

Bylaws of Experience Research Society

The society was registered in Finland on March 8, 2021, and the official bylaws are in Finnish. The society does not take responsibility for possible inaccuracies in the English version of the bylaws.

1. Name and registered office of the association

The name of the association is Experience Research Society and its domicile is in Espoo, Finland.

2. Purpose and quality of operations

The purpose of the association is to increase the scientific and social impact of experience research worldwide. It seeks to support research of experiences and exchange of information, as well as cooperation across geographies and disciplines.

To achieve its purpose, the association:

- brings together members for joint activities and maintains contacts with other associations in the field
- can collect and share information and carry out research activities
- may engage in publishing activities
- can organize seminars, conferences, competitions, shows, and other events
- may organize courses, training sessions and other similar activities
- can maintain the association's electronic communication channels
- may publish the association's bulletins and other communications in various communication channels
- may participate in the public debate on issues related to the field

In order to support its activities, the association may, after obtaining the relevant permit, if necessary:

- organize paid events and withhold a share of the income from events organized with the support of the association
- sell advertising space
- make sponsorship agreements
- receive grants, donations and wills
- own movable and immovable property necessary for its operations

3. Members

A person who accepts the purpose of the association can be accepted as a full member of the association. An individual or a legal entity that wishes to support the purpose and activities of the association can be accepted as a supporting member.

The executive committee may propose a person who has significantly promoted and supported the activities of the association to be invited to be an honorary chairperson or honorary member. The decision shall be made in a meeting of the association.

4. Registration and membership fee

The amount of the registration fee and the annual membership fee charged to full members and supporting members is decided separately for each group of members by the annual meeting. The members and deputies of the Executive Committee, the Honorary Chairmen and the Honorary Members do not pay membership fees.

5. Executive Committee

The affairs of the association are managed by the executive committee, which includes the chairperson and 2 to 12 other members elected at the annual meeting, as well as 0 to 12 deputy members.

The term of the executive committee is the time between election meetings.

The executive committee elects a deputy chairperson from among its members, and a Secretary, Treasurer and other necessary staff from among or outside the executive committee. The executive committee convenes at the invitation of the chairperson or, in her/his absence, the deputy chairperson, when they deem it necessary or when at least half of the members of the executive committee so request. A quorum is reached when at least half of its members, including the chairperson or vice-chairperson, are present. Voting shall be by an absolute majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote, but the election shall be by lot.

6. Signatories

The name of the association is written by the chairperson of the executive committee, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer, or a person authorized by the executive committee, two together.

7. Financial year

The financial year of the association is the calendar year.

8. Meetings of the Association

A meeting of the association may be attended also by means of a telecommunications connection or other technical aid during or before the meeting. The meeting of the association approves the voting and election order.

The annual meeting of the association is held annually on a date determined by the executive committee in January-May.

At the meetings of the Association, each full member, honorary chairperson and honorary member has one vote. A supporting member has the right to attend and speak at the meeting. The decision of the meeting of the association shall be the opinion supported by most of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the meeting shall have the casting vote, but the election shall be by lot.

9. Convening meetings of the Association

The executive committee must convene the meetings of the association at least 14 days before the meeting.

An invitation to the meeting must be sent to members:

- by e-mail and
- on the association's website or in a social media group used by the association.

10. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the association deals with the following issues:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. The chairperson, secretary, two examiners of the minutes and, if necessary, two tellers shall be selected
3. Establish the legality and quorum of the meeting
4. Accept the procedure of the meeting
5. Present the financial statements, the annual report and the opinion of the auditors
6. Decide on the approval of the financial statements and the discharge of the Executive Committee and other accountable persons
7. Adopt the action plan, the statement of revenue and expenditure and the amounts of the membership and membership fees
8. Select the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and other members
9. Select one or two operations inspectors and deputy inspectors of the operation, or one or two auditors and deputy auditors
10. Other issues mentioned in the notice of meeting.

If a member of the association wishes to have a matter discussed at the annual meeting of the association, he or she must notify the Executive Committee in writing in good time so that the matter can be included in the notice of the meeting.

11. Modification of the bylaws and dissolution of the association

The decision to change the bylaws and the dissolution of the association at the meeting must be made at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast. The invitation to the meeting must mention the amendment of the bylaws or the dissolution of the association.

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the funds of the Association shall be used to further the purpose of the Association in the manner determined by the meeting deciding on the dissolution. When an association is wound up, its assets will be used for the same purpose.