

# **Statutes**

# **NBTA Europe**

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### **Article 1.1 Denomination**

- 1.1.1 On June, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1984 an international federation named "NBTA" (National Baton Twirling Association Europe) was established to group the national associations (hereunder referred to as member countries) which pursue the same objectives.

### **Article 1.2 Term**

- 1.2.1 NBTA shall be registered for an unlimited duration.

### **Article 1.3 Headquarters**

- 1.3.1 The legal and administrative headquarters are located in Bienne, Switzerland.

### **Article 1.4 Official language**

- 1.4.1 The official language of "NBTA" is French.
- 1.4.2 During all meetings the languages spoken shall be French and English.
- 1.4.3 Any administrative report and documents issued by the association shall be in French or in English.

### **Article 1.5 Policy – Religious belief**

- 1.5.1 NBTA shall not pursue any political, philosophical, religious or racist policy.

### **Article 1.6 Affiliation**

- 1.6.1 The association and all its affiliated member countries shall be affiliated to WFNBT (World Federation NBTA).

### **Article 1.7 Goals**

"NBTA" shall strive in encouraging and promoting:

- 1.7.1 The art of baton twirling as a sports discipline.

- 1.7.2 Any other disciplines appertaining to baton twirling.
- 1.7.3 Physical Education and Gymnastics.
- 1.7.4 Dancing.
- 1.7.5 The art of show and contests.
- 1.7.6 The music for accompanying the various disciplines hereof.

### **Article 1.8 Means of action**

- 1.8.1 Organising competitions, festivals, meetings, etc.
- 1.8.2 Organising training and specialization courses and clinics.
- 1.8.3 Promoting friendship and fair competitiveness among the affiliated member countries.
- 1.8.4 Enhancing the relationships among the affiliated member countries aiming to combine every member nation's efforts to make baton twirling increasingly stronger and more popular.
- 1.8.5 Providing any member country with advice and support at any time – when required.
- 1.8.6 Co-working with any other association sharing the same scope and objectives.

## **CHAPTER 2**

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### **Article 2.1 Members**

- 2.1.1 NBTA Europe consists of members who are national member sections
- 2.1.2 Is recognized national Member section, federation, association representing a country or a territory officially recognized politically.
- 2.1.3 Only one national member country (per organization) can belong to NBTA Europe.

2.1.3.1 The national member section representing the country in NBTA Europe at meetings must be a section of the category "Twirling and Majorettes".

2.1.4 The Member sections belonging to NBTA Europe undertake to accept and respect unconditionally these statutes and internal regulations in force.

## **Article 2.2 National member section**

2.2.1 There are two categories of national Member section

2.2.1.1 National member Section category "Twirling and Majorettes"

2.2.1.2 National member Section category "Majorettes"

2.2.2 There cannot be 2 national member sections in the same country.

2.2.2.1 In the event of establishment of a member section category '- Twirling and Majorettes', it is essential that it has a application for admission, except where the national Member section category "Majorettes" request status of National Member section category "Twirling and Majorettes".

2.2.2.2 In this case, see point 2.2.2, the national Member section category "Majorettes" must join the member section category "Twirling and Majorettes".

2.2.2.3 Only one President can represent the national association in NBTA Europe.

2.2.3 The priority is in all cases to the section of the category 'Twirling and Majorettes'

### **Article 2.3 National member Section category "Twirling and Majorettes"**

2.3.1 The national Member section category "Twirling and Majorettes" represents their National Federation at General meetings or extraordinary meetings of delegates

2.3.2 The members of category 'Twirling and Majorettes' have the opportunity to participate in all Championships (European Twirling Championship, World Twirling Championships and European Majorettes Championships or other organized under the auspices of WFNBT A)

### **Article 2.4 National member Section category "Majorettes"**

2.4.1 National member Section category "Majorettes" is the promotional section of the National Federation.

2.4.2 National member Section category "Majorettes" are only part of the Majorettes section

2.4.3 They can only participate at the Majorettes Championships

2.4.4 They may be present at the general or extraordinary assemblies of delegates as an observer, they have no voice vote.



## **Article 2.5 Admissions and right to appeal**

- 2.5.1 The applications for membership shall be forwarded in writing or electronically to the Executive Committee (CE).
- 2.5.2 Any application for membership shall abide by the Statutes in force in the applying section.
- 2.5.3 The CE shall come to a final decision about any application of admission after analysing the documents sent and shall announce it in writing or electronically to members of NBTA Europe
- 2.5.4 The members of NBTA Europe are entitled to appeal against the decision made by the CE within 3 (three) months after the date of written or electronic notification.
- 2.5.5 Any appeal against the decisions thereof shall be addressed in writing or electronically to the CE by the member countries not later than the before mentioned term.
- 2.5.6 Only the appeals stating legitimate reasons and complete explanations shall be taken into consideration.
- 2.5.7 In the event of any dispute, the General Assembly (AG) shall make the ultimate decision.
- 2.5.8 The final confirmation of admission shall not be notified prior to the terms of appeal though within the shortest possible term after the decision made by the AG
- 2.5.9 The acceptance of a new Member section of NBTA Europe calls the acceptance without condition of the present statutes

and internal regulations, orders or other in effect by the new section.

## **Article 2.6 Duties of the affiliated member countries of NBTA Europe**

- 2.6.1 Members sections undertake to accept and respect unconditionally these statutes and internal regulations in force
- 2.6.2 All member countries undertake to promote the goals of the association.
- 2.6.3 Members sections undertake to scrupulously observe the requirements and commitments established by statutes, orders, endorsements or regulations, as well as to comply with the decisions and provisions of the governing bodies

## **Article 2.7 Resignation**

- 2.7.1 The resignation of a member country shall be formulated and addressed in writing or electronically to the CE
- 2.7.2 The CE shall come to a decision about any resignation notice after analysing the documents sent and shall confirm their decision thereof in writing or electronically.
- 2.7.3 The members of NBTA are entitled to appeal against the decision made by the CE within 3 (three) months after the date of written or electronic notification.
- 2.7.4 The resolutions of the Member sections shall be formulated in writing in this within the time limit..

- 2.7.5 Only the appeals stating legitimate reasons and complete explanations shall be taken into consideration.
- 2.7.6 In case of dispute, the AG will have the final decision.
- 2.7.7 The final confirmation of the resignations may be notified only after the appeal term, but soon after the decision of the AG
- 2.7.8 The resignation becomes effective only when the resigning Member section has completed all its obligations to NBTA Europe.

## **Article 2.8 Exclusion**

- 2.8.1 A member country may be excluded in the event the guidelines concerning the goals of the association are obstructed or violated.
- 2.8.2 In the event that a member country acts contrary to the provisions set forth by the Statues.
- 2.8.3 In the event a member country does not abide by the provisions and decisions established by the organs of the organization
- 2.8.4 In the event of non-payment of financial obligations despite the warning of the Treasurer
- 2.8.5 In the event a member country acts contemptibly and detrimentally to the honor and reputation of the association

- 2.8.6 The final decision about any exclusion shall be made by the Executive Committee after analyzing the case and any confirmation of exclusion will be confirmed in writing or electronically.
- 2.8.7 The members sections of NBTA Europe are entitled to appeal against the decision made by the Executive Committee within 3 months after the date of written or electronic notification
- 2.8.8 The appeal of the Member sections shall be formulated in writing within the time limit.
- 2.8.9 Only the appeals stating legitimate reasons and complete explanations shall be taken into consideration
- 2.8.10 In the event of any dispute, the General Assembly shall make the ultimate decision
- 2.8.11 The final confirmation of exclusion shall not be notified prior to the terms of appeal though within the shortest possible term after the decision made by the AG
- 2.8.12 The exclusion becomes effective when the Member section excluded has fulfilled all its obligations to NBTA Europe.

**Article 2.9 Rights and obligations of the resigning or excluded member countries.**

- 2.9.1 The resigning or excluded member sections are still required to fulfil their obligations for the current year.
- 2.9.2 The resigning or excluded member sections are required to fulfill their financial obligations to the association.

2.9.3 The resigning or excluded member sections lose their right to the assets of the association.

## **CHAPTER 3**

3.1 Organization of NBTA

3.2 Delegates of the member countries partaking in the General Assembly

### **Article 3.1 Organization of the association**

3.1.1 The General Assembly – otherwise defined as Assembly of the Presidents or their Delegates – AG (hereunder defined as Delegates).

3.1.2 The Executive Committee - CE

3.1.3 The Technical Commission - CT

3.1.4 Auditors

### **Article 3.2 Delegates of the member countries partaking in the AG**

3.2.1 The number of Delegates each member country shall designate in order to take part in the AG cannot exceed the maximum number of 3 (three).

- 3.2.2 Only 1 (one) Delegate shall have a right to speak during the resolution process.
- 3.2.3 Every member country has a right to one single vote. A designated Delegate belonging to the member country is allowed to vote by proxy.

## **CHAPTER 4**

- 4.1 The General Assembly – also referred to as the Assembly of Delegates – AG
- 4.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations, and competence of the AG

### **Article 4.1 General Assembly, also referred to as Assembly of Delegates**

The AG shall be comprised of :

- 4.1.1 The Delegates of the affiliated member countries
- 4.1.2 The members of the CE
- 4.1.3 Members of honor
- 4.1.4 Honorary members
- 4.1.5 Benefactor members

## **Article 4.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations, and competence of the AG**

- 4.2.1 The AG shall endorse the CE annual report presented by the President.
- 4.2.2 The AG shall approve the auditors' report and give confirmation of acceptance.
- 4.2.3 The AG shall approve the financial report concerning the accounts and the balance sheet and shall give the Treasurer confirmation of acceptance.
- 4.2.4 The AG shall give the CE confirmation of acceptance.
- 4.2.5 The AG shall appoint the members of CE.
  - 4.2.5.1 The President
  - 4.2.5.2 The General Secretary
  - 4.2.5.3 The Treasurer
  - 4.2.5.4 The Technical Director
  - 4.2.5.5 The Technical Secretary
- 4.2.6 The AG shall possibly appoint advisors having special status.
- 4.2.7 The AG shall appoint the auditors.
- 4.2.8 The AG shall ratify the budget submitted by the Treasurer.
- 4.2.9 The AG shall appoint the members of honor.
- 4.2.10 The AG shall appoint the honorary members.

- 4.2.11 The AG holds sovereign power in resolving any conflict that may arise among the member countries.
- 4.2.12 The AG holds sovereign power in resolving any conflict that may arise with any person having responsibilities pertaining the association.
- 4.2.13 In the event of a dispute between the CE and the member countries the AG shall make the final decision.
- 4.2.14 In the event of a dispute among the member countries the AG shall make the final decision.
- 4.2.15 The AG holds the supreme power of the association.
- 4.2.16 The AG shall be summoned by the CE at least once a year.
- 4.2.17 The AG shall be summoned at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the designated assembly date.
- 4.2.18 An extraordinary AG may be summoned any time the CE may deem it necessary to hold it.
- 4.2.19 An extraordinary AG may be summoned by the member country provided that at least 1/5 (one fifth) of the Delegates forward a written or electronic request to the CE.
- 4.2.20 The venue and date of the extraordinary assembly shall be set by the CE and its notice shall be circulated to all member countries at least 20 (twenty) days prior to the designated date.
- 4.2.21 An absolute majority of the represented member countries shall be necessary to make any ordinary decision within the AG.



- 4.2.22 2/3 (two thirds) of the represented member countries will be sufficient to make decisions during an extraordinary AG.
- 4.2.23 The voting process shall occur by show of hands. In the event of tie, the President is empowered to take the casting vote, unless there are special provisions.
- 4.2.24 The vote shall be cast by secret ballot upon CE's proposal.
- 4.2.25 The vote shall be cast by secret ballot upon the proposal of a present Delegate and provided that the quorum of 1/5 (one fifth) of the represented votes at the AG is achieved.
- 4.2.26 The AG is entitled to announce the dissolution of the association.

## **CHAPTER 5**

- 5.1 The Executive Committee - CE
- 5.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations, and competence of the CE
- 5.3 The President
- 5.4 The Technical Director
- 5.5 The General Secretary
- 5.6 The Technical Director
- 5.7 The Treasurer

## **Article 5.1 The Executive Committee - CE**

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of :

- 5.1.1 The President
- 5.1.2 The Technical Director
- 5.1.3 The General Secretary
- 5.1.4 The Technical Secretary
- 5.1.5 The Treasurer

## **Article 5.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations, and competence of the CE**

- 5.2.1 The CE shall administer the association
- 5.2.2 The CE shall manage the finances of the association.
- 5.2.3 The CE shall enforce the Statutes, orders or any other regulations.
- 5.2.4 The CE shall put forward the resolutions of the AG
- 5.2.5 The CE shall propose the admission of a new member country.
- 5.2.6 The CE shall propose the membership termination of a member country.
- 5.2.7 The CE shall propose the exclusion of a member country

- 5.2.8 The CE propose the admission fee for the new member country.
- 5.2.9 The CE propose the membership fees for the affiliated member countries.
- 5.2.10 The CE propose the entries fees for participation in the various championships
- 5.2.11 The CE shall draw up the budget and submit it to the AG
- 5.2.12 The CE shall deal with the relations with other different international associations defending the same rights and having the same objectives.
- 5.2.13 The CE shall keep a register of the member countries of the association
- 5.2.14 All correspondence of the association towards third parties shall be signed by two members of the CE, unless proxy is given to another member having a right to sign.
- 5.2.15 Only the President, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer have a right to sign.
- 5.2.16 The CE convenes the AG
- 5.2.17 The CE shall meet into a session as is necessary to the conduct of its business.
- 5.2.18 With the exception of urgent cases, the invitation shall be made at least three weeks before the meeting.

- 5.2.19 The CE shall take its decisions by a majority of the members present
- 5.2.20 The CE shall be represented by minimum 3 (three) people out of its members in order to be valid.
- 5.2.21 The CE is entitled to appoint any other officers if it is deemed necessary and in order to carry out clearly determined tasks. The appointed officers shall not become members of the CE.
- 5.2.22 The persons under item 5.2.21 cannot claim reimbursement of expenses or allowances
- 5.2.22.1 Only reimbursement upon receipt within the budget, and after approval of CE are only possible.
- 5.2.23 Any proposal set forth by the CE may be subject to appeal.
- 5.2.24 Any appeal against a proposal set forth by the CE shall be forwarded in writing to the CE within 1 month after notification of the proposal.
- 5.2.25 If within the required allotted time – see point 5.2.24 – no appeal has been forwarded to the CE, the proposal shall be considered as accepted and shall acquire the status of a decision.  
Such decision shall immediately be put in force, unless any other term is agreed upon.
- 5.2.26 The members of the CE shall receive no remuneration for the functions they hold.
- 5.2.27 Only reimbursement upon receipt within the budget are only possible.

5.2.28 In case of unavailability of a member, only one other Member of the CE can represent that member.

### **Article 5.3 The President**

5.3.1 The President shall be appointed by the AG.

5.3.2 The term of President shall last for 4 (four) years.

5.3.3 After such four-year span of time a new election shall be held. The outgoing President may be re-elected.

5.3.4 The President presides over the debate during the meetings of the CE or during the AG.

5.3.5 The President officially represents the association before any other international institutions.

5.3.6 The President oversees the implementation of the decisions made.

5.3.7 The President shall provide a moral review on the preceding year's business of the association before the AG.

5.3.8 The President represents the association in any deed of civil life.

5.3.9 The President may delegate an officer to carry out special tasks.

5.3.10 The President may be replaced by a mandatory acting by a special proxy.

- 5.3.11 In all voting processes the President is empowered to make the final decision in the event of tie.
- 5.3.12 Should the President be absent or not be able to attend the meeting, the President shall be replaced by another member of the CE to carry out the functions of the President.

#### **Article 5.4 The Technical Director**

- 5.4.1 The Technical Director shall be appointed by the AG.
- 5.4.2 The term of the Technical Director shall last for 4 (four) years.
- 5.4.3 After such four-year span of time a new election shall be held. The outgoing Technical Director may be re-elected
- 5.4.4 The Technical Director is in charge of all the technical administration of the association.
- 5.4.5 The Technical Director shall preside over the debates taking place within technical meetings.
- 5.4.6 The Technical Director may delegate an officer to carry out special tasks upon approval by the CE or the AG.
- 5.4.7 Technically speaking, the Technical Director officially represents the association before any other international institution.
- 5.4.8 The Technical Director shall provide a moral review on the preceding year's business of the association before the ordinary AG.

- 5.4.9 The Technical Director shall oversee that the decisions made within the AG and by the CE are implemented.
- 5.4.10 The Technical Director may summon technical sessions depending on the technical needs arising and upon approval by the CE or the AG.
- 5.4.11 The Technical Director is not entitled to take a casting vote during the AG.

## **Article 5.5 The General Secretary**

- 5.5.1 The General Secretary shall be appointed by the AG.
- 5.5.2 The term of the General Secretary shall last for 4 (four) years.
- 5.5.3 After such four-year span of time a new election shall be held. The outgoing General Secretary may be re-elected.
- 5.5.4 The General Secretary is in charge of all the administrative correspondence of the association in agreement with the President.
- 5.5.5 The General Secretary shall keep updated all the documents pertaining to the administrative correspondence.
- 5.5.6 The General Secretary is also responsible for circulating the various newsletters concerning administrative information to all member countries, thus allowing the association to proceed properly.
- 5.5.7 The General Secretary is not entitled to take a casting vote during the AG.

## **Article 5.6 The Technical Secretary**

- 5.6.1 The Technical Secretary shall be appointed by the AG.
- 5.6.2 The term of the Technical Secretary shall last for 4 (four) years.
- 5.6.3 After such four-year span of time a new election shall be held. The outgoing Technical Secretary may be re-elected.
- 5.6.4 The Technical Secretary is in charge of all the technical correspondence of the association in agreement with the Technical Director.
- 5.6.5 The Technical Secretary shall keep updated all the documents pertaining to the technical regulations and the technical correspondence.
- 5.6.6 The Technical Secretary is also responsible for circulating the various newsletters concerning technical information to all member countries, thus allowing the association to proceed properly.
- 5.6.7 The Technical Secretary is not entitled to take a casting vote during the AG.

## **Article 5.7 The Treasurer**

- 5.7.1 The Treasurer shall be appointed by the AG.
- 5.7.2 The term of the Treasurer shall last for 4 (four) years.



- 5.7.3 After this 4-year office new elections shall take place. The outgoing Treasurer may be re-elected.
- 5.7.4 The Treasurer is in charge of the financial management of the association.
- 5.7.5 The Treasurer shall collect the membership fees, the contest entry fees and any takings from new member countries.
- 5.7.6 The Treasurer shall present a report about the financial management of the association concerning the preceding year's business of the association during the AG.
- 5.7.7 The Treasurer shall draw up the budget and shall submit it to the AG.
- 5.7.8 The Treasurer shall control that the different budgets are implemented and met.
- 5.7.9 The Treasurer shall be ready at any time to present a report on the financial status upon request of CE.
- 5.7.10 The Treasurer is not entitled to take a casting vote during the AG.

## **CHAPTER 6**

- 6.1 Technical Commission - CT
- 6.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations and competence of the CT.

## **Article 6.1 The Technical Commission - CT**

The Technical Commission shall be comprised of

6.1.1 The Technical Director member of CE

6.1.2 The Technical Secretary member of CE

6.1.3 The Technical Assessors appointed by the AG

6.1.3.1 The Technical Assessors are only part of the  
Technical Commission

6.1.3.2 The Technical Assessors are appointed by the AG  
on the prior proposal of the Technical Director to  
CE and ratification by the latter.

6.1.3.3 The number is limited to 5 Technical Assessors

6.1.3.4 The Technical Assessors are appointed for a  
period of 4 years

6.1.3.5 Outgoing Technical Assessors may be re-elected

## **Article 6.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations and competence of the CT**

6.2.1 Assigning the tasks to the different assessors shall be  
borne by the CT

6.2.2 The CT meets as often as is deemed necessary with the  
approval of the CE

- 6.2.3 The CT may be convened by the CE
- 6.2.4 The CT will present a report of each of its sessions to the CE for approval.
- 6.2.5 The CT shall issue the various regulations concerning the events organized by the association.
- 6.2.6 The CT shall have due knowledge about the technical regulations in force at the “WFNBTA”, shall analyze them and draw the relevant conclusions to be submitted to the CE.
- 6.2.7 Only the proposals approved by the CE or the AG shall be considered factual decisions.
- 6.2.8 The members of the CT may receive no compensation for the functions entrusted to them.
- 6.2.9 Only reimbursement upon receipt within the budget, and after approval of CE are only possible.

## **CHAPTER 7**

- 7.1 Auditors
- 7.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations and competence of the Auditors.

## **Article 7.1 Auditors**

- 7.1.1 The Auditors shall be 2 (two) auditing member countries and a substitute. They do not have to be Delegates of the member countries.
- 7.1.2 Every year the earliest Auditor appointed shall terminate the task and shall be replaced by the substitute, who shall acquire the full status of Auditor.
- 7.1.3 Every year the AG shall confirm the appointed Auditors for their mandates and shall appoint a new substitute.

## **Article 7.2 Responsibilities, rights, obligations and competence of the Auditors.**

- 7.2.1 The Auditors responsible for auditing the accounts may not be members of the CE.
- 7.2.2 The Auditors are not entitled to any remuneration for the functions they have been assigned.
- 7.2.3 The Auditors shall check how the finances of the association are managed.
- 7.2.4 The Auditors shall have a right to look at any document concerning the bookkeeping and the cash.
- 7.2.5 The Auditors shall forward to the AG a report on the financial management duly signed.
- 7.2.6 The Auditors are not allowed to disclose to any third parties the information acquired during their mandate.

7.2.7 The Auditors may be summoned on an extraordinary session by the CE if required.

## **CHAPTER 8**

8.1 The Members of Honor

8.2 Resignation, exclusion

### **Article 8.1 The Members of Honor**

8.1.1 Any physical or moral person, being a member of the association or not being a member, who provides or has provided the association with important services, who contributes or has contributed to its development, may be designated as Member of Honor.

8.1.2 A Member of Honor is named by the AG upon a preliminary proposal of the CE or upon the proposal of the other member sections submitting it to the AG to be decided upon with its opinion.

8.1.3 A Member of Honor does not have to pay any particular membership fee.

8.1.4 During the AG the Member of Honor may take just a consulting vote – though not a casting one.

8.1.5 The Member of Honor shall abide by the provisions and commitments set forth in the Statutes and the regulations and

shall adhere to the provisions and decisions of the executive bodies.

8.1.6 The Member of Honor has no right to the assets of the association.

## **Article 8.2 Resignation, exclusion**

The status of Member of Honor of the association shall be terminated:

8.2.1 By submitting a resignation notice in writing or electronically to the CE to be ratified by the AG.

8.2.2 Because of the exclusion proposed by the CE and ratified by the AG owing to serious reasons which caused or are causing noticeable damage to the association.

8.2.3 The exclusion ratified by the AG shall be notified in writing or electronically to the concerned person.

## **CHAPTER 9**

9.1 Honorary Members

9.2 Resignation, exclusion

### **Article 9.1 Honorary Members**

9.1.1 Any physical person who was a member of the association and who contributed actively and durably to the prosperity of the association may be designated as Honorary Member.

- 9.1.2 An Honorary Member shall be appointed by the AG upon proposal of the CE or preliminary proposal of the member sections submitting it to the CE, which – in its turn – shall submit it to the AG to be decided upon with its opinion.
- 9.1.3 An Honorary Member does not have to pay any particular membership fee.
- 9.1.4 During the AG an Honorary Member may only take a consulting vote – though not a casting one.
- 9.1.5 The Honorary Member shall abide by the provisions and commitments set forth in the Statutes and the regulations and shall adhere to the provisions and decisions of the executive bodies.
- 9.1.6 The Honorary Member has no right to the assets of the association.

## **Article 9.2 Resignation, exclusion**

The status of Honorary Member shall be terminated :

- 9.2.1 By resigning in writing or electronically to the CE and after ratification of the AG.
- 9.2.2 Because of the exclusion proposed by the CE and ratified by the AG owing to serious reasons which caused or are causing noticeable damage to the association.
- 9.2.3 The exclusion notified by the AG shall be notified in writing or electronically to the concerned person.

## **CHAPTER 10**

10.1 Benefactor Members

10.2 Resignation, exclusion

### **Article 10.1 Benefactor Members**

- 10.1.1 Any physical or moral person, being a member of the association or not being member of it, who appreciably support the association financially thus allowing it to increase its scope of action, may be designated a Benefactor Member.
- 10.1.2 The Benefactor Member is designated by the AG upon proposal of the CE or upon the preliminary proposal of the member section submitted to the CE which – in its turn – shall submit it to the AG to be decided upon.
- 10.1.3 The status of Benefactor Member may be acquired by paying an annual fee at least equal to that paid by a member section.
- 10.1.4 During the AG a Benefactor Member may only take a consulting vote – though not a casting one.
- 10.1.5 The Benefactor Member shall abide by the provisions and commitments set forth in the Statutes and the regulations and shall adhere to the provisions and decisions of the executive bodies.
- 10.1.6 The Benefactor Member has no right to the assets of the association.



## **Article 10.2 Resignation, exclusion**

The status of Benefactor Member of the association shall be terminated:

- 10.2.1 By resigning in writing or electronically to the CE and after ratification of the AG.
- 10.2.2 In the event the annual fee is not paid.
- 10.2.3 Because of the exclusion proposed by the CE and ratified by the AG owing to serious reasons which caused or are causing noticeable damage to the association.
- 10.2.4 The exclusion by the AG shall be notified in writing or electronically to the concerned person.

## **CHAPTER 11**

- 11.1 Finances
- 11.2 Takings of the association
- 11.3 Expenses of the association
- 11.4 Budget
- 11.5 Right to sign

## **Article 11.1 Finances**

- 11.1.1 The finances of the association shall be managed by the CE, in this case by the Treasurer.
- 11.1.2 The commitments of the association shall be guaranteed only by its own fortune.

## **Article 11.2 Takings of the association**

- 11.2.1 The takings of the association shall be assured by its finances collected from the members newly admitted.
- 11.2.2 They shall be assured by the annual membership fees of each member.
- 11.2.3 They shall be assured thanks to the net profits arising from the official festivals and events of the association.
- 11.2.4 They shall be assured thanks to funding and donations.
- 11.2.5 They shall be assured thanks to the revenues coming from the fortune of the association.
- 11.2.6 The members shall pay their membership fee pertaining to the ongoing year during the relevant year at the latest. A delayed payment may be agreed upon.
- 11.2.7 The unbalanced membership fees may be collected by the Treasurer by means of legal proceedings.

### **Article 11.3 Expenses of the association**

- 11.3.1 The expenses of the association shall be the administration expenses.
- 11.3.2 The expenses of the association shall be the membership fees owed to the various associations or federations to which NBTA may be affiliated.
- 11.3.3 By expenses of the association it is meant the contributions paid for the upgrading and training courses.
- 11.3.4 By expenses of the association it is meant those owed by the association for organizing festivals and events.
- 11.3.5 Any other expenses of the association may be those arising from any decision of the AG, regulations in force or contracts.

### **Article 11.4 Budget**

- 11.4.1 The budget shall be set by the CE and prepared by the Treasurer.
- 11.4.2 The AG shall adhere to the budget.
- 11.4.3 The CE may not employ the funds of the association but in the framework of the budget.

## **Article 11.5 Right to sign**

- 11.5.1 The association shall not be committed financially towards third parties if there is no double signature – except for a proxy given to another person having a right to sign.
- 11.5.2 The only people who are entitled to sign are the President, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer.

## **CHAPTER 12**

- 12.1 Dispute
- 12.2 Amendment of the Statutes
- 12.3 Dissolution of the association

### **Article 12.1 Dispute**

- 12.1.1 Should a dispute arise, the reference Statutes shall be those in French.

### **Article 12.2 Amendment of the Statutes**

- 12.2.1 The Statutes may be amended only upon proposal of the AG provided that at least two thirds of the members affiliated have put forward their proposal or provided that the proposal is brought forward by the CE.

12.2.2 Any partial amendment of these Statutes shall be done based on the changes proposed by the CE to the affiliated member countries which shall be accepted by these latter for at least two thirds of the votes cast of the present members.

### **Article 12.3 Dissolution of the association**

12.3.1 The association may be terminated only during an extraordinary AG specifically summoned for such purpose.

12.3.2 The association may not be terminated by less than 80% of the overall number of its factual member countries having a right to take a casting vote.

12.3.3 In the event of dissolution, the possible overall fortune of the association shall be deposited for gaining interests until a new European federation is established having the same goals.

12.3.4 In the event of dissolution, the fortune and the relevant interests shall be managed by WFNBT A, which shall become responsible for it.

12.3.5 Should no similar association be newly established within a 10-year period, the fortune shall be donated to UNICEF, which will become the owner thereof.

### **The Statutes are approved by the general meeting session on October, 2nd 2015.**

In the event of litigation, only the French text is taken

The President

The General Secretary

Maurizio Chizzoli

Roland Ory

## **List of the abbreviations**

### **Employed in the statutes, regulations, minutes and other correspondence**

<b>AG</b>	General Assembly (also referred to as Assembly of the Delegates)
<b>AGEX</b>	Extraordinary General Assembly
<b>CE</b>	Executive Committee
<b>CET</b>	European Twirling Championship
<b>CEM</b>	European Majorettes Championship
<b>CMT</b>	World Twirling Championship
<b>CT</b>	Technical Commission
<b>WFNBTA</b>	World Federation NBTA