



## STATUTES – Swedish Society for Immunology (SWIMM)

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### 1. PURPOSE

The Swedish society for immunology is a scientific society with the purpose of connecting immunologists working in Sweden at scientific meetings, and to work for the advancement of basic and applied immunology.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who through education or work has shown an interest in the purposes of the society can become a member.

Admission of members is done after registration and payment of the membership fee according to the instructions on the society website.

Membership includes automatic membership in the Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI).

Honorary members can be admitted through decision by the yearly meeting upon suggestion by the society board. Honorary members do not have the right to vote during the SWIMM annual meetings, nor are they registered for SSI membership.

The society shall be led by a board comprising the number of board members decided by the yearly meeting to best support the work of the society. The number of board members must be at least three (3). Any individual fellow is voted for by the yearly meeting for a period of three (3) years.

### 3. BOARD

Any board members can be re-elected for a maximum of three (3) periods.

With the election of board members should come a consideration of the inclusion of representatives for different subjects within basic and medical immunology, and different

universities. Further, it should be sought for to include immunologists that are not trained in medicine.

The board constitutes itself by electing a chairperson and secretary.

The secretary of the society may also act as the treasurer, or the position as treasurer can be held by another member of the board.

At equal voting within the board, the vote of the chairperson is decisive.

The board reaches quorum when at least half of the board members are present.

Any board member has a right to free membership for the time of their entire mandate period.

#### **4. YEARLY MEETING**

The yearly meeting takes place annually and can be held in conjuncture with the yearly meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI).

The meeting should be announced at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

An extra yearly meeting can be called for by the board of the society, and shall be held whenever at least 30 members bring forward a justified proposal to that effect.

The yearly meeting settles decisions by simple majority.

At the yearly meeting the following should be addressed:

- a) Election of chairperson for the meeting
- b) Presentation of the annual report by the board
- c) Any propositions from members
- d) Reports from eventual committees
- e) Presentation of the financial report
- f) Decision on the yearly fee and budget for the following year
- g) Election of auditor
- h) Other matters

Any proposal that a member wishes to bring to the agenda of the yearly meeting shall be made available to the board no later than one week before the yearly meeting and be accompanied by a brief description.

Only proposals that have been included in the agenda can be subject to voting.

The yearly meeting discussions shall be documented, and the protocol shall be approved by the yearly meeting chairperson and secretary.

## **5. FINANCES AND YEARLY FEE**

The fiscal year for the society follows the calendar year.

The accounts of the society will be audited by at least one auditor, elected by the yearly meeting.

Audited financials shall be presented for approval at the yearly meeting.

The yearly fee is decided upon by the yearly meeting. The yearly fee covers a calendar year regardless of when during the year the fee is paid.

## **6. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FROM THE SOCIETY**

In the event of a member not paying the yearly membership fee, the person will be considered resigned from the society starting with the most recent unpaid payment period.

## **7. AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES OF THE SOCIETY**

Amendments of the statutes can be proposed by the board or at least 10 members by inquiry to the chairperson of the society, and can only be decided on at a yearly meeting, or an extraordinary yearly meeting.

Suggested amendments shall be sent to the members along with the agenda for the yearly meeting.

Amendments of the statutes can only be made by absolute majority decision, i.e. at least half of the society members must be present. If half of the members are not present at the yearly meeting, an extra yearly meeting can be called for, at which the amendments can be accepted by simple majority decision. Alternatively, amendments to the statutes that can be decided upon by simple majority at the yearly meeting and may be communicated to all members by email for revision. Any member that was not present at the yearly meeting may protest the amendments within 5 working days. If no protests are submitted the amendments will be accepted as decided by the yearly meeting.

## **8. DISSOCIATION OF THE SOCIETY**

Decision to dissociate the society can be made at the yearly meeting, when at least half of all members are present and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the meeting votes for dissociation.

If at the meeting in question less than half of all members are present, but members that are present decide for dissociation by simple majority, the board shall call for an extra yearly meeting within 6-8 weeks. At this meeting, dissociation of the society can be decided by simple majority.

Upon dissociation of the society, any eventual assets shall be passed to the Scandinavian Society for Immunology.

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