

Constitution for Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries

Adopted at the constituting meeting April 23, 2015.

§1 Name, seat, fiscal year

The association shall be called *Digital Humaniora i Norden* with appropriate variations for other Nordic languages. The English name is *Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries*. The abbreviation is DHN.

The association has its seat in Gothenburg, where the administration is hosted in the first period 2015–17.

The fiscal year of the organisation is equal to the calendar year.

§2 Purpose

The purpose of the association is to support research, education, and dissemination of digital humanities in the Nordic countries. This will primarily take place through coordination and information about activities in the area and through events of various kinds such as conferences, workshops, summer schools for researchers and students at different levels, publications, etc. The association can initiate and support such activities. The association will create a web site, dig-hum-nord.eu, where information is gathered and presented. The web space will, for the period 2015–17, be managed by The Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion at the University of Gothenburg. Connected to the web site there will be a discussion list and a list for dissemination to members and other interested parties.

Further ambitions include working towards interdisciplinary cooperation and a clearer scholarly, political, and general understanding of the importance of digital humanities.

§3 Type of organisation

Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries is a non-profit organisation.

§4 Relationship to other organisations

The association shall be a Associate Organisation of the European Association for Digital Humanities (EADH).

§5 Membership

Physical persons can be members. Membership is granted by the board or by a person appointed by the board. The board can deny membership or exclude members who act in direct and obvious contradiction to the best interests of the association.

All members have the right to leave the organisation through a written notification to the association.

As a member of an Associate Organisation of EADH all members have full rights as EADH and, through that, ADHO members.

The membership fee is fixed by the Annual General Meeting.

§6 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is the highest decision making body of the association and decides on the general direction of the association.

All members are eligible to the board, have the right to vote in the association, and have the right to raise items for the AGM agenda. In order to reach the agenda, all items have to arrive with the board no later than three weeks before the AGM.

Ordinary AGM shall be held every year. No less than two weeks of notice shall be given. Invitation for items to the agenda must be given no later than four weeks before the AGM.

At the AGM the following item must be on the agenda:

- Opening of the meeting
- Approval of the agenda
- Election of chair and secretary for the meeting
- Election of checkers, who also count votes
- Confirmation of correct notice of the AGM
- Confirmation of list of voters
- Board's annual report
- Financial auditor's report
- Presentation of accounts
- Decisions on the allocation of positive balance
- Freedom from liability for board members and officers
- The election of board members will happen either at the AGM or through postal vote before the AGM, in which case the results will be presented at the AGM
- Election of financial auditor with deputy
- Election of nomination committee, two members
- Decision on the level of membership fees
- Questions postponed to the AGM by the board
- Handling of incoming items for the agenda

- Closing the meeting

At the AGM, each member has one vote. No member can represent more than one other member by proxy. In the case of ties the chair of the association has a double vote.

Extraordinary general meeting will be held whenever decided by the board or requested from more than one third of the members. Other regulations concerning calls and notice times are as for the AGM.

§7 The board

The board shall consist of minimum six and maximum ten members. All members have the right to nominate candidates for the board. The nomination committee shall work towards broad representation as well as continuity.

The board shall consist of a chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer as well as ordinary board members.

In order for the board to make decisions at least half of the members must be present. In the case of ties the chair has a double vote.

The board members are elected for the time period to the next AGM. The board constitutes itself.

§8 Signatories

The board members of the association are the signatories. The board can elect one or more persons as signatories. The chair and the treasurer can sign alone, as can two other board members combined.

§9 Financial auditor

The auditor and the auditor's deputy are elected at a general meeting for the time period to the next AGM.

§10 Changes of statutes

Changes to the statutes can be done by a two thirds majority at a general meeting.

§11 Dissolution of the association

The association can be dissolved after decisions at two consecutive general meetings. For such a decision a three thirds majority of the voting members is needed. In the case of dissolution, any remaining property will be distributed according to decision at the latest general meeting.