

Statutes of the International Federation of Aero- and Astro-Philatelic Societies (FISA)

I. Name, Seat, Purpose

Article 1

Name / Seat

The International Federation of Aero- and Astro-Philatelic Societies (consecutively used FISA), founded on April 23rd 1960 in Strasbourg, is an association according to Article 60 ff. of the Civil Code of Switzerland.

The legal seat is Zurich, Switzerland.

The office of the FISA is at the General Secretary's location.

The FISA is politically and confessional neutral.

Article 2

Purpose

The FISA joins associations, study groups and working groups dealing with Aero- and Astro-Philately worldwide and represents them to outwards.

Article 3

Functions

The FISA

- Contributes and facilitates communication between members and aero- and astrophilatelic societies.
- Facilitates and supports Aero- and Astro-Philatelists worldwide.
- Maintains relationships with aero- and astrophilatelic societies.
- Maintains contacts with postal authorities, philatelic libraries and archives.
- Supports and consults organizers of Aero- and Astro-Philatelic exhibitions, competitions, symposiums and seminars.
- Compiles and dispenses rules for the evaluation of Aero- and Astro-Philatelic exhibits as well as directives for exhibitors and jurors of such exhibits.
- Promotes Aero- and Astro-Philatelic literature.
- Fights against forgeries in collaboration with international committees in this field.
- Maintains an Internet homepage with current information on the FISA and the member societies.
- Arranges every 2-4 years an international Aero- and Astro-Philatelic exhibition by a local society (according to article 2) under its patronage. This event may also take place in conjunction with an international exhibition.

II. Membership

Article 4

Active Members

The FISA consists of active members according to article 2.

Article 5

Associated Members

An associated membership is open to all organizations interested in Aero- and Astro-Philately such as:

- Postal Administrations
- Aero-Clubs
- Aviation Museums

- Aircraft and Space works
- Publishing Houses

Associated members do not have a vote at FISA Congresses and elections.

Article 6
Admission

Membership applications shall be submitted in written form (regular mail, email or fax) to the FISA Board containing the current statutes, a list of board members and information about the number of members.

The FISA Board may offer an observer status based on the membership application.

The General Assembly will decide during the next FISA Congress about the admission of the new member.

Article 7
Obligations

With the admission, each member accepts the statutes of the FISA. They will be given to all members.

Article 8
Termination
of Membership

The membership terminates at:

- Withdrawal of membership
- Membership exclusion

Article 9
Withdrawal

An active member may withdraw his membership to the end of a year in case the withdrawal declaration has been sent to the General Secretary by the end of June of the current year.

All liabilities of a member as against the FISA shall be settled at the time of termination of the membership.

Article 10
Exclusion

The FISA Board may exclude a member for significant reasons. The final decision will be made by the General Assembly.

Article 11
Honorary
Membership

Honorary Membership may be given to single personalities with outstanding achievements in promoting the Aero- and/or Astro-Philately or the FISA.

The Honorary Membership shall be proposed by the FISA Board. The General Assembly shall ratify such membership during the next meeting.

All active members have the right to make a proposal.

Honorary Members are entitled to participate in all meetings in a consulting function.

Article 12
Assets

At withdrawal of membership or exclusion from membership, all rights to assets as well as to services of the FISA expire.

III. Organization

Article 13
Organizational
Bodies

The organizational bodies of the association are:

- the General Assembly
- the Board

- the Auditors

Article 14

Business Year

The business year is identical to the calendar year.

IV. General Assembly

Article 15

Ordinary

The ordinary / extra ordinary General Assembly is the highest authority of the FISA. It incorporates the board and delegates. It is taking place every 2 years.

Extra ordinary

An extra ordinary General Assembly can be convened:

- by the President
- by the Board
- by request of at least half of the active members

An extra ordinary General Assembly shall take place within 3 months after receipt of the request by the General Secretary.

Decisions of an extraordinary General Assembly are valid when at least a third of all active members are present or represented. Decisions can be made by simple majority.

Invitation

The invitation with the agenda shall be provided by the board at least 8 weeks prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Proposals

Proposals from members shall be in possession of the General Secretary at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the General Assembly. Proposals shall be forwarded to the members prior to the General Assembly.

Voting Rights

Every active member of the FISA has the right to vote. It is allowed to send a delegate to the General Assembly having a written proxy.

Proxy

Every active member may name in writing a member of the board or a delegate of another active member to execute the voting rights.

A voter may only take two other proxies besides his own voting rights.

The Board members have no separate voting rights.

Article 16

Competences of the General Assembly

The following competences fall exclusively under the responsibility of the General Assembly:

- Acceptance of the agenda.
- Election of the persons counting votes.
- Endorsement of the minutes of the last General Assembly.
- Endorsement of the President's annual report.
- Endorsement of the Treasurer's and Auditor's report.
- Discharge of the board.
- Admission and exclusion of members.
- Election of the President.

- Election of the remaining board members.
- Election of the Auditors.
- Determination of annual fees.
- Handling of proposals and appeals.
- Handling of statutes changes.
- Distinction / nomination of Honorary Members.
- Determination of date and place of next General Assembly.
- Miscellaneous.

The President, Vice-President or a deputy conducts the General Assembly. Decisions shall appear in the minutes. The minutes shall be provided to the members within 3 months after the General Assembly.

Decisions by the General Assembly require a simple majority. In case of equality of votes, the President is taking the final ballot.

The change of statutes and the dissolution of the society follows article 21 and 22.

V. Board

Article 17

Board

The Board consists of a minimum of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- General Secretary

The following bodies report to the board:

- National delegates
- Committees initiated by the board
- Liquidation committee

Terms of Office

The Board will be elected by the General Assembly for a period of 2 years. A re-election is possible. With the exemption of the President, the board constitutes itself.

Duties

The Board meets based on the invitation of the President or by request of two board members.

The Board deals with businesses of the association which is not dealt with by the General Assembly.

The President is the legal FISA representative and acts in place with external bodies. He may delegate his authority to the Vice-President or another member of the board.

Quorum

Decisions of the board are valid when all Board members were invited and at least four members are present. Decisions can be taken with a simple majority of members present. In case of equality of votes, the President and respectively the Vice-President, is taking the final ballot.

Minutes

Negotiations and decisions shall be recorded in the minutes. Final decisions shall be forwarded to the members within three months.

Signing Authority	A legal binding with third parties requires a collective signature of the President or Vice-President and another Board member.
National Delegates	In order to represent worldwide interests of Aero- and Astro-Philatelists by the FISA, geographical zones can be represented. If possible, one delegate of North America (including Canada), South America, Asia, Australia (including New Zealand) and Africa may participate. These representatives shall be invited to meetings of the Board and to General Assemblies. National delegates may be represented by the Board based on their proxies in writing.

VI. Statutory Auditors

<u>Article 18</u> Statutory Auditors	Based on a proposal by the Board, the General Assembly elects two competent Auditors for a term of two years. They may not be members of the Board. A re-election is possible. The Auditors verify all accounts of the FISA and submit their report to the General Assembly in writing.
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VII. Membership Fees

<u>Article 19</u> Membership Fees	All active members shall pay an annual membership fee. The amount will be decided by the General Assembly. The amount shall be settled within 30 days after receipt of the invoice. An associated member shall pay a reduced amount as proposed by the Board and confirmed by the General Assembly.
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VIII. Liability

<u>Article 20</u> Liability	The association is only liable up to the assets of the association. Any liability of the board or active members is excluded. For damages triggered by active members against other active members or third parties, the FISA declines any liability.
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IX. Change of Statutes, Dissolution of the Association

<u>Article 21</u> Change of Statutes	Changes of statutes require at least a 2/3 majority of votes of active members present at the General Assembly.
<u>Article 22</u> Dissolution of the Association	The General Assembly decides about a dissolution of the association when at least 1/3 of all active members are present. A dissolution requires a 2/3 majority of active members present.

Article 23
Liquidation

For the performance of the liquidation the Assembly deciding about the dissolution shall elect a liquidation committee with a chairman and four members.

X. Languages

Article 24
Language

The official languages of the FISA are English, German and French. In case of uncertainties the German version of the statutes is decisive.

XI. Final Clause

Article 25

These statutes were accepted by the General Assembly on the 27th of April 2013 and are immediately coming into force.

They replace the revised statutes of May 26, 2001.

The President:

The General Secretary:

Ross Wood

Wolfgang Porges