



European Water Association

Statutes

Statutes for the European Water Association (EWA)

as of 16 July 2002

Preliminary

In order to promote the advancement of the science and practice of water pollution prevention and control in Europe the following professional organisations in the eleven countries shown have established the European Water Pollution Control Association (EWPCA):

- a) Austria
der Österreichische Wasserwirtschaftsverband
- b) Belgium
le Comité National Belge de l'I.A.W.P.R.
- c) Denmark
The Danish Water Pollution Committee of the Danish Society of Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
- d) Federal Republic of Germany
die Abwassertechnische Vereinigung e.V.
der Verband Kommunaler Städtereinigungsbetriebe
- e) Finland
Vesiyhdistys r.y. – Water Association Finland
- f) France
l'Association Générale des Hygiénistes et Techniciens Municipaux
- g) Great Britain
The Institute of Water Pollution Control
- h) Italy
la Associazione Nazionale di Ingegneria Sanitaria
- i) The Netherlands
Nederlands Vereniging voor Afvalwaterbehandeling en Waterkwaliteitsbeheer N.V.A.
- j) Sweden
the Swedish Water and Waste Water Works Association (VAV)
- k) Switzerland
der Verband Schweizerischen Abwasserfachleute

The principal objective of the Association is to foster and advance the common interests of members with the relevant constituent organisations and institutions in European countries engaged in the prevention and control of water pollution. It is not concerned in any way with the international affairs of the member organisations nor with national and political matters.

Name and Location of Office

- 1 The Organisation will be known as:
The "European Water Association" (EWA) (herein after called "the Association")
The EWA is the new name of the EWPCA (the European Water Pollution Control Association)
- 2 The location of the Association is Bonn (Germany)

Objects

3 The objects for which the Association is established and which exclude all elements of profit are:

- a) To promote and develop the advancement of the science and practice of water management in European countries. In this Statutes the term “water management” shall include water supply, wastewater conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage and derived wastes, receiving water management, pollution control and the sciences, practices and professions allied thereto.
- b) To foster and promote the common interests in water management of the Association members in relation to the constituent bodies and other institutions engaged in water management in Europe and to set up an independent professional point of view for national and European organisations (including the EU).
- c) To endeavour to enhance the profession of water management and give it such standing as will ensure its recognition by appropriate agencies, and generally to act as a body representative of those engaged in water management in connection with any matters affecting or of interest to them.
- d) To further these objectives the Association will:
 - I) Publish, translate and distribute journals, papers and publications for the purpose of making known or advancing these objects
 - II) Hold, promote or support meetings/seminars/conferences for discussion.
 - III) Initiate and/or co-ordinate research upon matters relating to water management
 - IV) Promote activities concerned with improving standards and methods of training and education for the profession.
 - V) Provide good service for the members.
- e) The Association will pursue exclusively and directly objectives of non-profit making in accordance with the section “tax facilitated objectives” of the Payment Regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany.

f) The Association will act selfless and does not pursue first of all its economic objectives.

The funds of the Association will be used only in the furtherance of the objectives as set out in the Statutes. Members will not receive any grant or payment from these funds. No person will be favoured by payments which are not in accordance with the objectives of the Association or by unreasonably high compensations.

Membership

- 4 a) Membership of the Association is open to any active representative professional organisation/institution/association of a European country concerned at national level in the field of water management (see Clause 3 (a) for definition of term “water management”) and which is not engaged in commercial or profit-making activities.
 - b) Appropriate commercial, profit-making and other organisations may at the discretion of the Council (Clause 11) be affiliated to the Association always provided that no such “affiliated” organisation shall have voting rights, nor be directly represented on the constituent bodies (Clause 11), nor be eligible, as of right, to attend meetings of the constituent bodies.
- 5 Applications for membership must:

- I) be sponsored where applicable by a founder member of the respective country listed in the "Preliminary"; and
 - II) be made in writing to the General Secretary of the Association who will submit it to the Council for a decision.
- 6 Initially the membership of the Association will consist of those founder members listed under (a) to (k) of the Preliminary to this document.
 - 7 A member organisation may retire from membership of the Association at any time by giving three months notice in writing to the General Secretary in advance of the end of the calendar year.
 - 8 There will be an Honorary class of membership for persons whom the Council especially desires to honour. This honour will be sparingly bestowed.
 - 9 All member organisations will be listed in a membership roll which will be maintained in the Office of the Association.
 - 10 Members of the Association will abide by the Articles of this Statutes.

Management

- 11 The constituent bodies of the Association will be:
 - a) The Council
 - b) The Management Committee

The Council

- 12 The Council is the governing body of the Association and is representative of each and all the member organisations. No member of the Council of the Association shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Association, or any office of the Association paid by fees.
- 13 Each member organisation (other than an "affiliated" organisation) may appoint one representative and nominated substitute (who may attend and vote in the absence of the substantive member) to serve on the Council for a period of up to three years. The representative (and substitute) will be named by the member organisation in writing to the General Secretary and shall be eligible for reappointment. Only one representative from each member country will be entitled to vote at meetings of Council (Clause 18).
- 14 Meetings of Council will be arranged at least annually. The venues for meetings will be held in the country of a member organisation as agreed by the Council. The President will be responsible for convening meetings of the Council. Notices and agendas for meetings will be submitted four weeks in advance of the previously agreed date.
- 15 The President of the Association will be Chairman of the Council. In his absence he will appoint a deputy who must be a member of the Management Committee (Clause 21).
- 16 The Council is responsible for formulating the policy of the Association and for implementing its various functions and activities and for approving recommendations made by the Management Committee. In particular it will be responsible for:
 - a) Election of the President, the Vice President, Honorary Treasurer and Management Committee. The elected President may be liberated from any national obligations to his national organisation(s) and return his vote as accredited representative to the same during his time of office. The appropriate National Organisation (s) may be entitled to name a new representative to

the Council as replacement for the President as the case may be.

- b) Approving all financial matters.
- c) Amendments to the Association's Statutes.

- 17 a) Resolutions at Council meetings can only be passed if at least half of the voting representatives are present. In certain circumstances voting may be by correspondence. Voting by correspondence can only be passed if at least half of the members respond and two thirds of the respondents agree to the proposal.
- b) The Council meeting is competent to decide without consideration of the number of people present on general resolutions, statutes and the dissolution of the association when the electorate has had a second invitation for the same matter in which they are also informed that irrespective of the amount of voters present at the second meeting the matter will be decided upon. The second invitation can be sent out with the first invitation.
- c) In the event of no voting representative being able to attend from a country because no substitute according to Clause 13 can be nominated, voting by proxy should be arranged. The Council representative can transfer his or her voting right to any other member of the Council including the President.
- 18 The total number of votes in the Council will be equal to the number of countries represented by members; as a consequence there will be representation from the various nationalities and each member country will have one vote. Where one country is represented by more than one organisation the members of that country will nominate to the General Secretary in writing, one of their number as "country voting representative" who will serve on Council in that capacity for a maximum period of three years.
In his absence the nominated delegate may transfer his voting rights to a member of Council from his own country.
- 19 Unanimity on decisions will be striven for in all matters. When this is not possible, resolutions will be determined by a simple majority of voting members (or substitutes) present. For an amendment of the statutes a two thirds majority of the attendees is needed. The Minutes will record those countries in a minority in such resolutions.
- 20 Proceedings and resolutions of Council will be recorded in a report which will be signed by the President and General Secretary and circulated to all Council members.

The Management Committee

- 21 The Management Committee consists of the President, the Honorary Treasurer and up to four elected representatives from the Council, one of whom will be designated as Vice President and will deputise for the President in his absence, and the Chairpersons of the standing committees. The Management Committee is the controlling body of the Association in the context of paragraph 26 to the Code of Civil Law of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Honorary Treasurer and the elected members of the Management Committee shall serve for two years and shall be eligible for re-election for one further two year term only. The President-Elect must be selected from the Management Committee, the appointment however being irrespective of the number of years served on the Committee. The President and Vice President shall serve for a 2 year term only in each position to run concurrently.
- 22 The Management Committee will represent the Association and direct the work of the General Secretary.

- 23 The Management Committee on behalf of the Council of the Association has the following responsibilities:
- a) to direct the operations of the Association and implement the decisions taken by the Council;
 - b) to consider and recommend policy matters to the Council;
 - c) to submit accounts of its activities to the Council;
 - d) to suggest and appoint committees.
- 24 The Management Committee is bound by the decisions of the Council.
- 25 The President presides over meetings of the Council and of the Management Committee and liaises with organisations in allied fields both in Europe and elsewhere. The Association is represented by either the President or by two other members of the Management Committee acting jointly conditional upon their exercising their power of attorney only if the President is otherwise unable to act. The Secretary General represents the Association regarding announcements and registrations versus German authorities such as the country court and is empowered to sign all documents related thereto.
- 26 The President is bound by the decisions of the Management Committee and of the Council.

The Secretariat

- 27 The day-to-day affairs of the Association will be managed by a General Secretary. He and any additional staff for whom the General Secretary will be responsible, must be citizens of one of the European countries represented in the Association by a member organisation.
- 28 The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Management Committee.
- 29 The General Secretary will be responsible to the President for the carrying out of the business of the Council of the Association, and will be bound by the President's instructions. He is empowered to sign all documents required by the country court.
- 30 The General Secretary will attend all meetings of the Council and any other meetings as required by the President. He will not have any voting rights.

Finances

- 31 All member organisations must pay annual subscriptions each calendar year as may be determined by the Council. Subscriptions will be collected by the General Secretary.
- 32 The Management Committee will submit in due time to the Council each year a draft budget for the coming year with anticipated income and expenditure and recommendations for subscription rates (if any).
- 33 The Association's accounts will be audited each year and a report submitted by the auditors to the Management Committee and the Council.

Languages

- 34 The languages of the Association will be English, French and German. In official documents, correspondence and minutes of meetings, the English language will prevail.

Amendments of Statutes

35 Any member of the Association may submit amendment(s) to this Statutes through the Council. Such amendment(s) must be submitted in writing to the President for consideration at a meeting of the Council. In such an event the President must arrange for Council members to be given two months' notice of the proposed amendment(s) in advance of the meeting, and for the amendment(s) to be included in the agenda for the meeting.

Dissolution

36 The Association may be dissolved at any time under the provisions of Clause 35.

37 In the event of a dissolution:

- a) Council members must be given two months' notice of the proposed dissolution in advance of a meeting when the matter will be discussed, and the proposed dissolution must be included in the agenda for that meeting.
- b) Winding up and liquidation of assets will be the responsibility of the Management Committee.
- c) On the dissolution of the Association or with the cessation of tax privileged objectives the assets of the Association devolve upon the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (Deutsche Vereinigung für Wasserwirtschaft, Abwasser und Abfall e.V., ATV-DVWK) which is to use them directly and exclusively for public utility, charitable or ecclesiastical purposes.

By unanimous approval of the founding members the statutes of The European Water Pollution Control Association was formally adopted on 22nd June, 1981 in Munich, Fed. Rep. of Germany. Amended by unanimous approval of the Council

- on 25th May, 1984 in Munich, Fed. Rep. of Germany,
 - on 15th April, 1985 in Rome, Italy,
 - on 16th May, 1988 in Voss, Norway,
 - on 12th May 1993 in Munich, Germany,
 - on 25th May 1998 in Plitvic, Croatia,
 - on 6th May 1999 in Munich, Germany
 - on 15th May 2002 in Munich, Germany
- and registered in Bonn, Fed. Rep. of Germany No. 4849