



European Same-Sex Dance Association

As indicated in the ESSDA Board newsletter that was sent by mail, some of the rules related to membership are not in line anymore with how it works in practice.

In addition, some practical information on becoming an ESSDA member is lacking, for example a time frame.

One textual amendment to the ESSDA Constitution and three amendments to the Bylaws are proposed below. If they are accepted, the application form needs to be adjusted accordingly.

Proposed amendments to Constitution with respect to becoming an ESSDA member

13. MEMBERSHIP

13.1. One can become:

13.1.1. An ordinary, extraordinary or associate member by submission of **a written application** to the Board which has to be accepted by the Board or a membership committee.

Proposed **textual amendment**: replace with "a completed application form"

Proposed amendments to Bylaws with respect to becoming an ESSDA member, renewing membership and voting rights

Proposed **additions**:

B.13. MEMBERSHIP

13.1.1.a: Applicants should allow two weeks for their application to be processed and granted by the Board or a membership committee.

13.1.1.b: Applicants will only be considered to be a fully paid up member after they receive an acceptance acknowledgement from the Board or membership committee and have paid the membership fee involved.

Proposed **amendments**:

B.16.3 Voting rights: **If there is a membership fee, only paid up members can vote at the AGM**

Proposed **textual amendment**: Replace with "only paid up members have the right to vote at the AGM"

Proposed **addition**: This implies that new members can only vote at the AGM if they have submitted their application for ESSDA membership to the Board three weeks prior to the AGM at the latest (follows from B.13.1.1.a and B.15.1).

Proposed **addition** (only if a reasonably easy and inexpensive way for money transfer from a non-euro country is in place):

B.15.1 Once it is decided by the General Assembly, there is an obligation to pay an **annual membership fee** one week prior to the AGM at the latest. The annual membership fee has been established as follows:

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