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INTERNAL REGULATION

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ARTICLE 1 - Acceptance of new members

Persons wishing to join must fill in a membership form, pay the membership fee and sign the present internal regulations.

Any new member or group must be sponsored and represented by at least one member of the association, other than himself, who has paid his membership fee.

The application shall be examined and approved or not by the Administrative Council acting by a majority of all its members.

For groups, a legal representative must be designated as the main contact person, or directly via its President in the case of an association or company.

A group wishing to join must provide at least a logo and a website or blog, representing its entity.

The Administrative Council shall decide at each of its meetings on the applications for membership submitted.

In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

1.1 Entrance fees

All membership fees are for the calendar year, from 1 January to 31 December.

The individual membership fee is 15,00€ (Fifteen Euros).

The membership fee for married or civil union couples is 25,00€ (Twenty five Euros), upon presentation of proof.

The membership fee for families of three or more individuals, including a minor under 16 years of age, is 35.00€ (Thirty Five Euros), upon presentation of proof.

The membership fee for partner groups and associations is €50.00 (Fifty Euros).

For benefactor members, a minimum entrance fee of 450 € (Four Hundred and Fifty Euros) for professionals, who are exempt from membership fees.

For individuals, a minimum entry fee of 50 € (fifty Euros) and exempt from membership fees.

ARTICLE 2 - Resignation - Exclusion - Death of a member

2.1. The resignation of a member of the Administrative Council and/or the Bureau must be addressed to the President by registered letter. The resigning member does not have to give any reasons. Failure to pay membership fees shall be considered as voluntary resignation for a new year.

2.2 As stated in Article 8 of the Statutes, the exclusion of a member may be pronounced by the Board of Directors for serious reasons.

The following in particular shall be deemed to constitute serious grounds

- Non-participation in the activities of the association;
- A criminal conviction for a crime or offence.
- Any action likely to be prejudicial, directly or indirectly, to the activities of the association, to its proper functioning, to the progress of its activities or to its reputation.

In any case, the member shall be able to present his/her defence, prior to the decision of exclusion, in person and orally before the Board of Directors.

The member's sponsor or one of his/her sponsors shall also be summoned to appear before the Board of Directors.

The decision to exclude is adopted by the Board in camera, ruling by a majority of the members present.

In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

2.3 In the event of the death of a member, the heirs or legatees may not claim any continuation in the association.

The membership fee paid to the association is definitively acquired, even in the case of resignation, exclusion or death of a member during the year.

ARTICLE 3 - General Meetings and Board of Directors | Voting Procedures

3.1. Voting by members present

The members present shall vote by show of hands. However, a secret ballot may be requested by the Administrative Council or by 51% of the members present.

3.2. Proxy votes

As stated in Article 11 of the Statutes, if a member of the Association cannot attend a General Assembly or an Administrative Council in person, he/she may be represented by a proxy under the conditions indicated in the said Article 11.

The absent member must apply to the Executive Committee for a statutory power of attorney within seven calendar days of the date of the General Meeting or Administrative Council.

The proxy must be in possession of the said power of attorney on the day of the General Assembly or Administrative Council.

In order to be a proxy, the member must be up to date with its membership fees. A proxy may not be in possession of more than 5 proxies, except for the President.

3.3 Voting procedures for member groups

Each Pipe and Drum Band, association or society that is a member of the association is referred to as a "group" and represents a single vote, for the whole, at the General Assembly.

Only the members of a band elected to the Board of Directors have a vote in addition to that of their respective band.

ARTICLE 4 - Reimbursement allowances

Only the elected members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors may claim reimbursement of expenses incurred in the course of their duties and upon justification.

All expenses must have been voted on by the Board of Directors and taken into consideration beforehand by the Bureau.

A member of the association who has incurred expenses may waive them for the benefit of the association.

ARTICLE 5 - Working Committees

Working committees may be set up by decision of the Administrative Council. These committees shall take into account the music committee, composed of three members of the Administrative Council, including at least one Piper and one Drummer.

ARTICLE 6 - Representation of the association

As stipulated in article 13, only the members of the board are in a position to represent the association in court, before elected officials of the French Republic and international states.

ARTICLE 7 - Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

The present rules of procedure may be modified by the Board of Directors by a majority of the members. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

ARTICLE 8 - Conduct of members in performance

During each performance under the direction of the association, whatever the place and the reason, all the members are under the direction of the commission (also called the musical office) of the association, then of their majors.

Members who are part of the organisation are under the direction and responsibility of the board members.

Each member must wear his or her badge in order to be identifiable at all times.

In view of the official character of the commemorations in connection with public and military authorities, the dress and behaviour of the musicians and members must be in keeping with the official character of the event.

ARTICLE 9 - Personal data and image rights

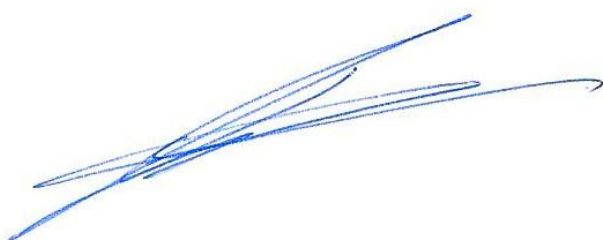
All individual and collective data are for the exclusive use of the association's administration, according to the RGPD of 25 May 2018.

Each individual and/or collective member agrees by right to bequeath their image rights on all the association's and its partners' media, in any way whatsoever.

As stipulated by the law of 19 October 2020, any member under 16 years of age (sixteen years) must produce, at the time of registration, via their parents or legal representatives, proof of their image rights signed by at least one of their parents or legal representatives.

The beneficiaries of the authorisation expressly forbid themselves from using the photographs and films in any way that might infringe on their private life or reputation, and from using the photographs of the present member in any medium of a pornographic, racist or xenophobic nature or any other prejudicial use.

For the President,



For the Secretary,

