

# STATUTES

## Nordic IAPWS Committee



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## **1. Definition, objectives and constitution**

### **1.1 Definition**

The International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam (IAPWS) is a voluntary non-profit association of national/regional committees for the public good.

The Nordic Committee of IAPWS (SIAPWS) is a member of IAPWS representing the Nordic countries (*i.e.* Finland and the Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway).

### **1.2 Objectives**

The objectives of the IAPWS are to advance the knowledge of the properties of water, steam, and aqueous systems, particularly those properties of industrial importance, and to make the knowledge available to engineers and scientists the world over. In support of these objectives, the Association:

- a. prepares and promulgates critically evaluated, internationally agreed-upon formulations for properties of water, steam, and aqueous solutions in print and electronic formats.
- b. promotes, stimulates, and coordinates research and analysis and communicates the results thereof by the organization of the International Conferences on the Properties of Water and Steam, joint sponsorship of other conferences, and through publications.
- c. sponsors, encourages, and supports individual projects directly or with the assistance of National Committees.

### **Nordic collaboration**

The objectives of SIAPWS are to manage IAPWS' activities in the Nordic countries and take care of the Nordic interests within IAPWS. Promotion of contacts between research institutions and power and energy industry is an essential part of the objectives.

SIAPWS must facilitate the cooperation across the Nordic countries in relation to water, steam, aqueous solutions, and water treatment. SIAPWS coordinates projects and exchange of experience on the Nordic level as well as between the national groups of the member countries. The vision and mission of SIAPWS are summarized in the figures of the appendix.

### **1.3 Constitution**

The constitution of the SIAPWS shall consist of these statutes.

## **2. Membership**

Members of SIAPWS are the National Groups: Matarvattensektionen, SIAPWS Danmark, Vesikemiayhdistys SIAPWS Suomi ry. Large companies and research institutions with a link to the power and energy industry may also be direct members, if they wish to support the work of SIAPWS on the Nordic level. Members from all Nordic countries have equal rights and duties.

Members like national research institutions, smaller companies and independent persons with a link to the power and energy industry must seek membership through the National Groups.

A withdrawal of a member is possible with one-year notice from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **3. Organisation**

Domicile of SIAPWS is at Ingeniørforeningen IDA, Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, 1780 Copenhagen V, Denmark. IDA takes care of the financial function of SIAPWS. English is the official language of SIAPWS.

The highest authority of SIAPWS is the general meeting which is called in at four weeks' notice at least once a year before the 31th of March. The general rules of IDA for its working groups apply.

Agenda of the ordinary general meeting should contain the following:

1. Election of the moderator of the meeting and clerk of minutes
2. Annual report of the SIAPWS chairman
3. Annual report of the SIAPWS cashier and budget for the present year
4. Financial dues
5. Election of members of executive committee
6. Election of an auditor
7. Authorization of the Nordic delegation for the coming IAPWS meeting
8. Other business

The general meeting is legally competent to transact business if at least members representing each National Group are present. The National groups can nominate two members entitled to vote at the general meeting. Each institutional member (research institution or company) can nominate one delegate for voting. Only present delegates are normally entitled to vote and are eligible for the Executive Committee. However, on request from concerned members, at least 3 days before the general meeting, an electronic vote is possible in certain questions.

The general meeting can decide to put questions of vital importance to a postal ballot among the members with a specified time schedule.

The Executive Committee represents SIAPWS between the general meetings. Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a period of 2 years among the SIAPWS members. The Executive Committee consists of at least 6 members, i.e. each National Group appoints 2 members. Institutional members may appoint or suggest extra members of the Executive Committee. The election of chairman, vice chairman, and cashier should be staggered; thus, they should not come up for election the same year.

The Executive Committee will be extended to 8 members, if Norway forms a National Group (SIAPWS Norge). In the meantime, Norwegian companies/persons/research institutes that want to be a member of SIAPWS, can apply for membership in one of the other national groups.

The general meeting of SIAPWS must be organized and held by the National Groups alternately. Starting with Sweden in 2021, Finland 2022 and Denmark 2023. If Norway form a National Group, they automatically join the alternation, and the National Groups will then be host of the general meeting every fourth year.

#### **4. Finance**

Euro is the official currency of SIAPWS. The deposit and bookkeeping at IDA are kept in Danish currency. Bookkeeping is based on the currency rate of the actual date, keeping track of the actual costs and incomes. Annual balance sheet is worked out in euro using the first middle rate quoted by Danish National Bank in the beginning of the next year.

The general meeting lays down the membership fees considering the type and size of the members. The highest fees should apply for the National Groups reflecting the number of members. Lower fees should apply for institutional members that have chosen to be direct members of SIAPWS. Sponsoring of SIAPWS activities are handled through direct membership. Direct members may use SIAPWS events and membership for branding; however, the Executive Committee must agree to the extent and concept.

Roughly every 10th year SIAPWS will host the yearly meeting of IAPWS. The cost in connection with this event is very high. The Executive Committee must accumulate reasonable capital for this purpose from the annual fees between the hosting events. The member fees and the budget should reflect this task.

#### **5. Changes**

Suggestion for changes in these statutes or dissolution of SIAPWS shall be forwarded to the chairman of the Executive Committee at least 14 days before a general meeting. Suggestion shall be distributed to all members by e-mail at least 6 days before a general meeting.

At least  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the members are necessary to accept such suggestions. Furthermore, the changes in these statutes accepted by the general meeting must be approved by IDA before they can be implemented.

#### **6. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Vision and Mission of SIAPWS

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