



NORWEGIAN NUCLEAR

ASSOCIATION

Statute of the Norwegian Nuclear Association (Norwegian Nuclear)

§ 1 Name

The name of the Association is the *Norwegian Nuclear Association* or *Norwegian Nuclear* (short name), and it is registered in Halden, Norway.

§ 2 Objective

Norwegian Nuclear is a national association of individuals and legal entities who are interested in nuclear technologies, including their application in energy, medical, material science, use of radioisotopes, emergency preparedness and other sectors,

with the objective of supporting the national development of technologies, competence, and capacity relevant for the nuclear domain, and their application domestically and abroad.

§ 3 Activities of the Association

To fulfil its objectives, the Association

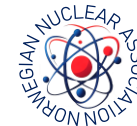
- promotes collaboration among its members, including initiation of joint projects,
- supports competence and capacity development for its members,
- enhances awareness of international development and opportunities,
- strengthens connection of its members with the international community,
- raises visibility of competencies of its members on a national and international level,
- provides joint statements related to the use of nuclear technologies,
- prepares studies and acts as a consultative body for its members,
- stay connected with relevant associations and other organisations,

and engages in other similar activities suitable for advancing the Association's Objective.

To support its activities, the Association can apply for and receive grants and donations and can apply for funding for individual projects.

§ 4 Legal structure

The Association is a self-governing legal entity, with members. The association is non-profit, i.e. no members or any other person or legal entity, can dispose the assets, is entitled to distribute profits or is liable for any debt or other obligations.



§ 5 The Organizational structure

The Association is governed by the Board of Directors (or Board), who appoints, among themselves, a Director (acting also as chair of the Board) and a Deputy Director (acting also as vice-chair of the Board). The Board also appoints a Treasurer and a Secretary (who can be the same as the Treasurer). The Treasurer and the Secretary do not need to be elected board members. Only elected board members have voting rights in the Board meetings.

The Board can appoint further officials as required and can establish committees and working groups (e.g. a young generation network) that support the Activities and development of the Association.

The Board consists of a chair (Director), a vice-chair (Deputy Director), as well as a minimum of five and a maximum of seven other members, making it a total of seven to nine board members. The board members are elected for two years at a time. The board members can be re-elected, but no one can serve for more than four consecutive years. If a board member has served for four consecutive years, they cannot be re-elected until three years have passed since they left the position.

The Board is quorate when the chair or vice-chair and at least half of the board members are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chair has the casting vote, except in elections where a tie is resolved by drawing lots.

The Board's tasks are to handle current matters, implement the Association's meeting decisions, be responsible for the administration of the Association's finances, prepare proposals for the Association's meetings, represent the Association externally, establish working procedures, and oversee the activities of the Association's activity groups, committees, and working groups.

§ 6 Membership

An individual or a legal entity, who agrees to support the Objective of the Association and its Activities by signing the Association's Statute, can be accepted as a member. The Association's Board of Directors handles and approves applications for membership.

In addition to the regular membership, the Association offers Supporting, Student, Senior and Honorary membership.

A legal entity can only be accepted as a Supporting Member and has no right to speak or vote at the General Meeting.

Unless otherwise agreed with the member, on the website of the Association, supporting members contribution will be acknowledged, their logos will be displayed, and a link to their services and products will be included. Further, unless otherwise agreed, their logos will be included in reports and other materials produced by the Association, and they will be invited to events aiming at increasing visibility of national competences relevant for the Objective of the Association.

The Association promotes inclusion of young professionals (students). Hence, the Association offers a Student Member status to those who can prove a full-time student status at a university or college. Individuals who otherwise can prove a student status may also be approved as a student member.



A student member has no voting rights but has the right to participate and speak at general meetings. A student member is obliged to notify when they graduate, at which point they can become a regular member.

The Association also promotes inclusion of senior retired experts. Hence, the Association offers a Senior Member status. Senior Members have the same rights as regular members.

Student and Senior member applications will be verified by the Secretary and approved by the Director or Deputy Director. Student and Senior Members pay a reduced membership fee.

An individual who has made special contributions in the nuclear field in Norway or within the activities of the Association may be appointed an Honorary Member. An individual becomes an honorary member if the board unanimously proposes it, and the general meeting supports it with a four-fifths (4/5) majority. Honorary Members have the same rights as regular members but are exempt from the annual membership fee.

§ 7 Fees

The annual General Assembly defines the annual membership fees. Non-profit supporting members (e.g. associations and research institutes) and individual members have a fixed membership fee, whereas corporate membership fees vary based on turnover. The General Assembly can decide on other differentiated fees and their corresponding conditions.

§ 8 Termination of membership

A member that wishes to terminate their membership should send a written notice to the board.

A member who has not paid the membership fee may be considered to have terminated the membership, though not until the member has received a payment reminder, and in no case before four months after the due date for the membership fee.

The board may decide to exclude a member. Exclusion from the association shall not be based on unreasonable grounds.

§ 9 General assembly

The General Assembly (or General Meeting), held annually, is the supreme governing body of the Association. The General Meeting is quorate with the number of voting members present, and each member has one vote, except Student and Supporting members who have no voting rights. The General assembly elects a chairperson to lead the assembly, a secretary to record the assembly and two (2) witnesses to sign the minutes.

Unless otherwise determined, a decision must be made by a simple majority of the votes cast to be valid.

The General Meeting is convened by the Board with at least one month's notice directly to the members. Proposals to be considered by the General Meeting must be submitted to the Board at least two weeks prior to the general meeting. A complete agenda must be made available to the members at least one week before the General Meeting. The General Meeting cannot consider proposals that are not listed on the agenda, unless $\frac{3}{4}$ (three quarters) of those present demand it.



The agenda for the General Meeting shall include approving the annual report and the annual plan, review of the audited accounts, evaluation of submitted proposals, update of the membership fees, approval of the budget, election of the board members, and election of an auditor.

§ 10 Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings must be held when the board decides so or at least 1/3 of the members demands it. The notice is given in the same manner as for regular General Meetings, with at least 14 days' notice. An extraordinary General Meeting can only consider and make decisions on the matters announced in the notice of the meeting.

§ 11 Signing on behalf of the association (Procuration)

Signing on behalf of the association can be done by two individuals: the Director (chair) or the Deputy Director (vice-chair) along with a board member. If there is authorization from the Board, the chair, secretary, or treasurer can sign alone.

§ 12 Changing the statutes & Dissolution

Proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association (Statute) shall be considered at the General Meeting. To consider an amendment to the articles, the relevant proposal must be part of the agenda.

The dissolution of the Association can only be considered at the General Meeting. After the dissolution and settlement of debts, the Association's assets shall be allocated to the purpose the Association works to promote, by transferring the net assets to a non-profit organization determined by the General Meeting. No members have any claim to the Association's assets or a share of them.

To decide on amending the articles or terminating the Association, at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes are required.