

## *Articles of the Association for American Studies in South East Europe*

### *Title*

1. The name of the Association shall be the Association for American Studies in South East Europe.

### *Aims*

2. The Association is set up as a joint body made up of separate national American studies organizations from South East Europe. Although the Association favors membership of national organizations from South East Europe, individuals may apply for membership in the Association providing that their country does not have an association for American studies.

3. The purpose of the Association shall be to encourage the study of the United States, particularly in South East Europe. As means to this end the Association may organize conferences, publish periodicals in print or electronic form, encourage the travel of scholars from the regional countries to and in the United States and within the region, as well as pursue other scholarly activities.

### *Assembly*

4. The Assembly shall consist of all dues-paying individuals who have been duly registered as members of the constitutive national associations.

### *Executive*

5. The executive business of the Association shall be dispatched by a board which shall be known as the Executive Board.

### *Board*

6. The board shall consist of one member from each member association, with one of the members being elected chairperson by the Executive Board. The Board shall also comprise two deputy members from each member association. All members and deputy members of the Board shall be elected by their respective national associations to hold office for a term of two years. If there is no General Assembly on the expiration of this term of office, the term shall continue automatically until a General Assembly is held. If a vacancy arises through the resignation or death of a member of the Board before the expiration of the term, the Executive Board shall have the right to fill the vacancy from among the deputy members. The members can cast votes at the General Assembly or the Executive Board meeting electronically if the majority of the members agree to this system of voting before the meeting takes place.

### *Officers*

7. There shall be a chairperson of the Association and a secretary, who shall keep records of proceedings. The chairperson shall be elected at the Executive Board meetings and confirmed at the following General Assembly. The chairperson shall serve until the next General Assembly but always for at least two years. The chairperson shall be elected on a rotational basis to ensure equal representation of national associations. The secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board for a term of two years. A board member shall have the right to serve as an officer. The Board shall elect a vice-chairperson from its own number. On completion of their term of office, the chairperson and the board members shall, at the General Assembly, vacate their places and may offer themselves for re-election.

*General Assembly*

8. General Assembly of the Association shall be held every two years at such time as the Board shall determine. An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at not less than six weeks' notice at the request of the majority of the full Board. All registered members of the Association shall have the right to vote at such meetings. The chairperson of the Board, or in his/her absence, the vice-chairperson of the Board, shall preside at all sessions of the General Assembly. Any matter before the Assembly shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes given thereon. In case of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

*National Associations*

9. The Association shall have the right to concern itself with activities within limits set by the articles of the separate constitutive national associations. The national associations shall keep the Executive Board informed of all of their activities.

*Amendment*

10. These articles may be amended by majority vote of the General Assembly, due notice of the proposed amendment having been given to all members in advance.

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