

Draft bylaws NSHV

The basis of these regulations can be found in article 24, first paragraph of the statutes.

General

Article 1

1. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and the statutes, the conflicting statutory provisions shall prevail.
2. The programmes and honours labs offered by the Radboud Honours Academy are hereinafter referred to as honours programmes.
- 3. The dies natalis of the association is January 4th.**
4. The motto of the association is: Sapientia in otium.
5. The logo of the association, in both the full and abbreviated version, applies as included in Appendix I.
6. The website of the association has the address: www.nshv.nl.
- 7. The official languages of the association are Dutch and English. Committees, activities, writings and general members' assemblies may be presented in these languages by the board. Members are free to communicate with each other and with the board in these languages.**

Members

Article 2 – membership

1. Where this article refers to members, this also includes donors and alumnus donors.
2. Registration as a member takes place by submitting a fully completed registration form to the board. The model registration form is established by policy rule.
3. The registration form must at least state:
 - a. initials, name and preferred name;
 - b. date of birth;
 - c. residential address;
 - d. e-mail address;
4. If applicable, the name and starting year of the honours program to which the person is affiliated, as well as the student number, are also stated.
5. The members are obliged to immediately inform the association of changes in data as referred to in the third paragraph under c and/or d.
6. The association is obliged to inform of the possibility of deregistration at least one calendar month before the date referred to in Article 8, paragraph 3 of the statutes.
7. The association ensures that the personal data provided for association purposes when registering for membership and other times for association purposes are included by or on behalf of the association in a membership file and/or in a system for automated work. The association ensures the

processing of this data in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation).

Additional rights and obligations

Article 3

1. Where this article refers to members, this also includes donors, alumnus donors and members of merit.
2. Members have the right to attend organized activities of the association. Registration for the activity may be required to participate in activities. The method of registration is determined by the board. The board is responsible for timely announcement through the usual channels of the activity and the method of registration. The member is responsible for correct registration.
3. Special access to an activity may be granted by the board. In special cases, the board may deny anyone access to activities of the association, stating the reasons for this.
4. In principle, members are not entitled to claim financial resources from the association's treasury.
5. The fourth paragraph does not apply if it concerns reimbursement of expenses incurred in the interest of the association, at the discretion of the board. Members can submit a request for reimbursement of expenses to the board. The board is authorized to draw up policy rules in this regard.

Committees

Article 4

1. The board is authorized to set up and dissolve committees.
2. The board is authorized to appoint a member of a committee at his request.
3. The board will dismiss a member of a committee:
 - a. ex officio;
 - b. at the request of the member himself, or
 - c. at the request of the general members' assembly.
4. Members of a committee are obliged to make an effort for the purpose for which the committee was established.
5. The board is accountable to the general members' assembly for the conduct of the committees.
6. The board is authorized to issue binding general and special instructions to a committee and to individual members.
7. **Donors of the association can participate in a committee.**

The audit committee

Article 5

1. The members of the audit committee are appointed by a simple majority of votes at the first general members' assembly of the financial year on the recommendation of the board.
2. The vote to approve the appointment of the audit committee will take place immediately after the vote on a new board.
3. Members of the audit committee are appointed for the same period as the board within whose period they are part of the audit committee. They resign simultaneously with the board.
4. Contrary to the previous paragraph, members of the audit committee are dismissed by the general members' assembly ex officio or at its own request. The motion for ex officio dismissal must be supported by at least a quarter of the members present at the meeting.
5. The audit committee prepares a report every financial year and provides a short oral summary of that report to the general members' assembly at which the annual reports are put to the vote, before this vote.
6. The provisions of Article 4 do not apply.

The candidate board

Article 6

1. No later than the beginning of May of the current financial year, the association will announce through the usual channels that it is looking for a candidate board.
2. Candidates must register as such in writing with the board within a period to be determined by the board.
3. The board ensures a fair application procedure. The distribution of the board functions is determined according to the best insights of the board. This candidate board is nominated to the members.

The advisory council

Article 7

1. During the presentation of its policy plan, a candidate board can announce an advisory council that will not be voted on during the general members' assembly
2. This advisory council is charged with an advisory function. The advisory council issues solicited and unsolicited advice to the board. The advice is not binding.
3. The advisory council preferably consists of three or four former board members, including a former treasurer.

The voting procedure for GMA and motions

Article 8

1. Motions must be in writing and submitted to the chair or his deputy. If the motion has the support of at least three members, alumnus donors, donors or members of merit, other than the applicant, present at the general members' assembly, the motion will be voted on.
2. When voting is by ballot, one ballot paper will be distributed prior to each voting round. If a member is also authorized to vote on behalf of another member, his own ballot paper, plus additional ballot papers, will be distributed to that member in proportion to the number of proxies.
3. Ballot papers with obvious captions outside the voting options indicated on the ballot paper will invalidate the vote.
4. The ballot papers must be deposited in a closed ballot box intended for that purpose.
5. During the presentation of the policy plan, a candidate board announces how they want to deal with authorizations for the general members' assemblies after they have been approved. This policy rule applies to at least two consecutive general members' assemblies.

Amendment of these regulations

Article 9

1. Every member entitled to vote, every alumnus donor, donor and meritorious member has the right to submit a written proposal to the board at least seven days before the next general members' assembly, containing an amendment to the internal regulations. This proposal will then be voted on at the next general members' assembly.
2. If there is more than one amendment proposal, a vote is first taken between the proposals, after which a vote is taken on the proposal that has obtained a majority of votes in the first round. For the first round, a simple majority of the votes cast is sufficient, regardless of the proposal.

Explanation

Above you will find the draft bylaws of the NSHV. The text of the envisaged new provisions is in bold. In this explanation you will once again find the draft provisions (text in bold), the current provisions (grey text) and the reasons for the intended changes (normal text). Article 4 paragraph 7 of the internal regulations is a newly included provision.

Article 1

3. The dies natalis of the association is January 4th.

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The dies natalis is the anniversary of the association, i.e. the date on which the deed of incorporation of the association is passed at the notary. For the NSHV this is January 4th (2011). In practice, this date is also used as the dies natalis of the association.

In the current bylaws, the date is 22 November as dies. On November 22, 2010, the association met unofficially under the leadership of the founding board, from which time it has been involved in drawing up the statutes. We will mention this on the (new) website so that there is no ambiguity about it.

7. The official languages of the association are Dutch and English. Committees, activities, writings and general members' assemblies may be presented in these languages by the board. Members are free to communicate with each other and with the board in these languages.

The official language of the association is Dutch. The board is free to offer some committees, activities and writings in the English language.

The Dutch language is currently the official language of the NSHV. If the draft provision is approved, the NSHV will use two official languages: Dutch and English. This confirms the trend of recent years in which the NSHV has become increasingly inclusive for international students. For example, the messages on the social media are only in English and the committee scripts are available in both Dutch and English.

At the moment, only the general members' assemblies and official documents are still offered in Dutch. The envisaged change would mean that international students would also be able to attend the general members' assemblies if the board chooses to offer them in English. In addition, it gives the coming boards more freedom to choose one of the two official languages for official matters, or to use both.

Members can always continue to communicate with the board in Dutch. They can address and e-mail the board in Dutch. They can also continue to ask their questions in Dutch during the general members' assemblies.

Article 4

7. Donors of the association can participate in a committee.

The current bylaws do not contain any provision about donors of the association, i.e. friends of the NSHV, who want to join a committee. We appreciate that some 'friends of' want to commit themselves to the association by joining a committee and we have already welcomed them as committee members this year. Thus, with this provision, we confirm what has already happened, clarify this possibility for future boards and recognize the valuable contribution of the friends of the NSHV.