaws changes (4)

## Art. 12 The Executive Board (EB)

- 1. The EB is composed of: [...]
- g. Marketing and social media manager
- j. Liaison officers.
- 2. The Presidium members should be students enrolled at USI [...]
- 3. The EB is limited to a maximum of fifteen members. If necessary and not otherwise specified, any role can be filled by two people, as long as the maximum limit of EB members is not exceeded.
- 4. The board can appoint up to three members to the EB ad interim. Until they are elected by the next ordinary GA they can exert their role without having voting rights.



*New role (g), split from Sponsoring and merch*

*New category (j)*

- 2. At the birth of the Association the President must be a student registered at USI. Afterwards the President must in principle be a student enrolled at USI; [...]
- 3. At the founding of smusi, the EB members propose themselves after the recognition of smusi by USI. These persons will then have to be approved by the GA.
- 4. The EB is limited to fifteen members.
- 5. The board can appoint up to two members to the EB ad interim. Until they are elected by the next ordinary GA they have no voting rights on the EB.

# Bylaws changes (5)

## Art. 12 The Executive Board (EB)

- 8. Presidium
- a. The Presidium consists of at least two members, preferably a president and a vice president, **and a maximum of three.**
- b. However, there is the option of carrying it out as a co-presidium. **In that case, the responsibilities and duties listed under e. and f. are freely divided between the two co-presidents.**
- e. The President
- vi. manages the official email address **"smusi@usi.ch".**
- f. The Vice-president

*Point a. is now split into a. and b., with some additions*

*Point vi. added*





# Bylaws changes (6)

## Art. 12 The Executive Board (EB)

- 12. IT-supervisor/Webmaster
- a. They maintain the online presence of smusi [...] apart from the official email.
- b. They are responsible smusi's internal management system and platforms of choice;
- 14. Marketing and social media manager
- They are responsible for taking care of smusi's external image and appearance through social media and advertising campaigns for events and the such.
- They closely coordinate with the event supervisor and sponsoring.
- They can take responsibility for merchandise, alternatively to the sponsoring manager.

*Point a. amended*

*Point b. de novo*

*New role, not previously in the bylaws*



# Bylaws changes (7)

## Art. 12 The Executive Board (EB)

- 17. Liaison Officers
- a. They are the link between smusi and other key associations, and their task is to update the EB about what is happening on the side of their association. They have no voting rights.
- b. They can be members of smusi and/or of the partner association, and are appointed by the EB without having to be confirmed by the GA.
- c. Updates are to be held at the official EB meeting, where they are convened to discuss the updates, after which they are free to go.

*New role, not previously in the bylaws*



# Bylaws changes (8)

## Art. 12 The Executive Board (EB)

- 17. Liaison Officers
- d. Delegate to asmact
- i. A delegate represents smusi in the executive board of asmact (associazione medici assistenti e capiclinica Ticino), and in all the asmact or vsao related subjects.
- ii. They have to be appointed by asmact's EB and exist according to asmact bylaws.
- iii. They hold regular consultations with the Presidium and always keep the EB up to date.



*Specified the first Liaison Officer, see next slide*

# About the asmact Delegate



- ASMACT: associazione medici assistenti e capi clinica, sezione ticino
- The VSAO section in the canton of Ticino
- Goal and benefits:
  - better information flow between ASMACT and smusi
  - Development of projects in the future
- Needs to be accepted by both sides (ASMACT and smusi)
- If smusi accepts; ASMACT will vote on it in April 2024
- Earliest possible representation (official with voting rights) autumn semester 2024