

Biophysical Society of Serbia

Statute

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STATUTE OF BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY OF SERBIA

Goal

Article 1.

Biophysical society of Serbia (hereafter – Society) is a non-government, non-profit association, established for an indefinite time period with the goal of achieving the objectives in the field of scientific and educational work in the field of fundamental and applied biophysics.

Objectives

Article 2.

- Developing, assisting and coordinating scientific work at basic and applied research in biophysics.
- Recognition of current studies in basic and applied research in biophysics carried out in Serbia.
- Popularization of biophysics in academic circles and in the media.
- Public education in the field of biophysics.
- Creating a strategy for future projects and seeking funding opportunities for biophysical research at the Serbian and international level.

Article 3.

In order to carry out the objectives the Society will:

- Organize seminars, lectures and conferences in the field of basic and applied research in biophysics, solely or along with other organizations.
- Establish cooperation with similar groups in Serbia and with international organizations and societies (IUPAB and others).
- Establish a regular collaboration with Serbian universities and faculties, with the aim of improving educational and scientific work in biophysics.
- Publish textbooks and other publications in the field of basic and applied research in biophysics.
- Establish connection with Serbian scientists engaged in basic and applied research in biophysics in foreign Universities and laboratories, and encourages their active involvement in the Society.
- Stimulate research by awarding best scientific work, master's thesis and doctorate dissertation in the field of basic and applied biophysics

Name and registered office

Article 4.

Society name: Biophysical society of Serbia

Society name in Serbian language: Društvo biofizičara Srbije (DBS)

The registered office of the Society is in Belgrade, Studentski trg 12 , Faculty of Biology,
University of Belgrade

The Society performs its activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia

Membership

Article 5.

Members of the Society may be regular and honorary.

Regular member of the Society can be any person engaged in scientific work in the fields of basic and applied biophysics, who accepts the goals and Statute of the Society and applies for membership to the Steering Committee of the Society.

Honorary member of the Society can be a citizen of the Republic of Serbia, or a foreign citizen, with special merits for the development of biophysics.

Article 6.

The decision on admission to membership is brought forth by the General Assembly and the applicant is promptly notified.

Honorary members are elected by the General Assembly based on the written justification from the Steering Committee of the Society.

A member may resign from membership by declaring resignation in writing.

Membership in the Society may cease due to prolonged inactivity of the member, non-compliance with the provisions of this Statute, or damage to the reputation of the Society.

The decision on membership cessation is brought forth by the General Assembly based on the written justification from the Steering Committee of the Society.

Members must be permitted to profess themselves on the reasons of submission of proposal for a decision on termination of their membership in the Society.

Rights and responsibilities of members

Article 7.

Society members have the right to:

1. participate in achieving the objectives of the Society equally with other members
2. directly participate in the decision making at the General Assembly, as well as through the bodies of the Society
3. elect and be elected into administrative bodies of the Society
4. be timely and fully informed of the activities of the Society
5. participate at meetings, workshops, and other events organized by the Society
6. communicate results of their research at the Society
7. publish their scientific papers and monographs of the Society, provided that they are accepted by the appropriate editorial office, scientific and expert journals and publishing houses

Society members have a responsibility to:

1. actively contribute to achieving the objectives of the Society
2. participate in the activities of the Society, in accordance with their interest
3. pay membership fees

4. perform other tasks entrusted to them by the Steering Committee
5. abide to the Statute of Society

Honorary members of the Society are exempted from membership fees.

Administrative bodies of the Society

Article 8.

Societies administrative bodies are the General Assembly and the Steering Committee. Function of the representative is performed by President of the Society who is also the Chairman of the Committee, and in his absence this duty is performed by the Deputy Chairman, who is also secretary of the Society.

Article 9.

General Assembly of the Society consists of all of its members.

The General Assembly meets regularly once a year. Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened upon the proposal of the Committee, as well as upon the initiative of at least one-third of Assembly members. The initiative is submitted to the Steering Committee in writing and it must specify the issues for discussion.

General Assembly session is convened by the President of the Society by written notice of the time and location of the assembly and draft agenda. The session is chaired by a person elected at the beginning of the session by public voting.

The General Assembly:

1. determines the plan and work program
2. adopts the Statute, as well as amendments to the Statute
3. adopts other general regulations of the Society
4. elects and dismisses the President of the Society, who is also the Chairman of the Committee
5. elects and dismisses members of the Steering Committee
6. reviews and approves report of the Committee at least annually
7. reviews and approves the financial plan and report
8. decides on status changes and dissolution of the Society
9. decides on the association with other societies in the country and abroad
10. elects honorary members
11. grants public acknowledgments to the proposal of the Committee

Decisions of the General Assembly are valid if at least one half of the members is present.

The General Assembly shall decide by majority vote of members present.

For the decision on amendments to the Statute, status changes and dissolution of the Society, two thirds majority vote of members present is required.

Article 10.

The Steering Committee is the executive body of the Society, which ensures the implementation of the objectives of the Society as required under this Statute.

The Steering Committee consists of five members, elected and dismissed by the General Assembly.

The mandate of members of the Committee is four years and they can be re-elected to the same position.

The Steering Committee elects a Deputy President, who is also secretary of the Society, from among its members.

Article 11.

President of the Society, who is also the Chairman of the Committee, represents the Society in legal

matters and has the rights and duties of principal financial ordering party.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Steering Committee, the Deputy President is authorized to represent the Society and sign all financial documents on behalf of the Society.

Article 12.

The Steering Committee:

1. manages the Society between the two sessions of the Assembly and makes decisions how to achieve the objectives of the Society
2. organizes regular activities of the Society
3. entrusts specific tasks to individual members
4. makes financial decisions
5. decides to initiate the procedure for amendments to the Statute, on its own initiative or on proposal of at least five members of the Society, and prepares a proposal of amendments to the Assembly
6. decides to initiate the procedure for compensation of damages in cases under Article 25 Paragraph 2 Law on Associations and, if necessary, determines a special Representative of the Society for the process
7. organizes scientific meetings
8. makes decisions on launching scientific periodicals and other publications of the Society and takes care of the legality of the issuance of these publications
9. appoints editors of the edition "Contemporary Biophysics"
10. appoints editor of "Bulletin" of the Society
11. appoints chief editors, editorial boards and councils and Societies publications
12. appoints committee for public acknowledgments, and if necessary, other committees
13. elects Deputy Chairman of the Steering Committee, who is also secretary of the Society
14. decides on matters for which other bodies of the Society are not authorized, either by law or this Statute

Steering Committees decisions are valid if at least one half of the members is present, and decisions are made by majority vote of all members.

Article 13.

Responsibilities of the President of the Society who is also Chairman of the Committee are:

- To represent the Society
- To prepare and arrange meetings of the Committee
- To arrange sessions of the General Assembly
- To take measures and actions for carrying out the decisions of the Assembly and the Committee within its jurisdiction

Article 14.

Responsibilities of the Deputy President of the Steering Committee, who is also secretary of the Society are:

- To manage economic and financial affairs
- To manage memberships and to report thereon to the Committee and the Assembly of the Society
- To perform, in cooperation with the Steering Committee, administrative and financial tasks of the Society, organize annual financial statement preparation and administer books of business

Implementation of transparency

Article 15.

Work of the Society is open to the public.

The Steering Committee regularly informs members and public about the activities of the Society, either directly or through internal publications and press releases, or in some other appropriate manner.

Annual accounts and reports on activities of the Society shall be submitted to members at the meeting of the Assembly.

Article 16.

In order to attain its objectives the Society establishes contacts and cooperation with other associations and organizations, both at home and abroad.

The Association may join international associations of Theoretical and Applied Biophysics, for which the decision is made by the General Assembly.

Acquiring and utilization of resources

Article 17.

The Society raises funds through membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts, financial subsidies and other legal methods.

The Society may obtain funds from registration fees for conferences, seminars and other forms of education in the field of theoretical and applied biophysics organized by the Society.

Public acknowledgment

Article 18.

The Society grants public acknowledgments to its members as an expression of gratitude and recognition for the work invested and results realized in achieving the objectives of the Society. The Society may also nominate their members for the award of medals, awards, election to senior and honorary titles and so forth.

As a special form of public acknowledgment, the Society may assign letters of thanks, charters and diplomas to organizations, institutions, societies and individuals, both in the country and abroad.

Article 19.

In the Society itself, public recognitions are as follows: - honorary member of the Society and honorary President of the Society.

Dissolution of the Society

Article 20.

The dissolution of the Society may be decided upon in a General Assembly with cessation of conditions for achieving the objectives of the Society, as well as in other cases provided by law.

Managing property of the Society in the event of dissolution

Article 21.

In the event of dissolution, assets of the Association shall be transferred to a local non-profit legal entity established to achieve the same or similar goals, that is, the Assembly shall determine where the property is transferred in accordance with the Law.

Appearance and content of the seal

Article 22.

The Societies seal is of circular shape with inscription on its rim: “Serbian Biophysical Society Belgrade”, with the Societies emblem, cell in the physical field, at its center.

Article 23.

All matters not directly regulated by this Statute shall be attended by applying provisions of the Act on Associations.

Article 24.

Serbian Biophysical Society continues the tradition and continuity of the Yugoslav biophysical society, founded in 1970., the Association of biophysical societies of Yugoslavia, established in 1984. and Yugoslav biophysical society established in 1997.

Article 25.

This Statute becomes effective upon its ratification at the General Assembly meeting.