

By-Laws (Articles of Association) of the Swiss Association of Energy Geoscientists (SASEG)

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Name, objectives and headquarters of the association

- Art. 1: Under the names “Schweizerische Vereinigung von Energie-Geowissenschaftlern”, “Association suisse des géoscientifiques de l’énergie”, “Associazione svizzera geoscientiati dell’ energia”, and “Swiss Association of Energy Geoscientists” there exists an association according to the Swiss ZGB Art. 60 ff.
- Art. 2: The objective of the association is to bring together energy geoscientists (earth scientists specialised in research, exploration and production of energy) as well as representatives of other areas of applied geology and peripheral professions, with the aim to promote scientific research and professional interests and to cultivate social contacts. With its know-how and expertise, the Association contributes to the public debate on energy matters.
- Art. 3: The goals of the association will be achieved through meetings, conventions, the publication of a scientific periodical, as well as through exchanges with other organisations with similar interests and with the public.
- Art. 4: The headquarter (seat) of the association is identical with the domicile of the president.

Membership: Type of members, admittance, resignation, rights and obligations

- Art. 5: Members of the association are made up of natural persons, namely:
ordinary members, student members, life-long members and honorary members
and from legal entities, namely:
commercial companies and non-commercial institutions, such as universities and libraries.
- Art. 6: Admittance is obtained by written notice to the president. Honorary members are appointed by the general assembly and based on a proposal made by the management committee.
- Art. 7: Resignation requires a written statement to the president and is allowable until the end of the current calendar year. Dismissal of members can be decided upon by the management committee if a member has not paid his annual membership fees for two consecutive years.
- Art. 8: All members are entitled to receive the publications of the association, and attending members have the right to vote in the meetings called by the management committee.
- Art. 9: Annual membership fees:
- Members pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which is determined by the general assembly and recorded in the general assembly minutes.
 - Life-long membership requires a single payment, which corresponds to the twenty-fold of the annual membership fees.
 - Honorary members are except from annual dues.
 - The management committee can suspend members upon request.
- Art. 10: Data protection
The association collects only those personal data from members that are necessary to fulfill the purpose of the association. The management committee ensures an appropriate level of data security.

Bodies of the Association

- Art. 11: The bodies of the Association are the General Assembly, the Management Committee and the auditors.
- Art. 12: The general assembly takes place annually. Its business is:
- Approval of the annual report and statements of accounts (financial report)
 - Election of the management committee and the president

3. Election of auditors
4. Setting of annual membership fees
5. Dealing with proposals and requests

Art. 13: Management committee

1. The management committee consists of the following persons/functions:
President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, publication officer and general committee members.
2. The management committee is elected by the general assembly for a period of one year by a majority of the assembly, in an open ballot or, at the request of the majority, in a secret ballot.
3. The duties of the management committee are:
 - a) Governing all business and affairs of the association,
 - b) Call for general assemblies,
 - c) Admission of new members,
 - d) Dismissal of members based on Art. 7,
 - e) Organisation of meetings and conventions,
 - f) Publishing of a scientific periodical,
 - g) Promotion of the professional interests.

Art. 14: The auditors

1. The auditors examine the annual statement of accounts and emit a report to the general assembly.
2. The auditors are elected by the general assembly for a term of one year.

Earnings

Art. 15: The earnings of the association consist mainly of annual fees of the members and sundry income.

By-laws and termination of the association

Art. 16: Petitions for amendments/revisions of the by-laws must be addressed to the president in writing.

Art. 17: The general assembly can decide on the termination of the association by a majority of two thirds of the attending members.

The general assembly decides on the use of the association's funds in the case of termination.

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