

Constitution of the European Narratology Network

§ Preamble

0.1 The Association shall be called the European Narratology Network (hereafter: ENN).

0.2 The ENN is an association of individual narratologists and narratological institutions. The ENN's focus is predominantly, but not exclusively, 'European' in the sense of

- its object domain: narrative representation in literature, film, digital media, etc. across all European languages and cultures;
- its institutional affiliation: universities, research institutions and interest groups based in one of the European countries.

0.3 The ENN is an association not for gain.

0.4 The objects of the ENN are to promote the advancement of Narratology in research and teaching.

0.5 In furtherance of the aforementioned object the ENN shall, among other:

- create and maintain an information infrastructure, including devices such as the ENN website www.narratology.net, as well as associated web portals, e-mail lists and digital repositories enabling individuals and research groups to exchange ideas and coordinate their narratological activities;
- arrange for narratological conferences from time to time;
- liaise with other narratological associations, networks, research centres and groups and assist these in the coordination of their narratological activities;
- be entitled to do all other lawful things necessary to advance those objects, including the preparation and submission of grant applications.

§ 1.Membership

1.1 Membership shall be open to all persons, subject to the approval of the Steering Committee.

1.2 The Steering Committee may, at its discretion, confer Honorary Membership on persons who have rendered distinguished service to the ENN.

1.3 The ENN shall cause the Constitution to be published, and shall make a copy available to every Member on request.

§ 2.Meetings

- 2.1 The Association shall hold a General Meeting at such time and place as the Steering Committee shall decide, with the proviso that two consecutive meetings must take place within a maximum time span of 24 calendar months. Not less than eight weeks notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.2 Other General Meetings may be called by the Committee, or by the written request of not less than twenty members. Not less than three weeks notice shall be given of other General Meetings.

§ 3.Votes

Each Individual Member of the ENN shall have one vote. Votes may be cast in person at a General Meeting, or by remote electronic vote.

§ 4.The Steering Committee

- 4.1 The management of the ENN shall be in the hands of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall consist three elected members. Members of the Steering Committee shall be Members of the Association.
- 4.2 Elections to the Steering Committee shall be conducted by vote at a General Meeting. Vacancies on the Steering Committee shall be filled by election and the result declared at the respective General Meeting. Any Member of the Association may be nominated for election to the Steering Committee. Nominations must carry a statement from the nominee confirming his or her willingness to serve, and must be supported by two Members of the Association other than the nominee. Nominations shall reach the Honorary Secretary on or before the published deadline for nominations, which shall be no less than eight weeks before the General Meeting.
- 4.3 Elected Members of the Steering Committee shall normally serve for two years, with one-third of their number retiring each year. Retiring Members shall be eligible for immediate re-election for one further period of two years.
- 4.4 A quorum of the Steering Committee shall consist of three elected members of the Steering Committee.

§ 5.Co-option of Members to the Steering Committee

- 5.1 The Steering Committee is empowered to add up to three Members to its number by cooption in order to further the aims of the ENN. Co-opted Members shall be voting Members of the Steering Committee, but shall not count towards the quorum. Co-opted membership of the Steering Committee shall lapse on the next General Meeting subsequent to the appointment, unless renewed by the Steering Committee for a maximum of one further period of office.
- 5.2 The Members may remove any member of the Steering Committee before the expiration of his/her tenure, by postal or remote electronic vote, where such vote is requested by not less than twenty members.

§ 6. Chairperson and Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be a Chairperson, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer. Officers shall be Members of the Association. They shall be elected by the Steering Committee and shall hold office for two years, but may be re-elected for one further period of two years.

§ 7. Accounts

The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the ENN shall be drawn up annually and shall be published by the Association and a copy shall be made available to every Member on request.

§ 8. General

- 8.1** The Steering Committee may set up Subcommittees, Regional Branches and Specialist Groups at its discretion to further the objects of the ENN.
- 8.2** This Constitution other than the objects, this Clause and the dissolution provisions, may be amended by a resolution passed by three-fourths majority of the Members of the Steering Committee present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose provided that no amendment shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be an association not for gain.
- 8.3** The income and property of the ENN shall be applied solely towards the promotion and objects of the Association, as set forth in this Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to Members of the Association.

§ 9. Dissolution

If upon winding up or dissolution of the ENN there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the ENN, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the ENN. Such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the ENN at or before the time of dissolution.

This Constitution was accepted at the ENN founding meeting at Hamburg, 24 January 2009:

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Chairperson Steering Committee

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Honorary Secretary Steering Committee