

European Business History Association

Constitution

1. Name

The name of the organization shall be the European Business History Association (EBHA), hereafter referred to as the Association.

2. Objects

The objects of the Association are to advance the education of academics and the public concerning all aspects of the history of business and management in Europe and in the environment in which they operate and to promote research into all such aspects by:

- (i) organizing congresses, conferences, and seminars,
- (ii) publishing a webpage, a newsletter, and other materials,
- (iii) encouraging research in all aspects of business history, and specifically the promotion of collaborative projects based in several European countries,
- (iv) enhancing inter-European contacts and promote extra-European links among business historians,
- (v) encouraging the mobility and communication of business history students,
- (vi) promoting teaching and interest in all such aspects.

3. Membership

- (i) Membership is open to individuals at an annual membership fee set by the General Meeting of the Association.
- (ii) Membership continues until the member resigns with a written statement (including email) to the Secretary of the Association, latest three months ahead of the end of the budget year.
- (iii) Membership is also open to corporate sponsors at an annual fee set by the General Meeting of the Association. This category is for organisations who wish to support the work of the Association.
- (iv) Corporate membership continues until the member resigns with a written statement (including email) to the Secretary of the Association, latest three months ahead of the end of the budget year.

4. General Meetings

- (i) The General Meeting of the Association will be held in association with the congresses which will normally be arranged on an annual basis. Other meetings may be arranged between the congresses. An invitation including an agenda shall be circulated to the membership four weeks prior to the AGM.
- (ii) Changes to the constitution may be made by a majority vote at the General Meeting. Written proposals for such changes must be delivered to the Secretary six weeks prior to the General Meeting. Proposed changes may only be accepted for consideration by the General Meeting if introduced by (a) the Council or (b) by 51% of the full membership of the Association attaching their signature to a proposal.
- (iii) The Council may suspend an individual or corporate member if this member publicly brings substantial disrepute to the Association. Any proposal to exclude an individual or corporate member from the Association shall require the (a) proposal of the council or (b) support of 51% of the full membership. The exclusion of a member requires 75% votes from the General Meeting of the Association.

5. Officers of Council and Elections

- (i) The Council shall comprise not more than eleven members elected from the general membership. Not more than two members may be elected from any one country. "Country" is determined by academic affiliation.
- (ii) Members of Council shall serve for four years with the option of standing for a second term. Thereafter members will not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of a further two years.
- (iii) Elections will be held annually between 1st of October and 30th of November.
- (iv) Nominations for election will be called for on the Associations webpage and through the Newsletter. Nominations for elections are to be made in written form (including email) to the Secretary two months in advance to the elections.
- (v) The elected members of Council will nominate to the General Meeting of the Association, for approval, the main officers of the Association. The main officers are the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

- (vi) The term of the president and of the vice president starts with the election at the General Meeting. The term is two years and ends on the respective General Meeting. The vice president shall normally succeed to a term as president. Should there be any discrepancy, the end date of the term of office for the president and for the vice-president shall supersede the normal end date of their terms as elect council members.
- (vii) The term of the treasurer and the secretary starts with the election at the General Meeting. The term is four years and ends on the respective General Meeting. Should there be any discrepancy, the end date of the term of office for the treasurer and for the secretary shall supersede the normal end date of their terms as elect council members.
- (viii) The Council shall have the power to suspend an officer. This suspension requires that a new officer is temporarily elected by at least two thirds of the Council members.
- (ix) The maximal number of eleven Council members shall not be affected by (vi) and (vii).
- (x) The Council shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members for consultative purposes.

6. Finance

None of the association's assets may be distributed or otherwise applied (on being wound up or at any other time) except to further its charitable purposes provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith or a reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Association and fees to professional and technical advisers or the repayment to Members of the Council of reasonable out of pocket expenses.

7. Winding Up and Disposal of Funds

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution of the General Meeting. Any surplus funds or other assets shall be disposed of for charitable purposes agreed upon by the general meeting.

Constitution as amended and approved at Annual General Meetings in Copenhagen August 2006, Bergen August 2008, Vienna 2017, and Ancona 7 September 2018.

Secretary of the EBHA, Ancona 7.9.2018