

NPA Bylaws

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Article I

The name of the association is Nordic Planetarium Association, abbreviated NPA.

NPA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote planetarium activities in the Nordic and Baltic countries by means of biennial meetings, a web-page, arranging topical activities and/or events, and being an active affiliate of International Planetarium Society (IPS).

The member countries of NPA include Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Iceland.

Article II

NPA is governed by a board consisting of a President, a Managing Director, a Treasurer and up to two representatives from each of the member countries. The board members are elected at the biennial NPA meeting, and their term is between two membership meetings.

The board shall not be compensated for its services.

The board can establish standing and ad-hoc committees for different tasks.

The President shall serve as IPS Affiliate Representative, but can appoint a proxy if needed.

The NPA board may offer the position of Advisor to the Board to up to five people who have previously served as board members. Advisors to the Board are invited to board meetings but are not voting members of the board.

Article III

Any person who is/or has been active in the planetarium field of one of the member countries of NPA can become a member. Planetarians with close ties and/or collaborations in member countries are also welcome to join.

Any person who wants to become a member can either join by registering via the NPA website or join by contacting the Managing Director, who is responsible for the membership list.

A voting membership fee, decided by the board, is included in the registration fee for the biennial NPA conference.

Members of NPA are encouraged to become IPS members.

Article IV

Membership meetings are held biennially, preferably in September or October. The agenda shall include reports from the Board, election to the positions of President, Managing Director and Treasurer and national representatives and any other items that have been suggested to the Board no later than two months before the meeting.

Call for a general membership meeting shall be sent out no later than one month before the meeting.

Article V

Fiscal period equals period between two membership meetings.

Article VI

These bylaws may be changed by membership meetings with 2/3 majority.