

Constitution of the Swedish Basal Ganglia Society (SWEBAGS)

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Name of the society

The name of the society is the Swedish Basal Ganglia Society (SWEBAGS).

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Aim of the society

SWEBAGS is a scientific organization with the main aim to gather persons and organisations interested in basal ganglia research in Sweden. The main focus shall be on basic research, preclinical research as well as innovations and drug discovery. The society strives for increasing the visibility of the field, to provide a forum for exchange of knowledge and collaborations, preparing education opportunities of different types and at different levels, function as a user community for EBRAINS Sweden, as well as being a nation-wide organisation that will be able to enter partnership with relevant stakeholders at the international level.

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Membership criteria

SWEBAGS welcomes students and professionals interested in basal ganglia-related topics in Sweden.

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Membership

A membership is personal. An application for membership shall be sent to the board and is decided upon by the board. A member must support the aims of the society. Membership is valid first when the annual fee has been paid.

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Honorary member

Honorary memberships are awarded either by the board or at the annual meeting following nomination from the members. Honorary memberships can be provided to those whose activities have had extraordinary importance for the SWEBAGS society or for the scientific development in the field. An honorary member does not have to pay the annual fee.

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Termination of membership

If a member wants to leave the society, he or she should inform the board. A member who actively works against the aims of the society or who breaks the bylaws may be excluded from the society by the board. A member who has not paid the membership upon requests and reminders from the society loses the membership after 3 months from the first reminder.

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Memorandum of understanding

All members of SWEBAGS agree to honor the trust of the other society members and not to disclose any non-public knowledge, data, results or information obtained within the society, unless agreed otherwise. All members also agree not to use information obtained within the society, not publicly available, against the interests of the provider.

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The board of the society

The decisions are made by a board which is elected at an annual meeting. The board consists of at least 10 board members including the chair. Each of the following areas should be represented by at least one board member with the relevant background:

Affective and associative functions

Behavioral and system neuroscience

Computational science and machine learning research

EBRAINS

International Basal Ganglia Society (IBAGS)

Sensory motor functions

Small-medium enterprises (SME)

SWEMODIS (Swedish Movement Disorders Society)

Translational research

Education and outreach coordination

In addition the chair, the following tasks shall be assigned to the board members.

Vice chair

Secretary

Treasurer

The members of the board are elected for three years and 1/3 should be elected at each annual meeting, the chairperson is elected for 1 year at the time. All members of the board shall be part of the society and actively engaging in the wellbeing of the society.

The board meets at least four times per year according to the decision of the chairperson. The chairperson must also within 3 weeks organize a board meeting if at least two board members demand this. The board can make decisions if a majority of its members are present and agree on the decision. If a vote at the board meeting is even, the chairperson decides. Decisions can also be taken *Per Capsulam* if 2/3 agrees to the decision. The board can temporarily fill vacant seats via unanimous decisions until the next annual meeting.

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The duties of the board members

The chairperson shall announce and lead all meetings of the society and its board. The chairperson shall together with the secretary decide on the schedules for such meetings. All board members must take an active part in the workings of the board and in the wellbeing of the society.

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Signing documents

Documents from the society shall be signed by the chairperson and the secretary.

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Economical accounting

All economical matters are once per year controlled by two accountants when relevant. The board shall see to that the necessary documents are made available latest 3 weeks before the annual meeting. The accountants are appointed at the annual meeting for one year at a time.

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Election committee

A suggestion regarding board and accountants is prepared by an election committee. The election committee is composed of 3 members, from which one at most can be a board member. The election committee decides on its own chairperson. The chairperson is responsible for organizing the meetings with the election committee.

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Meetings of the society

The society shall perform at least one ordinary members meeting per year, with no more than 18 months between the meetings . An additional *ad hoc* meeting shall be held when the chairperson or the board find this necessary or, when at least 30 members submit a written application. Invitation to annual members meetings shall, together with a program for the meeting, be sent out at least 14 days before the meeting (to all members). At the additional *ad hoc* meeting within the society, only questions listed on the invitation can be decided on. All members that have fulfilled the membership criteria for the ongoing year are eligible to attend and vote on the membership meetings.

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Meeting program

At the annual meeting the society shall:

- a. Decide on 2 persons that certify the meeting protocol and count votes in case of voting procedures.
- b. Elect meeting chairperson and meeting secretary
- c. Evaluate the reports from the board etc and decide if there is a continued trust in the board.
- d. Elect chair and board members according to §8.
- e. Elect 2 accountants and 2 stand-ins for the accountants.
- f. Elect nomination committee and one stand-in for these according to § 11.
- g. Vote on suggestions brought forward by the board or the members in accordance to §13
- h. Decide on membership fees.

Invitation to the meeting shall be distributed to all the members via email as well as be announced on the webpage.

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Change in the bylaws

Decisions regarding changes in the bylaws can only be made during annual meetings. A written suggestion regarding such a change must be made latest available 2 months before the annual meeting to the board. The suggestion shall be sent out to the members together with the invitation to the annual meeting and shall be followed by a statement of the board. For a change in the bylaws there must be a 2/3 majority at the annual meeting.

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Termination of the society

If the society shall be terminated, this must be decided upon in two following membership meetings, of which one shall be a regularly planned annual membership meeting. There shall be at least a 12 weeks interval between the meetings. The termination must be supported by a majority at both meetings. In case of termination of the society the annual meeting shall decide about the further use of its funds and thereby the main interest areas of the society shall have priority. All members that have fulfilled the membership criteria for the ongoing year are eligible to attend and vote on the membership meetings.