

European Association Dance Movement Therapy

Mission Statement

The European Association Dance Movement Therapy (EADMT) represents national professional Dance Movement Therapy associations in Europe, working actively to promote their further development of professional practice and the legal recognition of the profession. The EADMT assures and promotes the quality of Dance Movement Therapy practice and trainings in Europe for the protection of clients, professionals and institutions. The EADMT aims to nurture mutual respect of diversity and to foster exchange and collaboration between Member countries.

Statutes

I – GENERAL RULES

Article 1 – Name

An international non-profit association is being founded, called the **European Association Dance Movement Therapy** (EADMT). This association is being founded in accordance with the German law.

Article 2 – Domicile

The domicile of the association is: Geyerspergerstr. 25, 80689 Munich, Germany.

Domicile and jurisdiction is Munich. The association shall be incorporated in the register of associations of the Munich local court.

Article 3 – Social objective

The objectives of the EADMT are:

1. to promote a European professional identity for Dance Movement Therapy (DMT) whilst respecting cultural, social, and economic diversity and different approaches.
2. to develop and monitor requirements for DMT training and practice in Europe;
3. to develop and formulate requirements to become a recognized DMT professional association within the EADMT;
4. to maintain and regularly update common European standards of DMT professional associations within the EADMT;
5. to further research and collaborative opportunities in DMT and related fields;
6. to work towards European wide recognition and funding of DMT as a profession;
7. to seek representation of the DMT profession with the authorities of the European Union and of any other authority and/ or organization that deals directly or indirectly with issues related to DMT;
8. to offer opportunities for networking and dialogue for developing national associations, trainings and practitioners;
9. to investigate the potential exchange of DMT teaching staff and students within Europe;
10. to support any other activity that may favour the accomplishment of the objectives mentioned above.

II – MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The EADMT is open to any legal entity that supports the objectives of the association that are mentioned in article 3.

Article 4 – Types of membership

The association consists of the following Members:

4.1 Full Members

- a) Basic Full Member: Basic Full Members are national professional DMT associations fulfilling EADMT requirements for basic full membership.
- b) Professional Full Member: Professional Full Members are the national professional DMT associations fulfilling EADMT requirements for professional full membership.

If there is more than one DMT association in one country only the largest (by members) will be admitted. DMT associations from all (geographically) European countries can be admitted. The full Members participate in the activities of the EADMT and contribute to the activities of the association.

Full Members can vote and can be elected onto the Board.

Basic Full Members have one vote; Professional Full Members have two votes.

4.2 Associate Members

The Associate Members are national DMT associations who do not as yet meet the standards for full EADMT membership or other constituted organizations interested in the aims and activities of the EADMT.

Associate Members cannot vote and cannot be elected onto the Board.

Article 5 – Admission of Members

- 5.1 Membership application with all required verifications will be sent to the Board. The Board reviews the application and recommends membership status to the General Assembly for formal approval. All admission decisions must be made by the General Assembly by a simple majority of its Members (present or represented). In the event of an even count the President of the Board has the casting vote.

Article 6 – Representation

- 6.1 Each Member association is represented by one Delegate. The procedure of identifying the Delegate is incumbent upon the national association. EADMT provides criteria for Delegates in the Rules of Procedures. The Board of the national association informs the Board of the EADMT about the appointment.
- 6.2 A Deputy Delegate must also be identified, with reference to the EADMT criteria for Delegates in the Rules of Procedures, in the event that the official Delegate is unable to meet his/her responsibilities.

Article 7 – Withdrawal, suspension and exclusion of Members

- 7.1 Each Member who wishes to withdraw from the EADMT must inform the Board by registered letter.
- 7.2 The notification of withdrawal must be received by the Board before December 1st and takes effect at the end of the current fiscal year.
- 7.3 Any Member that fails to pay the membership fees six months after the due date can be suspended by the Board by a simple majority of its Members, present or represented.
- 7.4 The Board can decide to readmit the suspended Member by a simple majority of the Board Members, present or represented, once the Member has paid the membership fees due.

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- 7.5 Any Member may be excluded by proposal of the Board and if adopted by 2/3 of the General Assembly by secret ballot when one
- no longer fulfils the general conditions of membership;
 - commits an act that is susceptible to cause damage to the interests of the EADMT;
 - does not comply with the Rules of Procedures or any other acts adopted by the EADMT.
- 7.6 The vote relating to the exclusion of a Member may only be taken after offering a hearing of the respective Member.
- 7.7 The resigned or excluded Member has no right to fiscal savings.

III – THE BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 8 – The Branches:

The branches of the association are:

- The General Assembly
- The Board

A – The General Assembly:

Article 9 – Generalities:

- 9.1 The General Assembly is a public meeting.
- 9.2 It is called together by the Board at least every two years, which decides on its location, date and time.
- 9.3 The invitation to the General Assembly must be called together a minimum of 3 months before the date of the meeting, on pain of nullity by letter or e-mail, stating the agenda of the meeting.
- 9.4 An Extraordinary General Assembly can be called together at any time by the Board or by a minimum of 1/3 of the Members of the EADMT. All other requirements and rules of the General Assembly also apply to the Extraordinary General Assembly.
- 9.5. The General Assembly is constituted valid if 1/3 of the Members having the right to vote are present or represented.
If this quorum has not been reached, the General Assembly can be called together a second time, in which case it will be constituted valid whatever the number of present or represented Members having the right to vote.

Article 10 – Authorities:

The General Assembly possesses full authority, allowing the realization of the objectives listed in Article 3.

The following decisions are reserved for the General Assembly:

1. admittance and revocation of Members;
2. appointment and dismissal of Members of the Board;
3. approval of the full statement of accounts, justification of the last two fiscal years and the budget of the next two fiscal years;
4. exoneration given to the Members of the Board;
5. setting the membership fees and other fees;
6. adoption of EADMT Rules of Procedures;
7. modification of Statutes;

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8. modification of the Ethical Code;
9. preservation or discontinuation of the EADMT;
10. dissolution of the association and allocation of its assets after payment of the debts.

Article 11 – Voting modalities:

- 11.1 The decisions relating to the modification of the Statutes must be made by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the expressed votes. Decisions relating to all other matters are made by simple majority of the expressed votes. In the event of an even count a proposal will be rejected and status quo maintained.
- 11.2 Voting procedures:
 - hand count for ordinary matters or as agreed by the General Assembly,
 - secret ballot for elections.
- 11.3 If a Delegate or his/her Deputy cannot be physically present to vote he/she can give a voting right authority to another Member's Delegate (for procedures see Rules of Procedures).
- 11.4 A delegate can only be given one voting right authority from another delegate.

Article 12 – Writing of the Minutes

- 12.1. General Assembly minutes recording votes and decisions made must be submitted to the district court of Munich. They must be signed by the President and the minute taker.
- 12.2 The minutes must contain the following information:
 - Place, date and time of the beginning and end of the General Assembly
 - Number of persons present
 - Agenda items
 - Content and result of votes, and how they have been achieved, i.e. number of votes for, against, and abstentions

B – The Board

Article 13 – Composition

- 13.1 The Board (§ 26 BGB) is composed of a minimum of three people: President, Secretary-General, and Treasurer.
- 13.2 The President, Secretary-General, and Treasurer are sole agency-entitled in accordance with Article 16.2.
- 13.3 The Board is recruited from Delegates from different countries who assume the new role of representative for the EADMT.
- 13.4 On election of the Board each Board Member resigns as Delegate and his/her Deputy takes over that position.
- 13.5 Since Board Members are no longer Delegates they have no voting rights on the General Assembly.

Article 14 – Duration of the mandate

- 14.1 Board Members are elected for two years in accordance with article 13.
- 14.2 They are eligible for two re-elections.

Article 15 – Suspension, revocation or resignation

- 15.1 The resignation of a Board Member requires written notification to the President or his/her legal representative with a period of notice of at least three months.
- 15.2 If a position on the Board becomes vacant, the Members are notified and the Board must nominate by a simple majority his/her temporary successor within one month of the vacancy.

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In case of an equality of votes the President or his/her legal representative shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

Article 16 – Representation

- 16.1 For the decisions of the Board each Board Member can only be given one voting right authority from another Board Member in case of his/her absence.
- 16.2 The Board represents the EADMT. The business of the EADMT must only be undertaken by authority of a resolution of the Board.

Article 17 – Decisions

- 17.1 The decisions of the Board are made according to the rules in article 18.2 of the present Statutes.
- 17.2 The decisions are written into the minutes. Minutes are produced by the Secretary-General and signed by the President and one other Board Member.
- 17.3 The Secretary-General is responsible for maintaining an accurate, ongoing and accessible record of the minutes.

Article 18 – Voting modalities

- 18.1 The Board is constituted valid if 2/3 of its Members are present or represented.
In cases where this quorum has not been reached, the Board can be called together a second time, in which case it will be constituted valid if half of the Members are present or represented.
- 18.2 Each Board Member has one vote.
- 18.3 The decisions of the Board are made by 2/3 majority of the Members composing the quorum.

Article 19 – Authorities

- 19.1 The Board has all managerial and administrative authority under restriction of the authority of the General Assembly. The Board manages the patrimony of the association and represents it in all judicial and extra-judicial activities, with intermediation of its President.
- 19.2 The Board has the authority to make decisions and judgments in the name of the EADMT, with the exception of those reserved for the General Assembly.

VI – BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Article 20 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is June 1st – May 31st.

Article 21 – Membership fees

Every Member pays an application fee and an annual membership fee, the amount of which is determined by the General Assembly and defined in the Rules of Procedures.

Article 22 – Funds

- 22.1 The funds of the EADMT can originate, among others, from:
- membership fees;
 - application fees;
 - donations;
 - subsidies;
 - sponsorship;

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- acquisitions and gifts according to the law.

22.2 Inheritance will only be accepted with the prerequisite of an inventory.

Article 23 – Financial accountability

23.1 The Board is obliged to submit bi-annual financial report (including two annual statements and two annual budgets) to the General Assembly for approval.

23.2 The treasurer is responsible for preparing and presenting financial reports.

23.3 The General Assembly appoints an auditing committee, who cannot be Board Members, for an auditing of the accounts. The auditing committee comments on the report and makes recommendations to the General Assembly. In extraordinary circumstances, it could require an external expert to act for them at the expense of the association.

23.4 Approval of the financial report by the General Assembly exonerates the Board.

23.5 If the approval of the General Assembly is withheld, the Board has the responsibility to take measures deemed to be in the best interests of the EADMT.

V – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 24 – Effects:

24.1 The modifications to the Statutes are only effective after incorporation in the register of associations.

24.2 The General Assembly will set the ways of dissolution and liquidation of the association.

Article 25 – Supplementary dispositions

All points that are not included in the present Statutes will be regulated in accordance with the dispositions of the Rules of Procedures or, for want of them, by German law.