

## **SATE Statutes 1972, revised 2009**

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The Swiss Association of Teachers of English (SATE) endeavours to promote the study and teaching of English Language and literature and the knowledge of the English speaking world among its members.

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Membership of this Association is open to all past or present teachers of English in Switzerland who have successfully completed a course at any Swiss university qualifying them are qualified to teach English at Swiss *Gymnasien, Lycées, Liceos* or at university level.

**3**

Holders of foreign diplomas or degrees qualifying them to teach at the levels mentioned above or who are teaching, or have taught, at these levels, may apply to the Committee for membership. The Committee will decide each case on its merit.

**4**

SATE is affiliated to the VSG/SSPES. Only those members of the SATE who fulfil the conditions laid down in articles 4 and 5 of the statutes of the VSG/SSPES are automatically full members of the VSG/SSPES. Members of SATE are expected to join VSG/SSPES.

**5**

The Committee is composed of at least three members, the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer acting as President, Treasurer and Course Co-ordinator. The Committee can co-opt one or two other members of the Association in an advisory capacity. The members of the Committee should live, if possible, in the same area.

**6**

The Committee is elected for a three-year-period and can be re-elected for further periods approved of by the Annual General Meeting. At the same time two Auditors and up to four<sup>1</sup> Delegates to VSG/SSPES are elected.

**7**

The Committee's tasks are:

- (a) to act as the Association's executive;
- (b) to draw up the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, and to arrange the Association's events, including in-service training courses.
- (c) to keep the Association's accounts;
- (d) to ensure co-operation and relations with other associations.

**8**

Every year the Association holds an Annual General Meeting, as a rule in conjunction with the General Meeting of the VSG/SSPES.

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<sup>1</sup> The number of Delegates depends on the number of SATE members (cf. VSG/SSPES Statutes, Art.15)

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The items on the agenda of this Annual General Meeting are

- (a) Committee's reports, accounts, elections, revision of the Statutes;
- (b) amount of the annual membership fee;
- (c) suggestions and proposals with regard to the Association's aims as defined under article 1 of the statutes.

**10**

Other meetings may be held either on the Committee's own initiative or upon request of one third of the Association's membership.

**11**

Members have no personal liability for SATE. SATE's financial obligations are limited exclusively to the organization's assets<sup>2</sup>.

**12**

All active members pay an annual membership fee to the SATE. Fees are waived for retired teachers on notification to the Committee.

Accepted by the Annual General Meeting

Winterthur, 13 November 2009

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<sup>2</sup> *Die persönliche Haftbarkeit der Mitglieder ist ausgeschlossen. Für die Verbindlichkeiten des SATE haftet ausschliesslich das Vereinsvermögen.*