

CONSTITUTION of the Association Logical Methods in Computer Science

§ 1 Name, Seat, and Fiscal Year

- 1) The name of the Association is "Logical Methods in Computer Science". This should be registered in the register of Associations. With this registration it will receive the appendix "e. V." (registered society). Hereafter we just call it the Association.
- 2) The seat of the Association is in Braunschweig.
- 3) The fiscal year of the Association runs from January 1 to December 31.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- 1) The purpose of the Association is the support of science and research in the sense of § 52 of the General Tax Code. For this aim the Association will publish the scientific journal "Logical Methods in Computer Science" (hereafter just called LMCS).
- 2) The purpose of the Association should in particular be realized by
 - supporting activities leading to an open access publication of scientific articles online;
 - academic, logistic and financial support of the publication of the journal LMCS;
 - development of a strategy for the role of LMCS in computer science;
 - contracts with publishing houses and other commercial partners with the goal of supporting, improving, advertising and developing LMCS;
 - coordination and initiation of activities and projects which serve, by suitable measures, to achieve any goal related to the constitution of the Association;
 - coordination of the activities of LMCS and those of other Associations and corporates, national and international, such as ETAPS e. V., EACSL e. V., EATCS and ACM SIGLOG;
 - introduction of activities aiming to make the publication of scientific articles in the journal LMCS attractive for outstanding authors in the realm of logic in computer science;
 - supporting, identifying and publicizing high quality scientific research in the field of logic in computer science.

§ 3 Common Public Interest

The Association pursues exclusively and immediately common public interests in the sense of the paragraph "Tax-Advantaged Goals" of the General Tax Code. The Association is altruistically active. It does not pursue primarily its own economic interests. The funds of the Association can only be used for financing goals according to the constitution of the Association. The members of the Association

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will not receive any gratuity from the means of the Association which are not in agreement with the constitution, or which are disproportionately high.

§ 4 Membership

- 1) The members of the Association can be physical persons or legal entities, prepared to support the goals of the Association. The Association consists of ordinary members and supporting ones.
 - Ordinary members support the Association actively via their volunteer activities. Through their membership they obtain a member's seat and the right to vote in the Membership Meeting of the Association.
 - Supporting members are not necessarily active in the Association, but they support it in a suitable manner. They have neither seat nor right to vote in the Membership Meeting.
- 2) The membership must be applied for in writing or electronically sent to the Board of the Association. The Board is not obliged to announce the grounds for refusing the application.
- 3) The membership expires by a voluntary resignation, expulsion, the death of the member, or by the loss of legal capacity in case of institutional members. The voluntary resignation must be announced in writing or electronically to the Board and has a notice period of three months. Membership fees already paid cannot be reimbursed.
- 4) An immediate expulsion from the Association can be performed by the Board in case that the member has grossly acted against the constitution, the purposes or the interests of the Association. Before this expulsion the member is to be heard in person or in writing. The decision to expel must be justified in writing and must be reported to the member. Within one month after receiving the decision the member can appeal to the Board. The Membership Meeting decides about the appeal.
- 5) Through the end of the membership, whatever the reasons were, all claims following from the membership are erased. A reimbursement of membership fees, donations, and other supporting services is ruled out. The right of the Association to backward membership claims is intact.

§ 5 Membership Fees

Every member can determine her or his fee according to the estimate of possibilities, but the fee is not allowed to fall under a minimum amount which is specified in the Fee Regulation. The Fee Regulation is decided by the Membership Meeting, and it also specifies the amount of the yearly supporting contribution, the entrance fee, and the share of costs.

§ 6 Administrative Bodies of the Association

The administrative bodies of the Association are the Membership Meeting, the Board, and the Financial Controllers.

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§ 7 Membership Meeting

- 1) There shall be at least one Membership Meeting each year. The meeting shall be announced by the Board per mail or electronically at least four weeks preceding the meeting (in English or German) including information of the agenda of the meeting. The agenda is also to be announced by the Board.
- 2) Topics for the agenda of the Membership Meeting can be suggested by ordinary members up to one week prior to the meeting in writing or electronically to the Board of the Association. Later proposals, including those raised during the meeting, must be put on the agenda if the majority of the voting members present at the meeting agree (urgent proposals).
- 3) The Membership Meeting is chaired by a member of the Board.
- 4) The Membership Meeting is always quorate if the invitations were sent out according to the Constitution, except for specified cases to be found in the Constitution.
- 5) Duties of the Membership Meeting
 - approval of the budget for the next fiscal year
 - acceptance of the fiscal report of the Board and release of the Board
 - election of the Board
 - election of the Treasurer
 - decision on the Fee Regulations
 - decision on changes of the Constitution including the purpose of the Association, and the dissolving of the Association
 - decision on an appeal of a member against her or his expulsion
- 6) The Board is obliged to call a Membership Meeting whenever this is necessary for the interests of the Association, or at least 20 % of the ordinary members request this in writing, explaining the reasons and the goal of the meeting.
- 7) Constitutional amendments and the dissolving of the Association require the presence of at least 50 % of ordinary members. Decisions about a constitutional amendment or the dissolving require a two thirds majority of the votes of the present ordinary members.
- 8) Minutes of the Membership Meeting shall be kept in German or English and shall be signed by the Minutes Officer determined by the Meeting.

§ 8 Board

- 1) The Board of the Association consists of the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer, elected by the Membership Meeting for a term of 3 years.
- 2) The Board carries the business of the Association with the exception of items that, according to the Constitution, are duties of the Membership Meeting. The Board in the sense of German Law § 26 BGB, consists of the President, Vice President, and the Treasurer. The Association is legally represented by every member of the Board alone.
- 3) The members of the Board can only be removed from their office before the expiration of their term by the Membership Meeting, and the same Meeting then elects a substitute member.

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- 4) After expiration of the term of office the Board remains in office until a new Board is elected. If a member of the Board resigns during their term, the Board elects a substitute member for the rest of the term.
- 5) The Board is quorate if half of the Board members are present.

§ 9 The Financial Controllers

The association has at least one financial controller who is elected by the Membership Meeting for three years. The financial controllers do not have to be members of the association. They review and certify the accounting and the annual financial statement and report to the Membership Meeting.

§ 10 Decisions

1. Decisions of the bodies are made with simple majority, except in those cases where derogations are made by this constitution explicitly. Abstentions from voting are not counted. In case of a tie, a motion is defeated and an election is decided by lot.
2. Decisions and elections are done by open role call or by acclamation.
3. Decision can also be made without assembly if all members cast their vote in writing. Decisions can be made through media of telecommunication (e.g. by email, chat, Skype or telephone conference); but decisions are still to be minuted. The minutes must be signed by their keeper.

§ 11 Dissolving the association

1. Dissolving the association can only be decided by a Membership Meeting that was called in for this purpose.
2. If the association is dissolved or if its tax relieving purpose ceases its assets will be given to a non-profit legal entity or statutory corporation for the purpose of supporting science and research in the field of logic in computer science.

The constitution of the association happened on September 12, 2014 in Braunschweig

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The constituting Membership Meeting has accepted the above constitution unanimously on September 12, 2014. Signatures of the founding fathers:

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