

The statutes

International Police Association

Polish Section

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Article 1

Title, Activity, Seat, Motto and Emblem

Section 1

The association shall be called the International Police Association Polish Section, hereafter known as 'The Association'.

Section 2

IPA Polish Section shall operate in the Republic of Poland and in other countries.

Section 3

1. The seat of IPA Polish Section shall be in Poznań.
2. The headquarters of the IPA National Executive Committee shall be at the place of residence of the Secretary General.

Section 4

1. IPA Polish Section shall be subdivided into 17 Regional Groups named in accordance with the names of the voivodeships:
 - a) Stołeczna Voivodeship Group,
 - b) Dolnośląska Voivodeship Group,
 - c) Kujawsko Pomorska Voivodeship Group,
 - d) Lubelska Voivodeship Group,
 - e) Lubuska Voivodeship Group,
 - f) Łódzka Voivodeship Group,
 - g) Małopolska Voivodeship Group,
 - h) Mazowiecka Voivodeship Group,
 - i) Opolska Voivodeship Group,
 - j) Podkarpacka Voivodeship Group,
 - k) Podlaska Voivodeship Group,
 - l) Pomorska Voivodeship Group,
 - m) Śląska Voivodeship Group,
 - n) Świętokrzyska Voivodeship Group,
 - o) Warmińsko Mazurska Voivodeship Group,
 - p) Wielkopolska Voivodeship Group,
 - q) Zachodniopomorska Voivodeship Group.

2. IPA Polish Section and its Voivodeship Groups shall have legal personality.
3. IPA Polish Section and its Voivodeship Groups may be involved in business activity in accordance with respective legal rules.
4. The Divisions composing Voivodeship Groups may obtain rights mentioned in Section 4.2 and Section 4.3.
5. The income coming from activities of IPA Polish Section, Voivodeship Groups and Divisions may only be used to achieve the aims of the Association and may not be divided among its members.

Section 5

The motto of the Association shall be ‘Servo per Amikeco’ (service through friendship).

Section 6

The emblem of IPA is protected by copyright. It may only be used in print within the framework of IPA Polish Section and its structures. Members of the Association may utilise the emblem only on their business cards.

Article 2

Correspondence with the International Statutes

Section 7

The International Statutes and the legal rules of the Republic of Poland shall constitute the basis of the present Statutes.

Article 3

Aims of the Association and Means to Achieve Them

Section 8

1. IPA Polish Section shall be responsible for the co-operation with all National Sections. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and comradeship amongst members of the police service on all continents, to promote international co-operation, tolerance in all cultures and understanding between peoples.
2. In addition, its aims shall include:
 - a) the development of cultural relations amongst its members,
 - b) a broadening of their general knowledge, and an exchange of professional experience,
 - c) running charitable and social work,
 - d) a contribution to peaceful co-existence between peoples and to the preservation of world peace.
3. The Association is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948.
4. IPA Polish Section is independent of political organisations, trade unions, religious groups and denominations. To achieve its aims, the Association shall follow the ideological principles embodied in the Statutes.
5. The structures of IPA Polish Section shall be obliged to actively participate in achieving the aims of the Association on the basis of the present Statutes.

Section 9

To achieve its aims, the Association undertakes:

- a) to organise national and international symposia, meetings and seminars in order to cover professional, cultural and other topics;
- b) to promote and organise exchange visits of individuals and groups;
- c) to promote and organise activities with a view to educating young people (trips, youth exchanges, seminars);
- d) to facilitate an exchange of publications and to provide an information service, an IPA Polish Section magazine, containing news on all subjects of relevance to the Association;
- e) to facilitate international co-operation through friendly contacts between police officers of all Sections;
- f) to promote among the police services respect for law and order;
- g) to promote understanding for the work of the police with a view to enhancing their image, and to help improve relations between the police and the general public;
- h) to encourage, among the police services of all National Sections, an exchange of professional experiences with a view to increasing professional and general knowledge;
- i) to help with the preparation of Polish and international bibliographies of police works;
- j) to develop professional, social, cultural, sport and tourist activities among all National Sections as well as all structures of IPA Polish Section;
- k) to initiate pen-friendships and to facilitate the learning of foreign languages.
- l) Deleted.
- m) Deleted.

Article 4 Membership

Section 10

1. Each member of the Association shall be obliged to actively participate in attaining its set of goals.
2. Members of the police service may be accepted as a member of IPA Polish Section.
3. The National Executive Council shall determine for itself who is to be considered belonging to the police service and who can be accepted as a member. A list published in the Association shall be binding on its structures.
4. Retired police officers may be admitted as a member on condition that their work or service is not in contradiction with the principles embodied in Article 8.
5. Types of membership of the Association:
 - a) ordinary,
 - b) honorary,
 - c) associate,
 - d) sponsor.
6. Membership of the Association shall be voluntary.
7. Ordinary membership may be granted on the strength of a resolution adopted by the Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Executive Committee after submitting a declaration. Ordinary membership shall come into force on 1 January of the current year on condition that the declaration is submitted by 31 August of the current year. It shall come into force

on 1 January of the following year if the declaration is submitted after 31 August of the current year.

8. A refusal to grant ordinary membership shall not require justification. An appeal against a decision on a refusal to grant ordinary membership may be submitted to the National Executive Committee. If the National Executive Committee does not allow the appeal, the decision shall be conclusive.
9. Honorary membership shall be granted by the National Executive Committee on the application of the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee. It is granted for outstanding service to the Association. Honorary membership may be granted people complying with the conditions embodied in Section 3 or Section 4, as well as other people who have contributed to the development of the Association. A honorary member's membership fee shall be paid by the proposer.
10. Associate membership may be granted members of the police service of another country if there is no National Section in their country. A decision to admit members of the police service of another country may be made by the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee on the application of the Presiding Board of the Voivodeship Executive Committee the members of which they shall become if the decision is favourable.
11. Sponsor membership may be granted legal entity with the consent of the National Executive Committee.

Section 11

1. The cessation of membership shall follow:
 - a) the resignation as a member (in which case the annual membership fee shall not be returned),
 - b) the expulsion of a member,
 - c) a failure to pay the annual membership fee by 30 June,
 - d) the death of a member,
 - e) a valid conviction for an intentional offence prosecuted by the public prosecutor.
2. Honorary membership shall be subject to regulations embodied in Section 11.1a)&c)&d)&e).
3. Associate membership may not be continued once a National Section has been established and approved by the International Executive Council.

Section 12

A Voivodeship Executive Committee may petition the National Executive Committee to expel a member in the event of a serious violation of the Statutes. The procedure of expulsion shall reflect the rules adopted by the National Executive Committee.

Section 13

Members of IPA Polish Section shall have a right:

- a) to elect and be appointed to hold a governing office,
- b) to participate in the work of the Association,
- c) to submit motions and put forth proposals concerning the work of the Association.

Section 14

Members of IPA Polish Section shall be obliged:

- a) to attempt to achieve the aims of the Association,
- b) to abide by the Statutes, resolutions and decisions made by the Association,
- c) to pay their annual membership fee in due time.

Article 5 Administration and Structure

Section 15

1. IPA Polish Section shall be a national association subdivided into Voivodeship Groups and IPA Divisions.
2. Voivodeship Groups shall constitute cells of IPA Polish Section founded in their respective voivodeships.
3. Divisions shall constitute cells of Voivodeship Groups.
4. Deleted.
5. Each voivodeship shall have one Voivodeship Group the name of which shall be in accordance with the name of the voivodeship. Concerning the city of Warszawa, the name shall be 'Stołeczna Voivodeship Group'.
6. The founding of a Voivodeship Group shall be approved by the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee.
7. The founding of a Division shall be approved by the Presiding Board of the Voivodeship Executive Committee notifying the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee of this fact.
8. Deleted.
9. Each Voivodeship Group shall be composed of at least fifty members.
10. Each Division shall be composed of at least twenty members.
11. Deleted.
12. Deleted.

Section 16

1. The authorities of IPA Polish Section shall be composed of:
 - a) the National Congress,
 - b) the National Executive Committee,
 - c) the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee.
2. The Audit Board shall be a controlling body.

Section 17

1. The National Congress shall be the supreme body of the IPA Polish Section. It shall convene every three years at an ordinary congress, a period of three years being its term of office. Delegates shall be appointed at the meetings convened by the Presiding Boards of Voivodeship Groups in the proportions defined by the National Executive Committee, observing the principle of proportionality.
2. The National Congress may be convened by the National Executive Committee on the initiative of the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, or it shall be convened by order of

one-third of the Voivodeship Groups or the Audit Board giving the reasons and aims of the convention.

3. The National Congress shall have the force of law if there are at least a half of its delegates present.
4. The resolutions of the Congress shall be adopted by more than a half of all the votes cast.
5. The appointment of the President in the primary election shall be valid with more than a half of all the votes cast. If there is no qualified majority, the President shall be appointed in the run-off election, done by secret ballots, between the two candidates with the highest number of votes in the primary election.
6. The President, on behalf of the resigning National Executive Committee, shall submit a written report on its work. After receiving a vote of approval, the members of the resigning Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee and the Audit Board may obtain a mandate to be a delegate to the Congress.
7. The Chairman of the Audit Board shall submit a written appraisal of the work of the resigning Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee and shall table a motion calling or not calling for a vote of approval to the resigning Presiding Board.

Section 18

The National Congress shall be responsible for:

- a) electing the President of IPA Polish Section,
- b) adopting the policy of the Association,
- c) appointing and displacing members of the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee and the Audit Board,
- d) analysing and approving reports submitted by the National Executive Committee and the Audit Board,
- e) resolving the dissolution of a Section and the management of its assets,
- f) introducing amendments to the Statutes,
- g) determining the way to seek out financial resources,
- h) determining the number of people composing the National Executive Committee and the Audit Board.

Section 19

1. IPA Polish Section shall be represented by the President and one of the members of the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee whereas a Voivodeship Group shall be represented by its President and one of the members of its Presiding Board.
2. The people mentioned in Section 19.1 shall be entitled to assume property obligations on behalf of IPA Polish Section and its Voivodeship Groups.
3. Section 19.1&2 shall apply to the Divisions having legal personality.

Section 20

1. The National Executive Committee elected for the period of three years shall be the executive body. It shall also be responsible for the financial management of IPA Polish Section.
2. The National Congress shall determine the number of members composing the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee.
3. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall be composed of:
 - a) the President,

- b) three Vice-Presidents,
 - c) the Secretary General,
 - d) the Assistant Secretary General,
 - e) the Treasurer,
 - f) the Assistant Treasurer,
 - g) the members of the Presiding Board
4. The President shall be in charge of the National Executive Committee as well as presiding over the work of the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee.
 5. The assistants responsible for contact with National Sections shall reside at the place of residence of the Secretary General.
 6. The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the people mentioned in Section 20.3 as well as the Presidents of Voivodeship Groups.
 7. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee may appoint Commissions in order to achieve particular aims.

Section 21

1. The National Executive Committee shall principally be responsible for:
 - a) adopting a budget draft,
 - b) fixing an amount of the membership fee,
 - c) defining the rules of distributing membership fees,
 - d) adopting the regulations drafted by Commissions in the form of a resolution,
 - e) appointing the editor of IPA Polish Section magazine.
2. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall principally be responsible for:
 - a) observing of the implementation of the principles set out in the Statutes,
 - b) supervising the work of the assistants responsible for contact with National Sections,
 - c) supervising the editing of IPA Polish Section magazine.

Section 22

Voivodeship Executive Committees and Divisions shall principally be responsible for:

- a) executing the resolutions,
- b) adopting a budget draft,
- c) submitting reports on their work in due time.

Section 23

1. The Audit Board shall primarily be responsible for:
 - a) checking the financial management of the Association at least once a year,
 - b) submitting an audit report to statutory bodies,
 - c) tabling a motion calling for a vote of approval to the resigning authorities.
2. The Chairman or a member of the Audit Board shall have a right to participate in the meetings of Statutory Bodies.

Section 24

1. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall convene at least four times a year on the application of the President or it may convene by order of its members.
2. Decisions of the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall be taken with more than a half of all votes cast with at least one-third of the composition present.
3. The President of IPA Polish Section shall be obliged to convene a meeting of the National Executive Committee half-yearly.

Section 25

1. The Chairman shall be in charge of a Commission.
2. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall determine the length of the term of office of a Commission which may last until the next National Congress.
3. Deleted.

Section 26

1. The Audit Board shall be entitled to control the work of the Association including its financial management. The Board shall be composed of at least three members, one of whom shall be its Chairman.
2. The Chairman of the Audit Board shall be entitled to convene an Extraordinary Congress.

Section 27

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Section 28

1. Voivodeship Executive Committees shall constitute voivodship executive bodies. The Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Executive Committee shall be composed of:
 - a) the President,
the Secretary,
the Vice-Secretary,
the Treasurer and,
 - b) further members of the Presiding Board elected for the period of three years with respect to arrangements and needs.
2. The Presiding Boards of Voivodeship Executive Committees shall submit their annual reports on their work by 31 January of the following year.

Section 29

1. Candidates to hold positions defined in Section 28a)&b) shall be appointed at the meeting of delegates or members of a voivodeship Group.
2. The meeting of delegates or members of a Voivodeship Group shall convene at least once a year, and it shall be responsible for:
 - a) adopting the policy of a Voivodeship Group,
 - b) appointing and displacing members of the Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Group and the Audit Board,
 - c) nominating delegates to the National Congress,

- d) analysing and approving reports submitted by the Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Group and the Audit Board.
3. The members of the resigning Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Group shall submit a written reports on their work.
4. The Chairman of the Audit Board shall submit a written appraisal of the work of the resigning Board and shall table a motion calling or not calling for a vote of approval to the resigning Board.
5. The resolutions proposed at the meeting shall be adopted if they obtain more than a half of all the votes cast with at least a half of all the members or delegates present.

Section 30

1. A Voivodeship Executive Committee shall be composed of the people mentioned in Section 21.1a)&b) as well as one representative of each Division composing a particular Voivodeship Group.
2. A Voivodeship Executive Committee shall primarily be responsible for:
 - a) adopting a budget draft,
 - b) fixing an amount of the membership fee,
 - c) defining the rules of distributing membership fees
 - d) appointing the editor of a Voivodeship Group newsletter.

Section 31

1. The Audit Board of each Voivodeship Group and Division shall be appointed for the period of three years at the meeting of members or delegates.
2. The Audit Board shall be a controlling body.

Section 32

1. The Presiding Board constituting the executive body of a Division shall be composed of:
 - a) the Chairman,
the Secretary,
the Vice-Secretary,
the Treasurer,
 - b) members elected with respect to arrangements and needs.

Section 33

1. Meetings of members or representatives of a Division shall convene at least once a year and they shall be responsible for:
 - a) adopting the policy of a Division,
 - b) appointing and displacing the Presiding Board of a Division, the Audit Board and a member of the Voivodeship Executive Committee,
 - c) appointing the delegates to represent a Division at the meetings of a Voivodeship Group,
 - d) analysing and approving annual reports of the Presiding Board of a Division.
2. The resolutions adopted at the meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of all the votes of the voters present on condition that there are at least a half of the members present.

3. The Presiding Board of a Divisional Executive Committee shall submit an annual report on its work to the Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Executive Committee by 15 January of the following year.
4. The President shall be elected for the period of three years.

Section 34

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Section 35

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Section 36

1. The positions in the structures of IPA Polish Section shall be honorary.
2. Particular members may apply for temporary secondment in cases recognised by the official management of the Police as justifiable, especially if departmental rules allow to it, and the tasks of particular members may be professionally utilised.
3. The National Executive Committee may decide to employ the people necessary to do administrative and technical work.

Section 37

1. If only one candidate is nominated the election to the Board of the Association shall be done by a vote of hands.
2. A candidate who obtains more than a half of the votes cast shall be considered elected.
3. If a candidate does not reach this percentage, another candidate shall be nominated.
4. In the case of secret ballots, a candidate who obtains more than a half of the votes cast shall be considered elected.
5. If there are two or more candidates nominated to hold a position, voting shall be done by secret ballots.
6. A candidate who obtains more than a half of all the votes cast shall be considered elected.

Article 6 Finances

Section 38

1. IPA Polish Section shall be financed with:
 - a) membership fees,
 - b) subsidies and donations,
 - c) other sources permitted by law.

Article 7
Revision of the Statutes and Dissolution of the Association

Section 39

1. A motion to revise the Statutes may be proposed by the Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee, the Presiding Board of a Voivodeship Executive Committee, a Voivodeship Executive Committee, fifteen delegates to the National Congress, or two hundred members of the Association.
2. A revision of the Statutes may only be decided by the National Congress with a three-fourths of all votes cast.

Section 40

1. A motion to dissolve the Association may be proposed by three-fourths of all members of the Board of IPA Polish Section or a half of all members.
2. The dissolution of the Association may be decided at the National Congress with a least three-fourths majority of all votes cast on condition that there are at least three-fourths of all delegates present.

Article 8
Other Regulations

Section 41

1. The Presiding Board of the National Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the rules.
2. Once the amendments to the IPA Polish Section Statutes are registered by the Register Court, Voivodeship Executive Committees shall convene an election and report meeting in IPA Branches in order to transform into IPA Divisions. The transformation must be concluded within the period of three months from the day of the resolution, and the new structures and authorities must be appointed.
3. The legal rules of the law of associations shall apply to the matters not regulated in the present Statutes.

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