

English translation of the statutes

This is a translation for information only, and the Danish version takes precedence in the event of any need for clarification or interpretation of meaning.

§1 **Name** : The Association's name is Danish Postal History Society (Dansk Posthistorisk Selskab) - hereafter called "The Society". Its headquarters and jurisdiction is Copenhagen. The Society is a member of [The Danish Philatelic Federation \(DFF\)](#).

§2 **Purpose** : The Society's purpose is:

- a. to encourage and promote postal historical studies and the collection of postal history material,
- b. to inform members about postal historical issues through the member magazine Post Historical Journal (hereafter PHT), through its website <http://www.dphs.dk/> and by holding meetings and suchlike,
- c. to serve as a bridge between collectors of postal history, by making it possible for members to share their knowledge with others,
- d. to cooperate with like-minded organizations domestic and abroad.

§3 **Membership** : The Society is open to all persons who subscribe to the Society's objectives and comply with its statutes.

Resolution on the applicant's inclusion in the Society is made by the Board, which has the right to reject candidates, and the right to exclude members whose actions are deemed incompatible with the Society's interests. An excluded member can make representations for re-instatement at the next general meeting, at which their application will be decided by a majority. Exclusion for lack of payment is handled by specific rules. (see § 9).

a. **Member Groups** : The Society has the following member groups:

- A. Members who under DFF's statutes are regarded as A-members and for whom the Society pays an annual fee to the DFF's administration.
- B. Members who are registered as an A-member of another of DFF's member associations, the Society therefore does not pay for either the DFF's administration or DFT. These members are obliged to inform The Society of the DFF membership number of the club in which they have their A-membership.
- C. Members who are resident abroad. The Society does not pay membership fee to DFF for these members, unless they want DFT sent.
- D. Members who only subscribe to the magazine PHT, and do not avail themselves of the Society's other services to members, including club meetings, auctions and special offers on the Society's website which are reserved for members with a user number and password.

b. **Honorary Members** : Individuals who have made a special effort can be appointed honorary members at the Board's discretion. Honorary Members do not pay membership fee to the Society and receive PHT for free.



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§4 **General Meeting** : The General Meeting is the Society's highest authority. The General Meeting is held in March or April each year and called giving at least 14 days notice either in the PHT or by letter to members. Proposals from members, in order to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, must appear specifically formulated and be posted to the Chairman in writing not later than 31st December of the previous year. Together with the call broadcast the agenda must be include with the following points:

- a. Appointment of a chairperson
- b. Chairman's report
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. The setting of the membership fee
- e. Proposals
- f. Elections:
 - Chairman and 1 board member are elected on odd years.
 - Treasurer and 2 board members are elected on even years.
 - Furthermore the election of 1 alternate member, 1 accountant and 1 alternate accountant all for one year.
- g. Any other issues

§5 **Extraordinary General Meeting** : Extraordinary General Meeting will be held when the board considers it necessary, or when required to handle a given topic requested by at least 25 members. Or if an earlier General Meeting has taken a decision to call for an Extraordinary General meeting.

The notification of an Extraordinary General Meeting will be made at least 7 calendar days before the event and the agenda must include:

- a. Appointment of a chairperson
- b. Consideration of the specified topic
- c. Any other issues

Proposals from members - including evidence that at least 25 members support the proposal – must be submitted in writing to the Chairman.

The board is then required to arrange for the extraordinary general meeting convened within 2 months of the proposal being received by the Chairman.

§6 **The Board** : The Society's management is carried out by the Board, composed of five members: Chairman, Vice-President, Treasurer and two ordinary members.

The Chairman and Treasurer are appointed specifically by the General Meeting, and together with the remaining seats constitute the board itself. The Board is able to appoint at all times the necessary people for special functions. The Board has a quorum when 3 members are present. The Chairman has the casting vote. The Chairman represents the society. If the Chairman is absent the Vice Chairman acts in his place.

§7 **The Society's funds**: The Board administers the Society's funds.

The Society is signed by the Chairman together with 2 Board members. The Treasurer alone has power of attorney over the Society's cash and all funds on the checking account or giro account. The Treasurer must ensure that this cash flow is at a reasonable minimum level for the Society's operation.

In the Treasurer's absence the Chairman together with one Board member have power of attorney over the Society's funds.

The Board may not, without approval of the General Meeting, impose obligations extending beyond the Society's assets. The Society shall at any time be liable for its obligations only with the Society's funds. No members of the Society or the Board can be held personally liable.

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- §8 **Resolution** : If the number of members falls to less than 30 the Board will call for an Extraordinary General Meeting with one item on the agenda - the dissolution of The Society. In this Extraordinary General Meeting a quorum is formed by a simple majority, regardless of role.

On dissolution of The Society, accrued Society funds will be given to the "Danish Post & Tele Museum" for the purchase of postal history material.

- §9 **Accounts** : The financial year is the calendar year.

The accounts for the previous year must complete a position soon after the end of the year and be sent to the auditor. After auditing the financial statements are sent to the Chairman, accompanied by the audit report. The audited accounts must be presented at the General Meeting or broadcasted in PHT No 1. The membership fee is set by the General Meeting.

The membership fee is due for payment on 1st January and must be paid by 1st February. After that date, a member may be excluded by the Society and lose all membership rights. Resumption of membership can be effected subject to the payment of arrears. The member has no claim on PHT or other facilities for the time they have been excluded.

- §10 **Resignations** : Resignation must be made by 1st December and is valid from the following 1st January.

- §11 **Member magazine** : PHT, the Society's member magazine, is published 3-4 times a year with a minimum of 120 pages in total.

In addition to articles and information, it is the means by which society news is communicated to members. Members are entitled to two free advertisements per. year (maximum 5 lines per no.). PHT is sent free to the Society's members. A separate subscription to PHT may be obtained by clubs, libraries and individuals for a price fixed by the Board.

- §12 **Other activities** : The Society shall act as an agent in trading postal historical materials, etc. between members.

The Board appoints the necessary agents, and prepares in collaboration with those agents the arrangements for payment and delivery. The trading rules are sent to interested members.

The agents are accountable to the Board and the accounts submitted for review and approval by the Society's treasurer. In case of any discrepancy the Board's decision is final.

The Society operates a website which provides information about the Society's operations and postal history items to both members and non-members. The site also includes privileged areas which are only accessible to members.

- §13 **Right to vote** : Each member has one vote. The vote can not be made by proxy. Decisions are made by simple majority.

The General Meeting can make decisions when seven voting members are present.

The resolution mentioned in §8 can be made notwithstanding the rules in §13.

- §14 **Interpretation of Statutes** : Interpretation of the above statutes is under the authority of the current Board of the Society.

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