



## **EASTAP STATUTE**

### **EASTAP – European Association for the Study of Theatre and Performance**

#### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The parties to the present agreement hereby establish an Association, in compliance with the Law of July 1, 1901 and the Decree of August 16, 1901. The Association shall be called EASTAP – European Association for the Study of Theatre and Performance.

#### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association is:

- Bring together in Europe scholars, artists, performance makers and stakeholders in order to encourage and promote multiple methods and approaches in the domain of theatre and live performance (including theatre, dance, opera, puppetry, circus or any performing arts related activities).

The activities envisaged to attain these goals are, among others:

- The organizing of conferences, workshops, seminars, working groups, debates, and round tables;
- Facilitating, sharing and developing innovative research projects that generate new knowledge;
- Increasing visibility for research in theatre and performance including the disciplines of aesthetics, performance theory and theatre and performance history in the various European countries;
- Translating and disseminating new and existing research by publishing a journal;
- Sponsoring multi-disciplinary debates among professionals (sociologists, anthropologists, historians, architects, photographers, physicists) on specific topics related;
- Exploring and promoting various forms of financial aid (subsidies, scholarships, grants) appropriate to the fields of research of the Association's members;
- Stimulating new networks of research.

### **ARTICLE 3: OFFICIAL LOCATION/ADDRESS**

The official location/address is Montpellier, France. It can be transferred by a decision taken by the Bureau and mentioned in the Internal Rulings.

### **ARTICLE 4: DURATION**

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

### **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP**

The membership shall include:

- a) Honorary members
- b) Benefactor-members
- c) Active members or supporters
- d) Institutions

### **ARTICLE 6: ADMISSION**

The Association is open to any person or institution connected with or having similar interests or activities to the purpose of the Association. The support of individual members is always considered *intuitu personae*.

### **ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The amount of dues in each category shall be set by the General Assembly, and shall be indicated each year in the Association's accounting.

Dues entitle members to a subscription to the Association's journal. Different categories of members are:

- a) Honorary members, distinguished as such by the Association.
- b) Benefactor-members are those who pay a specific entry fee to EASTAP events such as conferences and an annual membership fee.
- c) Active members are those who pay an annual subscription. It varies according to categories: regular members and students.
- d) Institutional members (theatres, acting schools, libraries, museums and other similar and associated

organisations) are accepted but without a right to vote. Their fee will also be set at the General Assembly.

Dues are never refunded whatever the reason of the request.

Voting procedure is established in the Internal Rulings.

#### **ARTICLE 8: CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership may be cancelled as a result of:

- a) A notice of resignation (a letter must be sent to the Ex-com)
- b) Death
- c) Non payment of fees
- d) A decision taken by the ExCom on the grounds of non-conformity with the purpose of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE 9: AFFILIATION**

The Association may join other associations, federations or groups, as decided by the ExCom.

#### **ARTICLE 10: RESOURCES**

The resources of the Association include:

- 1) The total of membership fees and subscriptions;
- 2) Any subsidies provided by central or regional governments or municipal authorities, in France or in Europe;
- 3) Any resources authorized under present law.

#### **ARTICLE 11: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of 20 members, elected by the General Assembly for a term of 4 years.

The members of the Executive Committee can only be re-elected once.

The President can be elected only once.

The Office Bureau will ensure that the Executive Committee has at least 50% new membership every 2

years.

The Executive Committee shall ensure a fair balance among nationalities in its membership. As far as possible, no more than two representatives of one country of residence can be represented in the Ex Com (country of residence is determined by the institutional affiliation/place of work).

Methods for achieving such balance shall be shown in internal record-keeping.

Executive Committee members' powers end with their term of service on the Committee.

The Executive Committee meet at least once a year, and as needed, upon the request of the president or of one-fourth of the members.

Decisions are made on the basis of a majority vote. In the case of a tie, the president's vote shall be decisive.

The Executive Committee is composed as follows:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Secretary in charge of memberships
- Editor of the journal
- Co-Editor of the journal
- Communications officer, for liaison with other organizations
- Fund-raiser
- Webmaster
- Co-ordinator of international projects
- 2 PHD student representatives
- 2 artist representatives
- 5 active members (excluding institutions) who participate in the Association's activities

Members to the Executive Committee are invited to the General Assembly by e-mail, at least one month prior to the meeting. The agenda has to be communicated two weeks prior to the meeting. All decisions shall be decided with a show of hands.

## **ARTICLE 12: THE BUREAU (OFFICE)**

The ExCom shall elect, by secret ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The roles of President and Treasurer cannot be combined.

The Office Bureau runs the day-to-day business of the Association and can delegate members of the Executive Committee to perform specific tasks.

The President and the Treasurer shall be signatories for cheques and the Association's other financial documents.

The functions of the Office Bureau members (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are specified in the Association's internal regulations.

The financial report and annual accounts are to be prepared by the Executive Committee Office Bureau and sent each year to the Prefect of the Department.

### **ARTICLE 13: ELECTIONS**

The Executive Committee is elected by the General Assembly.

The call for candidates for the Executive Committee shall be circulated at least 4 months before the elections, which take place at the General Assembly. Candidates must submit their candidature in writing, supported by the signatures of 10 members from at least three countries, no later than 2 months before the election.

Once the names of candidates have been received, these will be announced officially, at least 1 month before the date of the election.

Candidates are requested to submit a short statement of their reasons for running for office.

Once the Association is well established, electronic voting will be possible. No voting by proxy will be allowed.

### **ARTICLE 14: GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly shall be composed of all members, whatever their status. The General Assembly shall meet once a year.

The Secretary shall notify the membership of the meeting at least 2 weeks in advance, and shall include the agenda.

The President of the Executive Committee shall preside and introduce the agenda.

The Treasurer shall present an annual report of the Association's finances, for approval by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall determine the next year's fees for the different membership categories.

Only topics listed on the agenda shall be discussed.

All decisions will be based on a majority vote among those who are present. No quorum is required.

No proxies will be allowed; only members who are present may vote.

At the end of the agenda, nominations may be made to replace the departing ExCom members.

All deliberations shall be decided based on a show of hands, except the election of members of the ExCom, which shall be anonymous.

Decisions made by the General Assembly apply to all members, including those who are absent.

#### **ARTICLE 15: SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

As needed, or on the request of one-fourth of the members, the President can call a Special Session of the General Assembly, in keeping with ARTICLE 11, above, and only for modifying these statutes, or for dissolution of the Association, or for acts that affect management.

Procedures for notifying members are the same as for an ordinary General Assembly.

Decisions are made on the basis of 2/3 of the members present.

No proxy is allowed. Only present members are allowed to vote.

#### **ARTICLE 16: COMMUNICATION**

EASTAP will communicate with its members via email and through its website.

All members must notify the Secretary of any change of email address, in order to receive announcements of General Assembly meetings and the Newsletter. Should the Association lack such current information, it is not responsible for missed messages.

#### **ARTICLE 17: INDEMNITY**

All functions, including those of members of the Office Bureau and the Executive Committee, are unpaid and voluntary.

#### **ARTICLE 18: INTERNAL RULINGS**

Internal rulings may be made, as needed, by the Office Bureau, but must then be ratified by the General

Assembly. Such rules are intended to regulate matters not covered by these articles, notably those that concern the internal administration of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 19: DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution can be declared when a proposition:

- a. is made by the Office Bureau
- b. then voted by the Ex-com (in such a case a majority of 2/3 is required and the quorum of the Ex-com is required)
- c. then voted by the General Assembly.

In the event of dissolution, one or more liquidators shall be nominated, and the balance of the Association's assets (if any) shall be donated to a non-profit Association (or to an Association with similar objectives), in accordance with the decisions taken by the Extraordinary General Assembly that decided on the dissolution. The balance may not be donated to an individual member of the Association, even in part, except for repayment of advances made.

## **ARTICLE 20: GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

The Association undertakes to submit accounts and financial statements whenever required by the authorized administrative bodies in relation to bequests and donations it is permitted to receive, and to allow representatives of these authorities to inspect its premises and to explain to them the function of these premises.

**Executed in the General Assembly in Aarhus, June 14th 2023**



***Daniele Vianello, President***



***Peter Boenisch, Vice-President***



***Alix De Morant, Secretary***



***Asta Petrikienė, Treasurer***