

# **Statutes for the Association of Doctoral Organizations in Norway (SiN)**

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## ***§1 Purpose***

The association of doctoral organizations in Norway (SiN) is a network promoting contacts between its member organizations. SiN will express joint opinions on political issues concerning education and research, and other issues relevant to the member organizations.

## ***§2 Organization***

SiN is a free and politically independent organization. The board carries out SiN's daily activity in close contact with its member organizations. The board coordinates and promotes SiN's points of view in relevant issues.

## ***§3 Membership***

### **3.1 Members**

Local interest organizations for doctoral candidates and post doctors at Norwegian universities and colleges with doctoral education can be members in SiN.

### **3.2 New members**

The general meeting approves the membership of new organizations after application from the organization. The new member organization gains the right to vote and eligibility immediately.

Organizations applying for membership must have an elected board and statutes adopted by its members.

### **3.3 Withdrawal**

Withdrawal of membership from SiN must be informed by written notice to the board of SiN, after decision in the local organization.

The general meeting can decide to exclude member organizations.

## ***§ 4 Board***

### **4.1 Election**

The board is elected by the general meeting. The board is elected for the period of one year.

### **4.2 Composition of the board**

The board has a president, a vice-president, and two to five board members of whom one is the treasurer. The number of board members is stipulated by the general meeting. Local member organizations representing 100 or more doctoral candidates should hold a position in the board. In addition minimum one deputy board member has to be elected.

The president is elected by the general meeting. The board constitutes itself at the first board meeting.

Persons connected to a local member organization of SiN are eligible.

The board must include representatives from at least two different member organizations.

A board member who completes or quit his/her doctoral contract keeps his/her mandate until next general meeting.

If a board member resigns from his/her position before the next annual meeting, the deputy will assume the board member's position. The board can, if necessary, appoint a new deputy in the period between two general meetings.

#### **4.3 Duties of the board**

The board will meet minimum twice a year.

A valid decision can be made when there are minimum three board members participating in the vote. Each member of the board has one vote. At a voting tie the leader has a double vote.

The board will document its activities by regular electronic communication to the member organizations, in addition to the annual report.

The board summons the annual meeting.

The board has to summon an extraordinary general meeting if this is requested by at least half of the member organizations.

The summons has to be sent at least 4 weeks before the meeting.

The meeting agenda, annual report, financial report and budget proposal has to be sent minimum two weeks before the meeting.

#### ***§ 5 General meeting***

The general meeting is the highest authority of SiN.

A general meeting will be arranged during the second quarter of each calendar year.

### **5.1 The general meeting's duty**

- Stipulation of the number of board members and election of the board
- Adopt proposed changes in SiN's statutes, if necessary
- Approval of the annual report, financial statements and proposed budget from the board
- Expression of its view on principal issues concerning the member organizations and of SiN in general
- Decide the annual membership subscription fee for the member organizations

### **5.2 Election and votes**

Every member organization has two votes. The member organizations choose their own representatives with voting rights. If there is only one representative from a member organization, this person has two votes.

Changes in statutes must be adopted by the general meeting. It requires 2/3 majority to change the statutes.

### ***§ 6 Dissolution***

SiN can be dissolved at an extraordinary general meeting specially called for this purpose. At least half of the member organizations must be represented at this meeting.

A valid termination requires 2/3 majority.

The assets of SiN will be divided equally between the member organizations after dissolution.