

Danish International Schools Network (DISN)

The Danish International Schools Network was founded on March the 15th 2012.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the network is to promote international education in Denmark by encouraging collaboration between member schools, representing member schools in negotiations with authorities in Denmark and abroad and facilitating professional development of staff.

Statutes

§ 1 Name

The name of the association is the Danish International Schools Network. (DISN)

§ 2 Intent and Purpose

- 2.1. To promote international education in Denmark.
- 2.2. To represent members schools, through “Danmarks Privatskoleforening”, in negotiations, with authorities in Denmark and abroad.
- 2.3. To encourage collaboration between member schools.
- 2.4. To facilitate the professional development of staff.

§ 3 Membership and structure

Membership is open to all approved independent Danish schools with authorisation to teach in English.

§ 4 Board (Election & Terms of Office)

- 4.1. The Board of the association shall be elected by and from the DISN membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 4.2. The Board shall consist of 6 elected members.
- 4.3. After election at the AGM, the Board decide among themselves on who fills the various posts.
- 4.4. Membership of the Board shall normally be for two years. Re-election is possible.
- 4.5. Should the chairman leave his post prematurely, the post is transferred to the vice chairman until the next annual general meeting.
- 4.6. A statutory auditor is also elected for one year.
- 4.7. Two weeks before the AGM at the latest, nominations for the vacant posts are to be sent to the Chairman of the Board. The Chair will immediately inform member schools of the nominees.
- 4.8. Any member of the DISN can nominate a candidate from among the other members of the DISN.
- 4.9. At the AGM the nominees will have the opportunity to present themselves before the voting commences.

§ 5 Accounting and Records

- 5.1. The fiscal year of the association follows the calendar year.
- 5.2. The accounts are audited by the elected statutory auditor and presented at the following AGM.
- 5.2. All minutes, correspondence and other records DISN shall be preserved by the Board members.

§ 6 Meetings and procedures

6.1. The annual general meeting is convened with a notice of 4 weeks to be held in October following this agenda:

1. Election of a chairperson.
2. Report from the Chairman of the Board.
3. Presentation of accounts.
4. New proposals. These must be in the hands of the chairman no later than 2 weeks prior to the annual general meeting.
5. Budget and membership dues.
6. Election of officers as in § 4.
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6.2. Each member school has one vote at the annual general meeting.

§ 7 Voting

7.1. These procedures apply to resolutions put to the vote and to the election of Board members, deputies and the statutory accountant.

7.2. Each member school has one vote. Normally the Head/Principal/Director will represent the school. In their absence, the vote can be passed on to another member of the school's leadership.

7.3. At any general assembly a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by at least five assembled members entitled to vote. Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the chair that a resolution has by a show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, with an entry to that effect in the minutes of the DISN, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair shall be entitled to a second or casting vot

§ 8 Extraordinary general meetings

7.1. An extraordinary general meeting can be called by the Chairman - or two members of the Board - or 1/3 of the member schools.

7.2. Two weeks notice must be given.

7.3. An agenda for the meeting must be enclosed.

7.3. Each member school has one vote at an extraordinary general meeting.

§ 9 Constitutional change

8.1. Articles can be amended at the annual general meeting if approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the participating members.

8.2. Proposals to amend the articles must be known to the members at least two weeks prior to the annual general meeting.

§ 10 Dissolution

The association may be dissolved in accordance with the same rules that apply to amendments to the statutes. Any surplus will benefit teacher training organised by the Association of Private Schools in Denmark (Danmarks Privatskoleforening).

Adopted at the DISN meeting on the 15th March 2012.

Effective from the next AGM in October 2012