



Amendments to EPDA Belgian Statutes, as discussed, agreed and ratified by the EPDA membership at the EPDA annual general meeting, Monday 7 September 2020.

Articles not approved:

Associate/Confederate membership has no voting rights or Associate/Confederate members have voting rights?

- **Votes required:** 17.3 to pass as qualified majority
- **Votes received:** 16 votes for and 10 votes against

Representatives from Associate/Confederate members can be elected or co-opted as EPDA Board members?

- **Votes required:** 17.3 to pass as qualified majority
- **Votes received:** 15 votes for and 11 votes against

Articles	Current Statutes text/explanation for inclusion	Ratification at the AGM 7 September 2020
Change of address	Rue Montoyer 47, B-1000 Brussels, Belgique	Grayling, 46 Avenue des Arts, 1000 Brussels;
Article 4 EPDA's membership	<p>The association is composed of active (voting) and associate (non-voting) members.</p> <p>Active: Members will be Parkinson's disease Associations, originating from European countries or from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, legally constituted according to the laws of their countries of origin</p> <p>Associate: Members may be physical persons or legal entities from any country, legally constituted according to the laws and practices of their country</p>	<p>Definition of an Active Member: Members will be Parkinson's disease associations, operating at a national level holding a statute clearly outlining their aims and including their role in working to improve the lives of people with Parkinson's within their specific geographical area. PD associations forming part of a federation or national organisation which is already a member of the EPDA, will not be eligible to apply for membership</p> <p>Definition of an Associate member: Members may be physical persons or legal entities working within the field of Parkinson's or having a special interest in the condition.</p> <p>Associate members will have no voting rights and cannot be elected or co-opted as EPDA Board members. They will need to pay a membership fee of</p>

	of origin	200 euros and attend the annual members meeting and annual general meeting
Article 5 Admission of new members	The admission of new members will be subject to the approval of the General Assembly. The minimum criteria for being eligible for membership will be laid down in the internal rules and Regulations	Agreed criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a non-profit organisation if a legal entity • Must comply to the geographic scope of Article 4 • Must be directly working with or for people with Parkinson's • Must have amongst its members people with Parkinson's • Must be a legal entity if an Active member • That their representative can actively participate in English.
Article 6 Membership fees	<p>The members pay a membership fee determined annually (for the category to which they belong) by the General Assembly, based on a proposal by the Administration Board</p> <p>The annual membership fee shall be paid to the account of the EPDA not later than 1st March of each year. There is no admission fee.</p> <p>If a member fails, after one year from having been served a written demand, to meet its financial obligations towards the Association, the board (as defined in Article 12) shall determine how to proceed and may determine that the member in default shall lose its voting rights until such time as its financial obligations have been met or the Board may propose to the General Assembly that the member defaults' membership of the Association be revoked.</p>	<p>All members of the EPDA will pay their membership fees by the 31 March. Should a member not pay their fees by the 31 March, a reminder letter will be sent requesting payment by the end of April – this provides all members 4 (four) months to pay their membership dues.</p> <p>If, as of the 1st May, the EPDA has not received the membership fees, they will remain a member, but the member will lose their voting rights for the year, irrespective of whether they pay in the year.</p> <p>If the member has a representative on the EPDA Board, the latter will be able to remain on the Board but will have no voting rights for the rest of the year.</p> <p>They will have to pay the full fee to attend the yearly Members' Meeting and AGM. If, in the second year, they have not paid their membership fee by 31 March, including the membership fee of the previous year, they will no longer be a member of the EPDA and will become a "friend of the EPDA".</p> <p>The EPDA Board will do whatever it can within its powers to ensure that it helps the member in question to remain a member of the EPDA. Each issue will be formally raised and discussed at the AGM.</p>
Article 12 Composition of the Board	The Board and the AGM have agreed to extend the period of two years to three years. It is also required to clear up the language to ensure no misinterpretation relating to the possibility of being re-elected for another 3 year mandate.	<p>Administration: The Association is administered by a Board composed of a minimum of 5 (five) and a maximum of 11 (eleven) members, at least one of whom will be a person with Parkinson's.</p> <p>Administrators are elected by the General Assembly for a term of 3 (three) years and may be re-elected by the General Assembly at the end of</p>

	This is a simple updating of the Statutes based on a previous AGM decision	their term in office for another period of 3 (three) years. A total of 6 (six) years.
Article 13 Officers of the Board	<p>The AGM have in the past made changes to this article to reflect that the AGM appoints the President and Vice-President on the basis of a recommendation from the Board.</p> <p>The Secretary is effectively the Director General.</p> <p>The Director General and the Treasurer will be nominated by the Board and the Board will inform the AGM of its decision.</p> <p>This is updating the Statutes based on a previous AGM decision.</p>	<p>The General Assembly shall elect from among its members the President and the Vice-President. The election of Board officers, namely the Treasurer, is to be carried out by the Board at their first meeting.</p> <p>Should Board members step down during their term of office, the Board will notify the AGM. Should a President or Vice-President step down, the Board shall make a recommendation to the General Assembly which will need to be ratified either at the AGM or via an extraordinary meeting.</p> <p>The Director General is a paid official appointed by the Board who then informs the Member Organisations /General Assembly.</p>
Article 15 Powers of the Board	The Administration Board has full power to manage and administer subject to the powers of the General Assembly. It may delegate day to day management to its President or to an administrator or agent. It may confer special powers under its responsibility and grant them to one or more persons. It may co-opt a specialist to the Board.	<p>The Administration Board has full power to manage and administer subject to the powers of the General Assembly. The Board may delegate day to day management to its President or to an administrator or agent. The Board may confer special powers under its responsibility and grant them to one or more persons.</p> <p>The Board can co-opt up to 4 (four) persons to join the Board should Member Organisations not put forward sufficient members and/or should the Board decide that a person with specific skills is required to join the Board. Co-opted Board Members are appointed by the Board for a term of 3 (three) years and their appointment is ratified by the General Assembly. They may be appointed by the Board for a further period of 3 (three) years, ratified by the General Assembly.</p>
The names and functions of the Board	The Statutes will be updated with the new list of members, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Director-General for the period 2020-2023	Updating the Statutes to reflect the latest composition of the Board.
NEW ARTICLE Board Observer	<p>It is recommended for transparency that the Board's Observer status be reflected in a dedicated Article.</p> <p>It is recommended that the requirement for a one</p>	Election to the Board will require that each Board nominee undertake a one-year "Observer" period before he/she can become a full Board member. During this Observer year they will not have the right to vote.

status	year observer period continues for board nominees due to the fact that experience has demonstrated that the nominee is able in this year to comprehend what is required and allows them also to "settle in to their new role" which is very likely to be very different to what they have experienced at the national level.	
NEW ARTICLE Nomination Committee	The Board recommends that the current system to propose Board candidates to the AGM be stipulated in an Article. This is recommended to ensure full transparency of the nomination and election process	<p>In order for a Board member to be elected by the AGM, a Board Membership Verification Task Force (VMTF) will be established to verify the candidate's credentials to become a Board member. The VMTF will be set up every year or when necessary to vet new Board members.</p> <p>The VMTF will be made up of 5+1 (five plus one) representatives: 2 (two) from the current Board, 1 (one) of which should be a person with Parkinson's, and 3 (three) members from the Member Organisations and in addition, the Director-General who will have no voting powers but will be responsible for the management of the VMTF.</p> <p>The VMTF will provide and present its recommendation on the Board candidates to the General Assembly and in turn the General Assembly will elect the Board Members.</p>

Amendments to EPDA Belgian Statutes held via email on 19 November 2021 at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The amendments were agreed via email by the EPDA membership on 15 January 2021.

Articles	Current Statutes text/explanation for inclusion	Amendments agreed by the EPDA membership on 15 January 2021.
Article 8	<p>The General Assembly shall meet every year and shall be announced six months in advance.</p> <p>Proposals for Agenda items must be received by the</p>	<p>The General Assembly shall meet every year and shall be announced four months in advance.</p> <p>Proposals for Agenda items must be received by the</p>

<p>Administration Board up to four months prior to the General Assembly.</p> <p>The Agenda for the General Assembly shall be notified in writing to all active and associated members, not less than ten weeks in advance of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the request of the majority of the active members.</p> <p>The proposals for Agenda items to be received by the Administration Board up to three months prior to the proposed special meeting.</p> <p>The Agenda proposed for this special meeting to be notified, in writing, to all active and associated members, not less than eight weeks in advance of the proposed special meeting.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each active member to notify the Secretary, in writing, of the name of their delegate one month prior to the General Assembly or Extraordinary meeting.</p>	<p>Administration Board up to four weeks prior to the General Assembly.</p> <p>The Agenda for the General Assembly shall be notified in writing to all active and associated members, not less than four weeks in advance of the General Assembly.</p> <p>An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the request of the majority of the active members.</p> <p>The proposals for Agenda items are to be received by the Administration Board up to four weeks prior to the proposed special meeting.</p> <p>The Agenda proposed for this special meeting is to be notified, in writing, to all active and associated members, not less than four weeks in advance of the proposed special meeting.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of each active member to notify the Director General, in writing, of the name of their delegate four weeks prior to the General Assembly or Extraordinary meeting”</p>
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Amendments to EPDA Belgian Statutes by the EPDA membership upon completion and return of voting form by 21 June 2021 and ratified by the EPDA membership at the EPDA annual general meeting, Tuesday 29 June 2021.

The votes were passed, as per current Statutes (Article 11), by a **qualified majority** vote, namely two thirds (66%).

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4	Definition of an Active Member: Members will be Parkinson's disease associations, operating at a national level holding a statute clearly outlining their aims and including their role in working to improve the lives of people with Parkinson's within their specific geographical area. PD associations forming part of a federation or national organisation which is already a member of the EPDA, will not be eligible to apply for membership	Definition of a Membership (Parkinson's) Organisation: Members will be not for profit organisations based in any European country with a membership of people with Parkinson's and carers, or a federation which represents Parkinson's membership organisations. Parkinson's organisations forming part of a federation or a national organisation which is already a member of the EPDA, will not be eligible to apply for membership.
	Definition of an Associate member: Members may be physical persons or legal entities working within the field of Parkinson's or having a special interest in the condition. Associate members will have no voting rights and cannot be elected or coopted as EPDA Board members. They will need to pay a membership fee of 2 of origin 200 euros and attend the annual members meeting and annual general meeting	Definition of an Affiliate member: Not for profit organisations, who have a special interest in Parkinson's with no individual members. Affiliate members will have voting rights and can be elected or co-opted as EPDA Board members.
5	Agreed criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a non-profit organisation if a legal entity 	Agreed criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a non-profit organisation if a legal entity • Must comply to the geographic scope of Article 4

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<p>6</p>	<p>All members of the EPDA will pay their membership fees by the 31 March. Should a member not pay their fees by the 31 March, a reminder letter will be sent requesting payment by the end of April – this provides all members 4 (four) months to pay their membership dues.</p> <p>If, as of the 1st May, the EPDA has not received the membership fees, they will remain a member, but the member will lose their voting rights <u>for the year, irrespective of whether they pay in the year</u></p> <p>If the member has a representative on the EPDA Board, the latter will be able to remain on the Board <u>but will have no voting rights for the rest of the year</u></p> <p>- They will have to pay the full fee to attend the yearly Members' Meeting and AGM. If in the second year, they have not paid their</p>	<p>All members of the EPDA will pay their membership fees by the 31 March. Should a member not pay their fees by the 31 March, a reminder letter will be sent requesting payment by the end of April – this provides all members 4 (four) months to pay their membership dues.</p> <p>If, as of the 1st May, the EPDA has not received the membership fees, they will remain a member, but the member will lose their voting rights until payment is received</p> <p>- If the member has a representative on the EPDA Board, the latter will be able to remain on the Board but will lose their voting rights until payment is received</p> <p>- They will have to pay the full fee to attend the yearly Members' Meeting and AGM if payment of their membership fees is not received.</p> <p>The EPDA Board will do whatever it can within its powers</p>

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