

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

(free translation; General Assembly 2011 Yverdon; Art. 7 General Assembly 2016 Heidelberg)

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, 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 private residence of the President.

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

Art. 5: The association consists of personal members, i.e. ordinary members, student members, life-long members and honorary members; and of corporate members, i.e. 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 on the basis of a proposal made by the management committee.

Art. 7: Resignation requires a written statement to the president and is possible by the end of the current calendar year. Dismissal of members can be decided upon by the management committee if the member has not paid his annual dues for two years.

Art. 8: All members are entitled to receive the publications of the association, and personal members have the right to vote in the meetings called by the management committee.

Art .9: Annual dues

- a) Annual dues are set by the general assembly and are payable 1st of July of each year. The precise amount is published in the bulletin.
- b) Life-long membership requires a single payment, which corresponds to the twenty-fold of the annual dues.
- c) Honorary members are except from annual dues.
- d) The management committee can dispense members in need from annual dues.

Organization of the Association

Art. 10: The association is organized in a management committee, the general assembly and the auditors.

Art. 11: The general assembly takes place yearly with the following agenda:

- a) Approval of the annual report and statements of accounts (financial report?)
- b) Election of the management committee and the president
- c) Election of auditors
- d) Setting of annual dues
- e) Dealing with proposals and requests

Art. 12: The management committee

1. The management committee consists of the following functions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, publication officer and assessors.
2. The management committee is elected by the general assembly for terms of two years on the basis of the majority of the attending members in open election or, upon request, by ballot. Elections outside the normal term are valid for the rest of the term.

3. Responsibilities of the management committee:
 - a) Governing all business and affairs of the association
 - b) Call for general assemblies
 - c) Admission of new members
 - d) Dismissal of members on the basis of Art.7
 - e) Organisation of meetings and conventions
 - f) Publishing of a scientific periodical
 - g) Promotion of the professional interests

Art. 13: The auditors examine the annual statement of accounts and emit a report to the general assembly.

Receipts

Art. 14: The receipts of the association consist of annual dues of the members and exceptional receipts.

By-laws and termination of the association

Art. 15. Petitions for amendments/revisions of the by-laws have to be addressed to the president in writing.

Art. 16: 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.

The above by-laws were adopted by the General Assembly in Yverdon on June 18, 2011 and published in Bull. for Applied Geology Vol. 16/2, 2011 (p. 126-127), except for Art. 7 that was adopted by the General Assembly in Heidelberg on June 25, 2016. They replace the by-laws adopted on June 23, 2007 (Bull. for Applied Geology, Vol. 12/1, 2007, p. 110-111). The legally binding text is the German one. Translations in other languages serve the improved comprehension of the text. "Board" was replaced by "management committee" throughout these by-laws in August 2016.