

BYLAWS OF THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. Abbreviations:
 - 1.1.1. LSS – Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.2. Bylaws – Bylaws of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.3. Regulation – Regulation of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.4. Student governing body – Student governing body of a Lithuanian higher education institution;
 - 1.1.5. Members – Members of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.6. Conference – Conference of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.7. Council – Council of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.8. Board – Board of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.9. Vice-president – Vice-president of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.10. President – President of the Lithuanian National Union of Students;
 - 1.1.11. Region – a location defined geographically according to the location of the main headquarters of a higher education institution of a Student governing body in a respective county;
 - 1.1.12. Supervisory Committee – Committee of the Lithuanian National Union of Students responsible for supervising the legality and effectiveness of the Union’s activities and procedures;
 - 1.1.13. Assembly – A national meeting of students meant to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of the Lithuanian National Union of Students.
- 1.2. The LSS is a limited liability public and legal entity, which unites student governing bodies voluntarily and its purpose is to represent the rights and rightful interests of the students of Lithuania, as well as coordinate the activities of Full and Observational Members. Lithuanian National Union of Students is a union of student governing bodies of Lithuanian higher education institutions (The Law of Education and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania).
- 1.3. Legal form of the LSS – association.
- 1.4. The name of the association – Lithuanian National Union of Students (official abbreviation - LSS).
- 1.5. Legal foundations of the activity of the LSS are The Law of Education and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania, Law of Associations of the Republic of Lithuania, Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania and other legislation, as well as these bylaws and the Regulation.
- 1.6. LSS symbols can be of two kinds: official symbol and separate symbols.
 - 1.6.1. The LSS symbol is a stylized owl;
 - 1.6.2. The official height to width ratio of the official LSS symbol is 1.6:1;
 - 1.6.3. Lithuanian National Union of Students may use other symbols in accordance with the stylistic rulebooks created and approved by the Council.

II. GOALS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LSS

- 2.1. These are the goals of the LSS:
 - 2.1.1. to unite students for the creation of a democratic, legal and civil society, and to participate in creating a democratic education system that meets the interests of students and guarantees protection of their rights;
 - 2.1.2. promote and support the activity of student governing bodies;
 - 2.1.3. support, protect and foster student interests and other matters pertaining to their social and economic status, well-being and place in society;
 - 2.1.4. improve the mutual understanding of student and other youth groups on all levels;
 - 2.1.5. cherish and enrich national culture, humanitarian values and traditions, care for the cultural life and rest of students;
 - 2.1.6. support and promote student mobility – travels, experiencing of new cultures, as well as student, scientific and cultural exchange;
 - 2.1.7. pursue unity of student movements in Lithuania on all levels;
 - 2.1.8. support and promote cooperation with students and student organizations of other countries in pursuing the aforementioned goals;
 - 2.1.9. advertise and propagate aforementioned goals and values in the society.
- 2.2. In the pursuit of aforementioned goals, LSS activities include the following:
 - 2.2.1. international, national and local student gatherings, promotions and other events necessary for envisaging and realizing activities and programs;
 - 2.2.2. activities pertaining to maximizing student participation in events that lead to united student activity on a national level;
 - 2.2.3. support and promotion of activities of students, Student governing bodies and other organizations in the pursuit of improved mutual understanding, solidarity, democratization of education, academic freedom and a wide range of rights for students;
 - 2.2.4. organization of support and charity for students and their organizations;
 - 2.2.5. collection, analysis and distribution of information pertaining to the problems of students;
 - 2.2.6. the betterment of connections with various institutions, and the development of connections with local, national and international organizations with regards to mutual interests;
 - 2.2.7. representation of student interests and raising of problems in local, national and international organizations, national and municipal-level institutions;
 - 2.2.8. events that seek to reform and democratize the education system, protect economic and social rights and interests of students and to unite them for the creation of a democratic, legal and civil society;
 - 2.2.9. promotion and development of cultural activities of students;
 - 2.2.10. various forms of student mobility and international exchange, international collaboration of students and activity pertaining to it;
 - 2.2.11. organization and promotion of student sports activities;
 - 2.2.12. publishing and distribution of periodical LSS publications, dissemination of information via other means.
 - 2.2.13. founding of specialized groups, committees, agencies, institutions, firms and organizations in the pursuit of improving separate areas of student life;
 - 2.2.14. purchasing, management, use and possession of assets necessary for the LSS.

III. LSS MEMBERS

- 3.1. These are the categories of members: full members, members-observers and honorary members.
- 3.2. A Student governing body of a higher education institution operating legally in Lithuania that does not belong to any other union of student governing bodies of Lithuanian higher education institutions can be a Full Member. Student unions of Lithuanian higher education institutions are interpreted as they are defined in the Law of Education and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania.
- 3.3. A student governing body of a higher education institution operating legally in Lithuania can be a member-observer.
- 3.4. Distinguished private persons can become honorary members of the LSS.
- 3.5. Rights of Full Members:
 - 3.5.1. to participate in the activity of the LSS, receive comprehensive information pertaining to it in the manner determined in the Regulation;
 - 3.5.2. to freely express their opinions in LSS bodies, request explanations with regard to matters of LSS activities;
 - 3.5.3. to make suggestions to and requests of LSS bodies;
 - 3.5.4. to delegate representatives bearing the right of decisive vote to Conference and Council meetings;
 - 3.5.5. to elect and raise candidates to LSS bodies in the manner determined by these bylaws and the Regulation;
 - 3.5.6. in the manner determined in these bylaws and the Regulation, receive information in advance and participate in meetings with LSS bodies, when a matter pertaining to a Full Member is to be addressed;
 - 3.5.7. to withdraw from the LSS or temporarily pause their membership.
- 3.6. Duties of Full Members:
 - 3.6.1. to comply with the requirements laid out in these bylaws and the Regulation;
 - 3.6.2. to participate in the meetings of LSS bodies;
 - 3.6.3. to carry out decisions made by the Conference and the Council;
 - 3.6.4. to actively contribute in the pursuit of goals laid out in the bylaws;
 - 3.6.5. to contribute to the fulfillment of decisions made by LSS bodies, so far as the Full Member's own bylaws allow for;
 - 3.6.6. to pay the membership fee. The membership fee for the previous calendar year is to be paid no later than 1 (one) week until the first Conference of the current year.
- 3.7. Members-observers have the rights outlined in paragraphs 3.5.1-3.5.3, 3.5.7, and duties in paragraphs 3.6.1, 3.6.2 and 3.6.4 of the bylaws.
- 3.8. Honorary members have a duty to not act in conflict to LSS goals, interests and values outlined in the bylaws.
- 3.9. A Student governing body that wants to become a Full Member must meet the criteria laid out in paragraph 3.2 of the bylaws and submit a written request to the LSS along with the documents indicated in the Regulation. The decision of accepting a Student governing body as a Full Member on the proposal of the Council is made by the Conference.
- 3.10. A Student governing body that wants to become a Member-Observer, must meet the criteria laid out in paragraph 3.3 of the bylaws and submit a written request to the LSS along with the documents indicated in the Regulation. The decision of accepting a Student governing body as a Member-Observer is made by the Council.

- 3.11. Honorary Members become such per Council's decision and after their inauguration in the Conference or in the Assembly. The President, Council Members or the Board have the right to suggest a person for the Council to be declared an Honorary Member.
- 3.12. A Full Member, upon failing to pay their membership fee until the date indicated in paragraph 3.6.6 of the bylaws loses their right to vote in LSS bodies (the Conference, the Council).
- 3.13. Full Members and Members-Observers that want to withdraw from the LSS or pause their membership, must inform the LSS of their decision in writing. In such cases, the membership of the Full Member or Member-Observer expires or is stopped the next day after receiving the request. If a Student governing body does not submit a request to renew their membership within 2 (two) years of stopping it, the membership expires automatically. If a Student governing body requests a membership renewal in writing, it gets renewed automatically after 1 (one) month since the request was received.
- 3.14. The membership of a Student governing body that is a Full Member can be reviewed in the Conference on the proposal by the Council and in the order outlined in the Regulation. The review of a Member-Observer's membership is handled by the Council. The stopping of a membership does not interfere with the reviewing of said membership.
- 3.15. The basis for reviewing the membership of a Full Member or Member-Observer is made up of these circumstances:
 - 3.15.1. failing to carry out duties of a respective Member stated in the bylaws;
 - 3.15.2. abuse of Member's rights or other activity against the LSS;
 - 3.15.3. the Member ceasing to exist as a legal entity.
- 3.16. All Conference and Council decisions regarding the acceptance and removal of Members are made by majority vote of no less than 2/3 of all meeting participants with voting rights.

IV. LSS BODIES

- 4.1. LSS bodies are:
 - 4.1.1. the Conference;
 - 4.1.2. the Council;
 - 4.1.3. the Board;
 - 4.1.4. the President;
 - 4.1.5. the Vice-president;
 - 4.1.6. the Supervisory Committee;

The Conference

- 4.2. The Conference is the highest body of the LSS. The Conference acts in accordance with the legislature of the Republic of Lithuania, the Regulation and Bylaws.
- 4.3. The Conference:
 - 4.3.1. makes changes to the Regulation and the Bylaws;
 - 4.3.2. elects a President and members of the Supervisory Committee for a two-year term, can relieve them of duty;
 - 4.3.3. sets the membership fees of Full Members;
 - 4.3.4. hears out and approves the LSS activity report and the LSS financial activity review report submitted by the Supervisory Committee;
 - 4.3.5. decides on the reorganization or liquidation of the LSS;
 - 4.3.6. attends to matters of LSS membership in international and other organizations;
 - 4.3.7. on the recommendation of the Board, approves the LSS Operational strategy (strategic guidelines) for four years;
 - 4.3.8. approves long-term LSS positions on matters of higher education policy students are sensitive to.

- 4.3.9. forms temporary committees for the execution of certain tasks, which operate until those tasks are completed;
- 4.3.10. may repeal decisions made by the President, Council or Board, that are not in line with the goals of the LSS;
- 4.3.11. changes the address of the headquarters;
- 4.3.12. attends to other matters if, according to the Law of Association of the Republic of Lithuania, those matters are not assigned to the competence of other LSS bodies and if, in essence, they are not functions of a governing body.
- 4.4. Not approving the President's activity report is grounds for relieving the President of their duties in the same Conference in which the activity report was not approved. After relieving the President of their duties, the Conference assigns another person to be the interim President until the next Conference which has to take place within 40 (forty) days, and sets the date and location of the next Conference, where the President for the rest of the term will be elected (in such a case, paragraph 4.9 of the Bylaws does not apply).
- 4.5. Per the order outlined in the Regulation, the Conference is made up of representatives delegated by Full Members. Each Full Member delegates 4 (four) representatives per Student governing body and additionally 1 (one) representative per each 1000 (one thousand) of students in the higher education institution in which the Student governing body functions (rounded to 1000's per general rules of arithmetics). Each representative has one vote. Representatives of Members-Observers are invited to the Conference. Honorary Members and guests may be invited as well.
- 4.6. Proposed list of delegates must be approved by the Full Member's collegiate governing body, per the order determined by national legislature.
- 4.7. The Conference is convened by the President with the Board's knowledge, at least once a year. The Conference can also be convened by 1/3 of Council members or 1/2 of Board Members, or by a written request from the Supervisory Committee. Conference meetings are open. If a need arises, an in camera Conference meeting may be organized. Participations of non-delegates in an in camera Conference meeting is decided by the Conference.
- 4.8. Conference decisions are made by majority vote of delegates registered for the Conference (when a certain matter is voted on by more than half of delegates registered for the Conference), except decisions regarding membership in the LSS, changes to the Regulation or the Bylaws, relieving Conference-elected persons of their duty, LSS reorganization and liquidation. Decisions regarding membership in the LSS, changes to the Regulation or the Bylaws and relieving Conference-elected persons of their duty are made by a majority vote of no less than 2/3 of delegates registered for the Conference, while decisions regarding the reorganization or liquidation of the LSS are made by no less than 2/3 of all delegates of the Conference.
- 4.9. The Conference is lawful if no less than half of Conference delegates participate. If quorum is not reached, the President, in agreement with the Board, must in 1 (one) month convene another Conference meeting, which has the right to made decisions regarding matters that would have been discussed in the original Conference. The number of participating delegates in the repeated Conference is irrelevant.
- 4.10. No later than 1 (one) month until the Conference, the President, in agreement with the Board, notifies Full Members and Members-Observers via email about the supposed Conference agenda, date and location. The material of the Conference is given no later than 1 (one) week until the meeting. This paragraph does not apply to candidates for the members of the Supervisory Committee.
- 4.11. In cases outlined in paragraphs 4.9 and 4.14 of the Bylaws, a term no shorter than 2 (two) weeks is given for notifying about the Conference and a term no shorter than 2 (two) days for submitting material for the Conference.

The Council

- 4.12. The Council acts in accordance with the legislature of the Republic of Lithuania, the Regulation, Bylaws and Conference decisions.
- 4.13. The Council
 - 4.13.1. sets the salary of the President;
 - 4.13.2. elects Board members for a 2 (two) year term in accordance with the Regulation;

- 4.13.3. provides a conclusion to the Board regarding the project of the LSS Operational strategy;
 - 4.13.4. makes decisions regarding LSS positions, within competence;
 - 4.13.5. provides proposals to the Board regarding LSS activities;
 - 4.13.6. hears out the President's interim activity report in accordance with the Regulation;
 - 4.13.7. approves Honorary Members on the recommendation of the President, the Board or the Conference. Honorary Members are inaugurated in accordance with the Regulation in the LSS Assembly or Conference;
 - 4.13.8. forms temporary committees for completing certain tasks that are valid until the task is completed;
 - 4.13.9. may repeal the decisions of the President that are not in line with LSS goals;
 - 4.13.10. may temporarily suspend the President;
 - 4.13.11. may relieve a Board member from duty. After doing so, another person is elected for the remainder of the term;
 - 4.13.12. attends to other matters if they are not directly attributed to the competence of other LSS bodies.
- 4.14. After suspending the President, in the same Council meeting, the Vice-president or, in the case of there being more than one Vice-president, one of the Vice-presidents is declared as the interim President. No later than 40 (forty) days after the suspension of the President, the interim President, in agreement with the Board, convenes the Conference, which attends to matters of relieving the suspended President from duty and electing a new President;
 - 4.15. The Council is made up of the President who is a Council member per their function, and one representative for each Full Member. If a Full Member is represented by its head in the Council, the LSS is given a protocol excerpt from the Full Member, proving the election of the aforementioned head (the protocol is given one (the first) time). If a Full Member is represented in the Council by another person, the LSS is given proof of authorization from a respective head of the Full Member. Each Council member has one vote.
 - 4.16. Council meetings are chaired by the President. When the President is temporarily unable to do so, that duty is carried over to the Vice-president empowered by the President. If the President has not empowered a Vice-president – the Council elects a chairperson from its members. The Council also elects a chairman from its members when matters pertaining to the suspension of the President are attended to. In such a case, the chairperson has one vote as the chairperson and their vote as that of a representative of a student governing body is not counted in the quorum.
 - 4.17. The Council is convened by the President at least once every 3 (three) months. The Council may also be convened via a written request by 1/3 of Council members, but no sooner than in 7 (seven) and no later than in 30 (thirty) calendar days. Council meetings are open. Members-Observers are invited into Council meetings. Honorary Members and guests may be invited as well. If a need arises, an in camera Council meeting may be organized, to which Members-Observers, Honorary Members or guests are not invited.
 - 4.18. When it comes to matters pertaining to the suspension of the President, the 1/3 of the Council members may not comply with the order outlined in paragraph 4.17 for convening the Council and may organize a Council meeting after informing all Council members no sooner than 7 (seven) calendar days from the signing of a written request to convene a Council meeting.
 - 4.19. The Council is lawful if no less than half of Council members participate.
 - 4.20. Council decisions are made via a majority vote of participating Council members, while decisions pertaining to the membership of Members-Observers in the LSS, temporary suspension of the President and/or the suspension of a Board member are made via a majority vote of no less than 2/3 of all Council members. The President has no right to vote when matters of their suspension are attended to.
 - 4.21. Council members are informed about the supposed agenda, location and time of the meetings in accordance with the Regulation.

The Board

- 4.22. The Board is a collegiate governing body of the LSS, which functions in accordance with the legislature of the Republic of Lithuania, the Regulation, Bylaws, as well as Conference and Council decisions.

- 4.23. The Board:
- 4.23.1. prepares and, having evaluated the Council's conclusion regarding the LSS activity strategy project, proposes the LSS activity strategy to be approved by the Conference;
 - 4.23.2. approves the LSS activity plan according to the LSS activity strategy;
 - 4.23.3. considers and approves the LSS budget project;
 - 4.23.4. within the boundaries of its own competence, makes decisions regarding LSS positions;
 - 4.23.5. makes decisions regarding the establishment, liquidation and reorganization of LSS enterprises, institutions and other organizations, according to the instruments of these entities – appoints and removes the heads and members of governing bodies of these entities;
 - 4.23.6. attends to matters of collaborating with other organizations and movements;
 - 4.23.7. examines activity reports of LSS departments;
 - 4.23.8. determines the order of introducing LSS members to documents and other information about the LSS;
 - 4.23.9. may set up obligatory tasks for the President;
 - 4.23.10. permits or dismisses the Vice-presidential candidate (-s) proposed by the President; may remove them;
 - 4.23.11. agrees or disagrees with the Vice-president's and other LSS staff members' employment and salaries;
 - 4.23.12. may form work groups dedicated to analyze and deal with certain matters, realize projects, employ specialists to do so;
 - 4.23.13. raises Honorary Member candidates for the Council;
 - 4.23.14. after considering the opinion of the Council, approves the form of the activity report;
 - 4.23.15. proposes the removal of the President;
 - 4.23.16. if the President, per legislature, does not convene the Council, the Conference or the Board in time, the Board may do so. In such a case, the Board sets the supposed agenda, date and location;
 - 4.23.17. attends to other matters, if they are not directly within the competence of other LSS bodies.
- 4.24. The Board is made up of 7 (seven) members – the President (per duties) and 6 (six) current or former members of Full LSS Members, elected by the Council for a two-year term. The make-up of the Board is renewed each year by electing 3 (three) new members. Board members are elected according to the Regulation of the LSS. Board members can be removed by the Council.
- 4.25. Board meetings are convened and chaired by the President. When matters pertaining to the removal of the President are attended to, the Board elects a chairperson from among its members. Board meetings can be convened by no less than 1/3 of Board members (paragraph 4.28 of the Bylaws does not apply in such a case). Board meetings are open. If need be, an in camera Board meeting can be organized.
- 4.26. Board meetings take place at least once every 3 (three) months.
- 4.27. Decisions in Board meetings are made by majority vote of those participating in the meeting, except for matters pertaining to the removal of the President and the suspension of members of governing bodies and heads of LSS enterprises, institutions and organizations, where a majority vote by no less than half of all Board members is needed. When the votes are 50/50 pro and against, the matter is re-considered. The President has no voting right when matters pertaining to their removal are attended to.
- 4.28. Board members are informed about the agenda, location and time of Board meetings, and given meeting material via email no later than 1 (one) week before the meeting.

The President

- 4.29. The President is a sole LSS governing body that functions according to the legislature of the Republic of Lithuania, the Regulation, Bylaws, as well as Conference, Council and Board decisions.
- 4.30. The President:

- 4.30.1. manages and represents the LSS, organizes the work of LSS bodies (except the Supervisory Committee);
- 4.30.2. enters into and signs contracts and other documents in the name of the LSS;
- 4.30.3. organizes, coordinates and oversees the work of LSS departments, forms work groups and oversees their work;
- 4.30.4. organizes LSS economic-financial activities and is responsible for it, looks after and maintains the LSS headquarters, archives and assets;
- 4.30.5. is responsible for the implementation of decisions made by the Conference, Council and Board;
- 4.30.6. raises the candidature of a Vicepresident (-s) to the Board; proposes the removal of a Vicepresident (-s) to the Board;
- 4.30.7. is responsible for the work of the Vice-president (-s);
- 4.30.8. according to the LSS strategy, proposes the LSS activity plan to be considered by the Council and approved by the Board;
- 4.30.9. prepares the LSS budget project for the following year, submits it for consideration by the Council and for approval by the Board;
- 4.30.10. prepares the LSS activity report of the previous financial year, submits it to the first Conference of the current year and, until the Conference, the Board members, LSS Full Members and Members-Observers with it;
- 4.30.11. per Regulation, submits interim activity reports to the Council and the Board;
- 4.30.12. with the approval of the Board, employs LSS staff and determines their salary.
- 4.30.13. in coordination with the Board, convenes the Conference;
- 4.30.14. convenes Council and Board meetings;
- 4.30.15. employs specialists, experts and other person for solving various problems and allocates funds for their compensation and motivation;
- 4.30.16. submits candidates for Honorary Members to the Council;
- 4.30.17. makes decisions pertaining to other matters that are not directly assigned to other LSS bodies.
- 4.31. The LSS activity report is comprised of:
 - 4.31.1. information regarding the activity of the LSS, i.e. results of realizing the LSS activity strategy and activity plan (information regarding the activity of the LSS is also considered the activity report of the President);
 - 4.31.2. the number of members at the end of the financial year;
 - 4.31.3. LSS annual financial accountability;
 - 4.31.4. the number of LSS employees at the end of the financial year;
 - 4.31.5. other information according to the Regulation.
- 4.32. The President may be compensated for their work.
- 4.33. The President is elected in the Conference via a secret ballot vote for a term of 2 (two) years;
- 4.34. If the President cannot temporarily perform their duties, they are deputised by the Vice-president, deputised by the President. If the President has not deputised a Vice-president, one is temporarily deputised by the Board;
- 4.35. The powers of the newly elected President begin and those of the former President cease to be valid 2 (two) weeks after the day of the Conference in which the new President was elected.

Vice-President

- 4.36. A Vice-president assists the President in carrying out and organizing the activity of the LSS, as well as performs other duties according to the Bylaws. A Vice-president (-s) is a direct subordinate of the President.
- 4.37. Taking into account the functions assigned to a Vice-president, more than one Vice-president may be appointed.
- 4.38. The powers of a Vice-president cease to be valid 2 (two) weeks after the day of the Conference in which either a new President was elected or the same President was re-elected for a second term.
- 4.39. A Vice-president can temporarily take up the duties of the President, if they are authorized to do so by the President or the Board.

The Supervisory Committee

- 4.40. The Supervisory Committee is a body of the Lithuanian National Union of Students that oversees the legality and effectiveness of LSS activities and procedures.
- 4.41. The Supervisory Committee is comprised of its chairperson and 4 other members.
- 4.42. Only current or former members of Full Members or Members-Observers can be elected as members of the Supervisory Committee. Members of the Supervisory Committee cannot be members of other LSS bodies, except delegates in the Conference.
- 4.43. Members of the Supervisory Committee are elected in the Conference for a two-year term. The chairperson of the Supervisory Committee is appointed by the members of the Committee from among themselves.
- 4.44. The Supervisory Committee:
 - 4.44.1. verifies the legality of LSS activities and the appropriateness of the use of LSS material resources;
 - 4.44.2. oversees the elections/approvals of Conference delegates in collegiate bodies of Full Members;
 - 4.44.3. considers requests and complaints made by Full Members and LSS bodies;
 - 4.44.4. evaluates the effectiveness of LSS activities, per the Regulation;
 - 4.44.5. considers complaints pertaining to the activity and procedures of LSS bodies, submits conclusions and motions to the President, Council, Board and Conference;
 - 4.44.6. per Regulation, oversees the participation of Full Members in the LSS according to the rights and responsibilities of Full Members outlined in the Bylaws (the results of the oversight are a part of the conclusion concerning the effectiveness of LSS activities);
 - 4.44.7. proposes to respective LSS bodies to apply enforcement measures to Full Members in cases of negative results of the oversight in paragraph 4.44.6.
 - 4.44.8. through a unanimous decision, may initiate the re-consideration of decisions made by other bodies of the Lithuanian National Union of Students, except for the Conference, while also submitting a written request with arguments to the body that had made the decision. The body that had made the decision must re-consider the decision that is being appealed in their next meeting. The newly made decision is final.
 - 4.44.9. submits a financial activity inspection report to the Conference and until the Conference meeting, acquaints Board members, Full Members and Members-Observers with it;
 - 4.44.10. once every two years submits a conclusion of the LSS activity effectiveness assessment to the Conference and, if need be, recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the activities of the LSS;
 - 4.44.11. has the right to get acquainted with any and all LSS documents, convene an extraordinary Conference, as well as other rights outlined in the Regulation and the Bylaws.
- 4.45. The Supervisory Committee reports to the Conference.
- 4.46. The chairperson of the Supervisory Committee (or an authorized member of the Committee) may participate in open and in camera meetings of all bodies as an observer;
- 4.47. Decisions in the Supervisory Committee are made if no less than three members of the Supervisory Committee vote in favour.
- 4.48. Members of the Supervisory Committee may be compensated for their work, per Regulation.
- 4.49. Reports, conclusions and recommendations submitted to the Conference for consideration by the Committee are publically available on the LSS website.

V. LSS DEPARTMENTS

- 5.1. The Council may found and abolish LSS departments for the pursuit of goals outlined in the Bylaws and to provide services in separate areas of LSS activity.
- 5.2. LSS departments function in accordance with the provisions approved by the Council.
- 5.3. A department is led by a Board-approved director.
- 5.4. The work of departments is overseen by the President and the Supervisory Committee.

VI. LSS FUNDS, BUDGET AND ASSETS

- 6.1. LSS funds are comprised of:
 - 6.1.1. membership fees of Full Members;
 - 6.1.2. aid gained in accordance with the Law on Charity and Sponsorship of the Republic of Lithuania;
 - 6.1.3. funds donated by private entities, charity organizations and funds;
 - 6.1.4. funds donated by non-governmental organizations and international public organizations (associations);
 - 6.1.5. interest from credit institutions for funds stored by the LSS;
 - 6.1.6. revenue from LSS activities;
 - 6.1.7. credit, loan stock;
 - 6.1.8. aid prescribed by the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania;
 - 6.1.9. other legally obtained funds.
- 6.2. The LSS budget plan is drawn up by the President and, after evaluating the Council's conclusion, submitted for approval by the Board for one year. The order of creating a budget is detailed in the Regulation. An approved budget may be revised during the ongoing year.
- 6.3. Budget revisions are made by the Board via a majority vote of no less than 2/3 of members participating in the meeting.
- 6.4. The Conference makes decisions regarding the distribution of LSS funds and assets, if the LSS is liquidated as decided by the Conference.
- 6.5. The LSS may own buildings, machinery, publishing and printing houses, vehicles, social and charity objects, as well as other assets necessary for achieving the goals outlined in the Bylaws that can be purchased with LSS funds, donated to the LSS, inherited or obtained in some other lawful way.

VII. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

- 7.1 Information about an upcoming Conference, Council or Board meeting and other information pertaining to the activity of the LSS is appropriately made public on the LSS webpage (www.lss.lt) and distributed to Full Members, Members-Observers and other members of collegiate bodies via email. When there is no possibility to do so or when legislature requires to distribute the aforementioned information in some other way – it will be distributed in other ways determined by the President, Council or Conference.
- 7.2 The LSS webpage has information regarding LSS members and the structure of all LSS bodies.

VIII. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE BYLAWS

- 8.1. Bylaws are changed via a majority vote of no less than 2/3 of delegates of Full Members participating in the Conference.
- 8.2. Changes to Bylaws come into effect after registering them per legislature.
- 8.3. Changes to Bylaws, coordinated by the President with the Council and the Board, are submitted to the Conference.

IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1. The LSS is reorganized or liquidated via a majority vote of no less than 2/3 of all delegates of Full Members of the Conference or via a court decision per legislature of the Republic of Lithuania.
- 9.2. When LSS announcements have to be made public, they are published in an electronic publication of the State Enterprise Centre of Registers, called „Public announcements of legal entities“.

The President

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