New bylaws adopted by the EC - approved during the General Assembly in Madrid - 6 June 2019

Bylaw n. 5 - support of EC members acting as representative of EASSW

This procedure is to transparently regulate the support given to Eassw members officially acting on behalf of the Association. Is based on the art. 8.2 of the Statute and the already existing bylaw n. 5

art. 8.2 of the statute - ‘EASSW expenses regulation’

"8.2. All offices in the Association are performed in an honorary capacity. The reimbursement of any costs incurred in relation to executing theses offices is subject to the expenses regulation of the EASSW adopted by the Executive Committee"

Bylaw n. 5 “Official representation of EASSW” -

5.1 EASSW members shall be empowered to perform the functions of the President when delegated. They shall represent EASSW in different European networks and/or national/regional conferences, seminar and workshops.

The EC shall have a power to appoint specific EASSW member(s) to represent EASSW on different occasion where EASSW presence is either asked or needed. According to EASSW Statute (art. 8.2), official representation of EASSW shall be financially supported by EASSW, as reflected in the EASSW budget for particular year.

If the cost associated with official representation of EASSW at specific event exceed given amount, EC officers shall have the power to decide in a responsible and transparent way whether the need EASSW be officially represented at respective event justifies the need for increased financial burden to the organization.

5.2 EASSW support activities that requires a continuous engagement, with the following procedure:.

i. each EASSW member can propose to officially represent EASSW to the president. The proposal will highlight: A) the main advantages for EASSW; B) the commitment and engagement required; C) a forecast plan of expenses. Possible conflicts of interest should also be presented

ii. All Officers advice about A and B, whilst the treasurer judges C) given the budget for a particular year

iii. the proposal is approved by the EC, after presentation by /the president together with the member, showing advantages, and engagements, plans for actions

iv. in case of need the president can make provisional decision and present the decision to the first EC meeting available

v. persons mandated should present regular annual report about their activity and upon request from the president

vi. information about this activity should be shown in the website and open to all members

vii. in case of pluriannual engagement, appointment should be annually renovated
BYLAWS N. 10 - Rules for the use of the EASSW Communication channel

According to art 7.4 of the EASSW statute, “members have the right to use the EASSW communication channels to inform about their activities in accordance with EASSW aims”

EASSW communication channels include the website and newsletter. Members can use EASSW communication channels, with the following rules and procedures. Social media (as Facebook and Twitter) are not in use of members. Members can comment on Facebook re-tweet EASSW messages.

News should be related to International aspects of Social Work Education, as announcement of international conferences, foundation of international associations, funds for international activities or presentation of international projects and calling for joint activities with other members.

Communication is managed by an EC member appointed by the president. A policy for publishing news is periodically defined by the Officers and EC.

Members who want to publish can send short news to the person appointed for communication, suggesting the media through which the news could be published. Final decisions about appropriate media is made by the communication office, according to policy, checking with the president in case of doubts.

In the website, member’ schools have their own dedicated space, which is public, where they can communicate activities, courses, initiatives. Before being published, news is checked by the administrator and by the person appointed for communication or other delegated. The access to the website function with a system of coupons, through the school contact person, as illustrated in the procedure published on line.

Members can also ask to publish in the news and publication sections of the website. Members can also propose and manage special interest groups and interactive forums. Request and proposals should be sent to the communication officer.

BYLAWS N. 13 - Bylaw on EASSW Special Interest groups

BYLAWS N. 13 - on EASSW interest groups, ACCORDINGLY TO STATUTE art. 11.9

11.9. An interest group may be recognized by the Executive Committee according to the specific bylaw and when it represents different schools and develops meaningful topics

The members of EASSW are entitled to establish a special interest group. Special interest groups are dedicated at developing meaningful topics, relevant for social work education in Europe. They are aimed at strengthening networks among social work educators from different parts of Europe, providing a setting and a focus of discussion and activities.

A SIG is proposed by a minimum of 5 persons, representing at least 3 social work schools.

Proposal to establish a SIG should provide: a title, the name/s of the convener/s, a brief presentation of the specific field of interest, the ways this interest will be developed, the plan of activities and the list of members participating. Each SIG must have a convener (from 1 to 3)
Establishment of the SIG is reported to the ExCo of the EASSW. EASSW ExCo provide for reducing possible overlaps between SIGs. EASSW support SIGs providing their own space in the website, forums and advertising their activities in the regular newsletter. Active SIGs may have a special space dedicated in the biannual EASSW conferences. A SIG will be disbanded if it is not active for more than one year.

Bylaw n. 14 - Advisory Council

BYLAW N. 14 is dedicated to start the advisory council, within the frame of what is establish by the EASSW Statute at the art. 11.11 and 5.1.c,d.

TEXT ADOPTED

Bylaw n. 14 Advisory Council of the EASSW
According to the article 11.11 of the EASSW Statute, “National Associations of Schools of social work and Sub-regional Associations of Schools of Social Work are honorary members and can act as advisory council to the Executive Committee and to the General Assembly”.

The maximum number of Advisory Council members is to 10, with mandate of 4 years.

Executive Committee (EC) of the EASSW should invite representatives of the national and sub-regional associations to become honorary members of the EASSW Advisory Council.

Executive Committee of the EASSW publish an official call for Advisory Council members. Upon a periodical EC’s call national as well as sub-regional associations can apply.

EASSW EC members vote for nominated candidates to elect through simple majority. It has to be considered that different sub-regions are represented as well as proper ratio between male and female members to form Advisory Council. No more than one representative from the single country can be nominated/elected to the Advisory Council.

National and sub-regional association will be invited according to their degree of representativeness and the results of vote. Those of them who accept the invitation become entitled to form the Advisory Council.

EASSW will support the Advisory Council providing: a) a limited administrative support and b) limited financial support biannually established according to requests, advisory council activity and budget plans.

They report to the EC about their work and proposals, at least annually.

The role of the Advisory Council is to advise the members of the Executive Committee as well as to give the proposals to the General assembly of the EASSW about the functioning of the Association.

The Executive Committee will invite the representatives of the Advisory Council to participate the meetings of the Executive Committee on specific topics of agenda that are of general interest of the membership.
Maximum two representatives of the AC can attend the EC meetings, with consultative power on specific proposals. The members of the Advisory council are not entitled to participate at voting procedures neither during the Executive Committee meetings nor during the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee members and General Assembly should take in consideration all advices and proposals raised by the Advisory Council with full respect and attention.

The members of the Advisory Council have right to be informed about the results of their advices and proposals.

Bylaw n 15 - Support and sponsorships of regional events

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The EASSW can support respective events (seminar, conference, symposium, exhibition or similar) organized at regional level in Europe which relate to social work education, is according to the mission of EASSW and have an international perspective.

The support can be performed as financial one or/and on some other way for example: by participation of Executive Committee members, by sending the letter of support, by putting the information about the event at the EASSW web site or on some other effective way.

The financial support to the regional event can amounts up to 1,500 EUR accordingly to their budget. It can be used only once during five years by the same applicant. Regional association and/or supported organizations are required to send a report about their initiative and the contribution to EASSW goals.

At least one of the organizer/s of the event should be member of the EASSW and is entitled to apply for the support from the EASSW. The EC respective country coordinator should be involved and play a role in these events.

A written report about the event should be submitted and published on the EASSW website and newsletter.

EASSW will give preference to financially support those local initiatives that involve many organizations, that give a strong impulse to social work education and the connection between discipline and profession, that will strengthen EASSW, include scientific publications and provide adequate international communication.

The application should be sent to the Executive Committee of the EASSW in the period between January 1st and March 31st each year for the events that are planned to be organized in the second half of the year (July 1st – December 31st) and in the period between October 1st and December 31st for the events that are planned to be organized in the first part of the next year (January 1st – June 30th).

The organizers should send their application by using of the form available at the EASSW web site and should provide all details that are requested in the form. Only complete documentation will be considered by the Executive Committee.
The Executive Committee of the EASSW will consider all applications and will inform the applicant about the results not later than 45 days after the submission deadline.