



Terms and conditions

Memberships - Article 5 in the SSCC Statutes

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

5.1: Eligibility

Any individual, company, organization or association either directly or indirectly engaged or interested in furthering and strengthening commercial, industrial, cultural and social ties between Sweden and Switzerland shall be eligible for membership.

5.2: Application for Membership

Applications for membership shall be made in writing or by application over the Chamber's Internet homepage and are subject to approval by the Board of Directors, based upon its assessment of the best interests of the Chamber. If admitted, an applicant must undertake to abide by the present bylaws and any future amendment to such by-laws. The Board of Directors may adopt application forms for membership.

5.3: Categories of Membership

Members of the Chamber shall be divided into four categories:

- a. patrons;
- b. corporate members;
- c. individual members;
- d. honorary members.

5.4: Representation of the corporate members by delegates

Corporate members shall be represented for all purposes under these by-laws by an individual designated to act as delegate. Corporate members with more than 100 permanent employees may delegate up to 5 delegates, corporate members with 11-100 employees may delegate up to 2 delegates and corporate members with 1-10 employees may delegate 1 delegate each of whom shall be entitled to vote. Each corporate member shall designate its delegate(s) by notice in writing to the Board of Directors. Such written notice shall serve as sufficient evidence of the authority and power of the delegate to represent the corporate member. Delegates thus designated by the corporate member shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors, based upon its discretionary assessment of the best interests of the Chamber. All employees of a corporate member shall have the privilege to attend the Chamber's events with a member status.

5.5: Honorary Members

- a. Honorary membership may be conferred on any individual or corporation in recognition of extraordinary or meritorious services rendered to the public or to the Chamber.
- b. Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of regular members except the right to vote and the right to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. They shall pay no membership fees.
- c. Honorary membership shall be suggested by the Board of Directors and shall be ratified by the Annual General Meeting.



5.6: Annual Fees

The annual membership fee to be paid by each category of member shall be decided by the Board of Directors and ratified by the Annual General Meeting. The categories are as follows:

- a. Corporate member with more than 100 employees
- b. Corporate member with 11 to 100 employees
- c. Corporate member with 1 to 10 employees
- d. Individual member

In addition to the above-mentioned annual membership fee, the following annual patron's fee shall be paid by patrons for a period of three years.

- e. Patron fee CHF 7000.- /year

The annual fees indicated above are net. Any obligatory taxes or charges to be paid thereon are to be borne by the respective member. If a member falls into arrears in the payment of the annual membership fee, the additional patron fee or any other debts to the Chamber, the Board of Directors may deem that the member has resigned if a final demand for payment should not be honoured.

5.7: Resignation of a Member / Replacement of a Delegate

- a. Resignation of a Member:

A member of the Chamber may resign for the end of a year by sending written notice of resignation to the Chamber at least one month before the end of the year.

- b. Replacement of a Delegate:

A corporate member may replace its delegate(s) by sending a written notice of replacement to the Board of Directors. Such replacement shall become effective one month after receipt of the written notice, unless the designation of the new delegate is not approved by the Board of Directors. If the replaced delegate is a Director and that within the interim period, he applies for individual membership and is admitted, he or she may continue as a Director of the Chamber. Otherwise, such a replacement is equivalent to a resignation as a Director by the replaced delegate on expiry of the interim period, provided that the designation of his/her substitute has been approved by the Board of Directors.

5.8: Suspension and Expulsion

The Board of Directors may temporarily suspend or permanently expel any member who violates these by-laws or any other rules of the Chamber or for any other reasons (for instance, a violation of criminal law) that are prejudicial to the best interests of the Chamber. A member may be suspended or expelled by a vote of at least three quarters of all the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at a special meeting called upon written notice given at least one month prior to such meeting. Such written notice shall be given both to the member in question and to the Board of Directors and shall set forth: (i) the complaint against the member in question; (ii) the time and place where the Board of Directors shall meet to consider and vote on the complaint, and (iii) the time and place at which the member in question shall be entitled to respond to the complaint.