



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

Regulations of the Academy's Joint Meeting

The Joint Meeting of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, in view of the provisions of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act [Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek – WHW], as well as in view of the provisions of the Regulations of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (hereinafter: Academy Regulations), resolves to adopt the Regulations of the Academy's Joint Meeting.

Article 1 Definitions

In these regulations, Joint Meeting, Board, President and Ordinary Members have the meanings ascribed to them in Article 1.1 of the Academy Regulations.

Article 2 Joint Meeting

- 1 The Joint Meeting will consider and adopt resolutions regarding matters referred to in Section 13.2 of the WHW.
- 2 A Joint Meeting will be held at least once a year and no later than in May. During the closed part of this meeting, the report by the Board, as referred to in Article 8.2(4) of the Academy Regulations, will be considered.
- 3 A Joint Meeting will also be held if the Board considers it necessary or if at least one of the two domain boards expresses a wish to hold such a meeting.
- 4 A convening notice stating the subjects to be discussed will be sent at least ten days before a Joint Meeting.
- 5 If a member wishes to have a subject discussed at the Joint Meeting, he must submit a timely proposal for that purpose to the Board. If the Board accepts that proposal, it will be added to the subjects to be discussed.

Article 3 Decision-making

- 1 The Joint Meeting will be chaired by the President or in the case of his absence by the Vice-President.
- 1 A decision on a subject will be taken online by means of voting. Voting will take place no more than two weeks after the subject has been discussed in the Joint Meeting. Votes may be cast during the course of at least one calendar week.
- 2 A decision on a subject may be taken without voting if it can reasonably be assumed that the majority of members will agree with the decision.

Article 4 Confidentiality

- 1 The chairperson may impose confidentiality before or during the discussion of a subject during a closed meeting.
- 2 The confidentiality obligation referred to in Article 4(1) may be removed only in the cases stipulated in law or by the chairperson.

Article 5 Voting

- 1 Ordinary Members are entitled to vote. They may vote 'yea', 'nay' or 'abstain'.
- 2 The outcome of the vote is considered valid if a majority of the voting members have cast their votes. If not, then a second vote will take place.
- 3 The outcome of the second vote is considered valid, regardless of the number of voting members who have cast votes.



- 4 In all cases of voting for which these Regulations do not otherwise provide, resolutions will be adopted by a majority of the valid votes cast, excluding abstentions.

Article 6 Dismissal resolutions

- 1 The Joint Meeting will not adopt a resolution concerning the dismissal of an Ordinary Member, a foreign member or a corresponding member, other than on the basis of a proposal from the Board, pursuant to the provisions set out in Article 3.5(3) and (5) of the Academy Regulations.
- 2 The Joint Meeting will not adopt a resolution concerning the suspension or dismissal of a member of the Board other than on the basis of a proposal from the Board, pursuant to the provisions set out in Article 4.1(4) of the Academy Regulations.

Article 7 Final provisions

- 1 In cases not provided for by law, the Academy Regulations or these Regulations, the Board will decide.
- 2 In the event of a dispute concerning the implementation or meaning of a provision of these Regulations, the Board will decide.
- 3 These Regulations will enter into effect on 1 May 2011.

These Regulations were adopted by the Joint Meeting of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences on 20 April 1998 and subsequently amended on 25 February 2008, 26 April 2010, 14 February 2011, 29 September 2014, 4 March 2015, 30 October 2017 and 24 October 2019.