

## **Rules of the Association of European Open Air Museums §§ 1-13 (2017)**

§ 1 The objectives of the Association of European Open Air Museums (AEOM) are the exchange of scientific, technical, practical and organisational experience relative to open air museums, and the promotion of the activities of open air museums in general.

For this purpose, the association shall organize meetings of its members and promote publications and proceedings consistent with these objectives. In this connection, open air museums are defined as scientific collections in the open air of various types of structures, which as constructional and functional entities, illustrate settlement patterns, dwellings, economy and technology.

Secondly, The Association of European Open Air Museums represents its members in relation to European and other super-national organisations.

§ 2 The Association of European Open Air Museums is an autonomous member organisation of International Council of Museums (ICOM).

§ 3 Membership of the association: Attendance at meetings of the association is open to everyone, but membership is restricted as follows:

1. Members of the association are open air museums. In organisational terms the open air museums as members can be part of a larger organisation. It is for the members to decide by whom they are represented in the Association.
2. The board will recommend new members to the General Meeting that will decide on admission.

§ 4 The board can recommend to the General Meeting that individuals be appointed fellows of AEOM.

It is a special honour to be appointed a fellow of AEOM. Fellows are colleagues that the organisation want to show appreciation because of their competences in the management and development of open air museums. By appointment to fellowship AEOM clearly states that the fellow is expected in the future to be an asset to the European open air museums and will help support the organisation and contribute towards the goals.

1. Fellowship of the Association is personal, lifelong and not transferable.

2. Fellows must at the time of appointment work in open-air museums as their main employment.
3. From each museum will normally have only one or two fellows who normally be the director or the curatorial/academic head if more appropriate. From large museums, may be appointed more fellows.
4. A new fellow must have attended a Conference as a guest before being eligible to join.
5. A new fellow must be recommended by two existing fellows, at least one of whom must be from a museum other than the applicant's own.
6. Fellows proposing a new fellow should circulate a short CV of the individual to the board.
7. The board will recommend new fellows to the General Meeting that will decide on admission.

Personal members elected as such before 2017 are hereafter fellows of AEOM.

The board may nominate individuals who have made a significant contribution to the work of the association to the General Meeting that will decide on admission as honorary **fellows**.

Voting:

1. Only members have voting rights and each member has one vote.
2. In voting and electing, a majority vote of the member's present shall be decisive.

§ 5 The General Meeting shall elect a board consisting of a president, a vice-president and up to five additional members. Members of the board shall be of different nationalities. The board shall take office immediately on election by the General Meeting and will hold office for a period of two years. Board members are eligible for re-election for two further terms, but thereafter must retire for at least two years. The board shall meet as required, either at the request of the president or of two other members, and may appoint a secretary and treasurer.

§ 6 The General Meeting of members of the AEOM shall meet at least once every two years. The time, place and themes of each meeting shall normally be decided at the previous meeting by a majority of the members present in agreement with the open-air museum where the assembly is to be held. The board shall be authorized to change the time, place and themes of meeting if necessary. Successive meetings shall be held in different countries.

§ 7 The president, or if **he or she** is unable to act, the vice-president shall convene the Conference in agreement with the local organisers, draw up the agenda as well as invitations to be extended by the board to special guests and persons whose participation in discussions is desirable.

§ 8 The languages to be used during the meetings and discussions shall be English, French and German.

§ 9 Within six months after each Conference a detailed report of the proceedings, having been first approved in draft by the president, shall, with his or her consent, be distributed to the members. The report shall be made either by the open-air museum or organisation where the meeting has been held or by a person appointed by the board.

§ 10 The General Meeting can decide that an annual fee is attached to membership of the Association in order to finance operational or extraordinary activities.

Correspondence and travelling expenses incurred by members of the board in connection with the activities of the association shall normally not be borne by the AEOM but by the board's own institutions.

On retiring from office, the president shall hand over the archives of the AEOM to **his or her** successor. Photocopies of the originals may serve if so required.

§ 11 Expenses involved with the organization of meetings shall be borne by the host museum or institution.

§ 12 The General Meeting shall decide upon the financing of any publications, joint action for publicity, etc. planned by the association, the costs of which cannot reasonably be imposed on either the president's institution or the local organizers.

§ 13 The AEOM as founded under these rules can be dissolved or transferred to other organizations on request of the General Meeting. Decisions taken in this connection shall require a majority of three-quarters of the total number of members of the AEOM.

Before any discussions to this end, the request shall be notified in writing for inclusion in the agenda of the meeting. If the total number of votes in favour of the resolution does not reach three-quarters, the board may propose a new motion and ask for a decision by simple majority. In the event of dissolution, the archives and any capital of the AEOM shall be handed over to ICOM, or, in case of transference to another organization, to the latter.

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