

8. Statutes of the Society for Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)

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Name and seat

Art. 1 The name of the Society is 'Society for Generative Linguistics in the Old World'(GLOW). Its seat is the municipality of Tilburg.

Goal

- Art.2
1. The goal of the Society is to further the study of generative grammar in all its facets and the communication and co-operation between generative grammarians particularly in European countries, but also elsewhere in the world.
 2. The Society endeavours to achieve this goal by organizing an annual conference as laid down in art. 15, by distributing a Newsletter among members and by developing other activities aimed at the furtherance of this goal.

Duration

- Art.3
1. The lifetime of the Society is unspecified.
 2. The financial year of the Society corresponds with the calendar year, except that the first financial year ends at the end of December of the year in which the Society was founded.

Membership

- Art.4
1. The Society recognizes ordinary members and associated members.
 2. Ordinary members are those persons who have been admitted in accordance with article 5.1.
 3. Associated members are corporate bodies which have been admitted in accordance with article 5.2.
 4. Where the statutes refer to a member or members this applies to an ordinary member or members, unless the context shows this to be otherwise.
- Art.5
1. Any individual who is interested in generative linguistics can be admitted as an ordinary member.
 2. Any corporate body can be admitted as an associated member provided it pays the annual dues. Associated members have no voting rights.
 3. Admission as ordinary or associated member is decided on by the Board after submission to the Board of a written request for membership. In the case of non-admission by the Board admission can still be granted by the General Assembly.
 4. Membership is personal and consequently not transferable or inheritable.
- Art.6
1. Membership ceases (a) on death, (b) on resignation by the member or associated member, (c) on cancellation by the Society, (d) in the case of associated membership of a corporate body, when this ceases to exist.

2. The Board may effect cancellation of membership towards the end of the current financial year of the Society after the member has been given notice of at least four weeks, if the member or associated member, after repeated warnings, has failed to meet to the full its financial obligations to the Society, or if the member or associated member has ceased to meet the requirements which are at any time laid down for membership by the statutes.

- Art.7
1. Members are entitled to participate and vote in the General Assembly and are eligible for Board functions within the Society.
 2. Associated members have access to the General Assembly but they do not have the right to vote.

Finances

- Art.8
1. The financial resources of the Society consists of dues of ordinary and associated members, entry fees, monies obtained from inheritance, legacies, gifts and subsidies, and from other chance benefits.
 2. Every ordinary or associated member pays dues the amount of which is determined by the General Assembly in its annual meeting.
 3. Under special circumstances the Board can decide to exempt a member from the obligation of paying dues.
 4. The monies of the Society are used exclusively to cover ex-penses related to conferences, the Newsletter, and other activities of the Society.

Board and committees

- Art.9
1. The Board consists of at least eight members: a Chairman, a Congress President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Editor of the Newsletter and three ordinary members.
 2. The members of the Board are elected to their separate functions by the General Assembly from among the members of the Society.
 3. The General Assembly can suspend or discharge a member of the Board if it considers that there is reason for this. A majority of at least two-thirds of the valid votes cast is necessary for such a decision. Members of the Board can at all times resign, provided that this is done in writing and no-tice of at least three months is given.
 4. The Board members are at all times entitled to resign from their Board position, if they hand in their resignation in writing and give at least three month's notice.
 5. In addition the Board can, under special circumstances and for a limited period of time, coopt other members into speci-fic functions.

- Art.10
1. The Board administers the affaire of the Society. All members of the Board together, as well as the President and the Secretary together, are authorized to represent the Society.
 2. The Board as well as the Chairman and the Secretary can delegate in writing their competency to represent the Society as stated in 1, with the provision that if the Treasurer is authorized to have access to bank and post office accounts, he or she may only operate within limits expressly laid down in the letter of authorization.
 3. The consent of the General Assembly is necessary for the contracting of loans, as well as for buying, selling, mortgag-ing, hiring or renting of property and

- for entering into agreements in which the Society acts as security or accepts joint liability or guarantees the debt of a third party.
4. The Chairman is appointed for a period of two years. He pre-sides over meetings of the Board as well as of the General Assembly. In his capacity as President he also functions as Chairman of the Programme Committee.
 5. The Congress President is appointed for a period of one year dating from the end of the preceding Congress to the end of the succeeding Congress over which he presides.
 6. The Secretary is appointed for a period of two years and is responsible for the non-financial administration of the Society, especially taking minutes of meetings of the Board and of the General Assembly.
 7. The Treasurer is appointed for a period of two years and is responsible for the financial administration and for maintain-ing the membership role.
 8. The editor of the Newsletter is appointed for a period of two years and is responsible for the content, the production and the distribution of the GLOW Newsletter.
 9. The ordinary members of the Board are appointed according to a rotation schedule (see art. 9.5.) for a period of three years.
 10. The Board annually appoints a Programme Committee which is responsible for drawing up the programme of the annual Congress. The Programme Committee consists of at least seven members. The Chairman of the Society is a member of the Programme Committee and acts as its chairman. The re-maining members are recruited in principle from the members of the Board of the Society and the local congress organiza-tion committee.
 11. The Board is authorized to carry on negotiations regarding the organization and financing of the annual Congress, and to take decisions regarding future congresses which will take place within a period not exceeding three years. The Board lays the theme for the coming congress before the General Assembly which decides on the theme.
 12. The Board meets at least once per annum at the same time and place as the annual Congress, and preceding the meeting of the General Assembly to be held on this occasion. Between these annual meetings of the Board, at the request of at least two members of the Board, a written vote can be taken by the whole Board on specific questions. The agenda is drawn up by the President with the aid of the Secretary, and all members of the Board have the right to add other items to the agenda. All decisions of the Board are taken by a simple majority of votes. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairman's vote is decisive. If a member of the Board cannot attend a Board meeting, he or she can authorize another member of the Society in writing to attend the meeting of the Council and to vote in his or her stead. However, no-one has the right to more than one vote, neither as a consequence of multiple au-thorization or by any other means.

Meetings of the General Assembly

- Art.11 1. A meeting of the General Assembly must be held within six months of the close of every financial year. In this meeting the Board presents its annual report and, supported by the necessary documents, accounts for its actions in the preceding financial year. In principle this meeting takes place during or immediately after the conclusion of the annual Congress.

2. Annually, in principle during the previous General Assembly meeting, the General Assembly appoints a committee of at least two members who are not members of the Board, to examine and ratify the accounts of the preceding financial year. During the annual meeting, the committee presents its findings. If the examination calls for special knowledge of accounting the committee may be assisted by an expert.
3. The Board is under the obligation to supply this committee with all information it may require, where necessary to show cash and holdings of the Society, and to give free access to books and documents of the Society.
4. With the approval by the General Assembly of the annual re-port and the accounts, the Board is acquitted of its duties.
5. If approval of the accounts is withheld, the General Assembly appoints a new committee consisting of at least three members, which anew examines the accounts. This committee has the same competence as the committee appointed earlier. Within six months of its appointment it acquaints members of the Society with its findings by means of the August/September issue of the GLOW Newsletter. If the findings make it necessary, the General Assembly can be convened by means of the procedure laid down in article 12.2. to take such measures as it considers necessary in the interest of the Society.

- Art.12
1. Meetings of the General Assembly are convened by the Board. Convening takes place by means of written notice to all members. The notice must reach members no less than 30 days before the date of the meeting.
 2. Apart from the annual meeting as referred to in article 11, meetings of the General Assembly are convened as often as the Council considers necessary, or as often as written requests, stating the subjects to be discussed, are submitted by at least as many members as are authorized to constitute one-tenth of the members entitled to vote.
 3. After receipt of a request as stated in clause 2, the Board is under the obligation to convene a meeting of the General Assembly within a period not exceeding three months. If no action has been taken one month after receipt by the Board of the request to convene a meeting, the persons who have made the request may themselves proceed to convene a meeting in the manner in which the Board convenes the General Assembly.

- Art.13
1. All members - see art. 4 clause 1 - have access to meetings of the General Assembly and are entitled to one vote. Every member is empowered to authorize another member in writing to vote in his stead.
 2. Decisions on all matters are reached by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, in as far as the statutes do not state otherwise. If there is a tied vote, a proposal is considered as being rejected.

- Art.14
1. The Chairman of the Board chairs all meetings of the General Assembly. In his absence another member of the Board functions as chairman.
 2. Minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly are taken by the Secretary or by another Society member indicated by the Chairman. A summary of these minutes is published in the first issue of the Newsletter to appear after the meeting.

The Congress

- Art. 15
1. A Congress organized by the Society takes place every Spring, at a place and time to be decided on by the Board.
 2. Summaries of addresses to be delivered at the Congress must be submitted to the Programme Committee before a date to be fixed by the Board. Summaries must not be longer than three pages and may not mention the name of the author. The programming of addresses by the Programme Committee is final. Each speaker is permitted a minimum of one hour, in-clusive of the time needed for discussion. No parallel addresses or parallel meetings are organized.
 3. Only members of GLOW are entitled to the usual reimburse-ments for the presentation of a talk at the annual Congress.

Amendment of the Statutes

- Art.16
1. Amendment of the statutes can only take place after such a decision has been reached by the General Assembly which has been convened with the specific notification that in this meeting amendments to the statutes will be proposed. At least a fortnight must elapse between notification of such a meeting and the date of the meeting.
 2. Proposals for amendment of the statutes can be submitted in writing to the Secretary by members of the Society. Such proposals should reach the Secretary not less than three months before the next annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Secretary is responsible for dissemination of the proposals among the members together with the summons to this meeting of the General Assembly.
 3. A proposal to amend the statutes is considered as adopted if at least two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour of the amendment.
- Art.17
1. The amendment of the statutes does not become effective before a deed to this effect has been executed befor a Notary Public.
 2. The Board is under the obligation to place an authentic copy of the amendments and of the amended statutes in the office of the Chamber of Commerce in the area in which the Society has its seat.

Dissolution and liquidation

- Art.18
1. The Society may be dissolved if in a meeting of the General Assembly nine-tenths of the valid votes cast are in favour of dissolution.
 2. In the case of dissolution of the Society, the use to which any financial surplus will be put is decided upon by an absolute majority of the votes cast.
 3. After dissolution the Society continues to exist in as far as this is necessary for the liquidation of its assets. During the liquidation the clauses of the statutes and Bye-laws continue to be effective in as far as possible. In all papers and announcements issued by the Society, the words 'in liquidation' must be added to the name of the Society.

Bye-laws

- Art.19
1. By means of Bye-laws the General Assembly can lay down further rules respecting the functioning of the Society in cases where such rules appear to be desirable.

2. Amendment of the Bye-laws can take place by decision of the General Assembly if requested in writing by at least one-third of the members of the Society or by the Board.
3. The Bye-laws may contain no clauses which deviate from or are at odds with clauses in the law or in the statutes, unless the deviation is approved by the law or the statutes.