

Statutes of the

**World Scout Bureau – European Regional
Office Association**

WSB-ERO Inc.

Established under Art 60seq of the Swiss Civil Code.

Adopted by the Constituting General Assembly on 16 June 2012.

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Only the French version of this text is legally binding.

Preamble

It is first recalled that under the terms of Article XX of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Regions may be established in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution. The European Scout Region has been established in 1970. Its Constitution has been approved and any future amendments must be approved by the World Scout Committee, in line with Article XXII.1 of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

In order to give legal identity to the Constitutional Bodies of the European Scout Region and enable their actions to have legal validity where required, it was decided to form an Association under Swiss law. The creation of the Association was approved by the World Scout Committee in June 2012, in line with Article XIV.1.x. of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

The Articles below define its statutes as follows:

Article I Name

The Association named "World Scout Bureau– European Regional Office" is an association as defined by Articles 60seq of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article II Head Office

The head office of the Association is in Geneva.

Article III Objects and Activity

The aim of the Association is to perform the legal responsibilities of the European Scout Region. In particular, it shall approve the annual budget submitted to it by the European Scout Committee and bind contracts on behalf of the European Scout Region.

Article IV Members

- a. Members of the Association are all the Voting Members of the European Scout Committee.
- b. Membership is terminated automatically with the end of the mandate as an elected member of the European Scout Committee.

Article V Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are:

1. The General Meeting
2. The Committee
3. The Auditors⁰

Article VI General Meeting

The General Meeting is the supreme authority of the Association. It shall be composed of all the members of the Association. In addition, the Treasurer of the European Scout Committee and the Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau – European Regional Office shall take part in the General Meeting without the right to vote. It shall meet in ordinary session at least once a year at such time and place as the General Meeting may decide.

The presence of four members having right to vote shall constitute a quorum.

The General Meeting shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and shall elect an outside specialist to serve as Treasurer, without the right to vote. The Treasurer is formally appointed by the treasurer of the World Scout Committee.

The General Meeting shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

The General Meeting may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary committees or other organs, as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

Each member shall have one vote.

Resolutions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting. In

the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

**Article VII
Committee**

The Association shall be administered by a Committee composed of a maximum of six elected persons.

The Committee shall be composed ipso jure of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.

The General Meeting may elect up to four additional members of the Committee from among the members of the Association. Such elected members shall serve until the next General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

The Regional Director is appointed by the World Scout Bureau in agreement with the European Scout Committee, is paid by the World Scout Bureau, and shall act as secretary of the Committee.

**Article VIII
Auditors**

The General Meeting shall elect every year for a one-year mandate the Auditors, which are not members of the Association. They will examine the annual accounts and certify that all financial operations are properly recorded.

**Article IX
Responsibility**

The commitments of the Association are covered only by the Association's assets. Personal responsibility of the Association's members is excluded.

**Article X
Means**

The Association shall have at its disposal:

- The payments made to the European Scout Region by Member Organizations,
- The grants, donations, legacies and subsidies received by the European Scout Region,
- The receipts from events and other activities of the European Scout Region.

**Article XI
Representation**

The Association shall be validly bound towards third parties by the joint signature of two members of the Committee, including the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson.

**Article XII
Destination of assets
after dissolution**

In the event of the Association being dissolved, the assets shall be entirely attributed to an institution whose purpose is of public interest consistent with that of the Association and which benefits from tax exemption. In no event can the assets, in part or in whole or in any way, be returned to the founders or the members or used for their benefit.

Approved by the Constituting General Meeting in Rome, Italy, on 16 June 2012.

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President

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