

STATUTES

The Swiss Energy Law Association (SELA)

February 11, 2021

Art 1: Name and Identity

1. The Swiss Energy Law Association (SELA) is a non-profit association in accordance with Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code and governed by the present statutes.
2. The Association is politically neutral and does not pursue commercial interests.
3. It is open to scholars and practitioners, government officials and juridical persons interested and working in the field of energy law.
4. The Association is affiliated with the European Federation of Energy Law Associations (EFELA) in particular in relation to the proliferation of renewable energy in the context of climate change mitigation.

Art 2: Headquarters and Duration

1. The headquarters of the Organization are located in Lugano, Switzerland.
2. The Association is unlimited in duration.
3. The Association can be resolved by a majority of the General Assembly of all members of the Association present upon motion of the Executive Committee.

Art 3: Aims and Purpose

1. The purpose of the Association is to:
 - a. Promote knowledge of energy law and facilitate a better understanding of legal and policy issues related to the energy sector.
 - b. Provide a forum of discussion of issues relating to energy law in international, European and Swiss law, comprising all forms of energy available and prospective.
2. To this effect, the Association creates a network of experts on energy law and policy issues in Switzerland.
3. The Association participates in the debate on European energy law and policy.

Art 4: Resources

1. The Association's resources are derived from:
 - a. Membership fees.
 - b. Conference fees.
 - c. Sponsorship.
 - d. Public subsidies.

- e. Any other resources authorized by the law.
2. The funds shall be used in accordance with the Association's aims.

Art 5: Members

1. Membership is open to natural and juridical persons interested in the field of energy law and policy on all layers of governance and institutions involved.
2. Applications for membership are subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Art 6: Organs

1. The Association consists of the following organs:
 - a. The General Assembly.
 - b. The Executive Committee.
2. The organs are served by the Secretariat.

Art 7: The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members.
2. It shall hold an annual ordinary meeting.
3. It may also hold an extraordinary session whenever necessary, at the request of the Executive Committee or at least of one-fifth of its members.
4. The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.
5. The Executive Committee shall invite formally the members of the date of the General Assembly at least four weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Art 8: Tasks and Functions of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly appoints the members of the Executive Committee.
2. It assesses the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
3. It annually defines membership fees for natural and juridical persons upon motion of the Executive Committee;
4. It approves the annual budget;
5. It decides upon any modification of statutes;
6. It decides upon the resolution of the Association in accordance with Article 2.

Art 9: Procedural Rules of the General Assembly

1. Subject to Article 2, decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority of members present, subject to resolution of the Association. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

2. Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.
3. Voting can also take place by secret ballot, if at least five members of the Association request to do so.

Art 10: The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer. The General Assembly may appoint a second Vice-President and up to two additional members.
2. The Executive Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the Association. It manages the day-to-day affairs of the Association and prepares the meeting of the General Assembly.
3. The Executive Committee meets regularly, at least twice a year physically or online.
4. Members of the Executive Committee shall initially be elected for a period of two years. Renewal of appointment is possible and renewable up to six years in overlapping terms.

Article 11: Tasks and Functions of the Executive Committee

1. The functions of the Executive Committee are:
 - a. to take the appropriate measures to achieve the goals of the Association, in particular hosting events, support publications and maintain the Associations website;
 - b. to convene the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies;
 - c. to ensure that Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.
2. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by simple majority vote of the members present.

Art 12: Expenses

1. The Committee members work on a pro bono basis and as such are only reimbursed for their actual expenses and travel costs.
2. The Association covers the cost of the Secretariat.
3. For activities beyond the usual function, each Executive Committee member is eligible for appropriate compensation.

Art 13: Signature and Representation

1. The Association is represented by the President and the Secretary-General.
2. The Association is legally bound on financial matters by the joint signature of the President and the treasurer only.

Article 14: Miscellaneous provisions

1. The Association is lawfully founded by the Founding Members present at the founding meeting upon approval of the present Statutes.
2. The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.
3. Should the Association be dissolved, the available assets will be transferred to a non-profit organization pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the Association and likewise benefiting from tax exemption.
4. No assets shall be returned to the founders or members or used for their own benefit.

Lugano, 4 February, 2021

The Statutes, as amended, were approved by the founding Assembly entered into force upon approval by the Members on 4 February 2021.

The President

Thomas Cottier

The Secretary-General

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