

Statutes, the Virus and Pandemic Fund – the Swedish Society for Virology

§ 1. Name

The name of the association is the Virus and Pandemic Fund – the Swedish Society for Virology.

§ 2. Purpose

The purpose of the association is to fight viral infections and prevent future viral pandemics by:

- Supporting Swedish scientific research in the field of virology and viral diseases.
- Contributing to scientific development within the field of virology by funding, organising and coordinating Swedish research in the field of virology and viral diseases.
- Informing about research within virology and how viral diseases – including pandemics – affect public health, mortality, medical care, food security, industry, the economy, and the society at large.
- Having as a goal to organise an annual symposium in virology.
- Conducting fundraising activities to promote the above purposes.

§ 3. Members

The association consists of members interested in virology and viral diseases, including pandemics.

- All participants in the annual symposium in virology (§2) become members of the association for a period of three years, provided that membership is not actively declined.
- An application for membership can also be sent to the Board, which determines whether to approve the application. This membership is also valid for three years.

§ 4. Membership fee

There is no membership fee.

§ 5. Financial year

The association's financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

§ 6. Annual general meeting

- The annual general meeting takes place in connection with the annual symposium in virology, or, by invitation from the Board.
- Notice of the annual general meeting is given by invitation at least four weeks before the meeting. The meeting documents are sent out 14 days before the annual general meeting.
- The annual general meeting is to include the following matters:
 - Election of the chair and secretary for the meeting.
 - Election of verifiers for the minutes and vote counters.
 - Presentation of the annual report.
 - Presentation of the annual financial report.

- Presentation of the auditor's report.
- Approval of the annual financial report.
- Election of the board chair and board members for a period of three years with the possibility of re-election.
- Election of the certified accountant.
- Election of the nomination committee (3 members, one of whom convenes the committee's meetings). Decision on whether the Board is to be discharged of responsibility. Other questions.

§ 7. The Board

The Board is elected by the members at the annual general meeting and is to consist of 7–9 individuals.

- The Board has a quorum when at least half of its members are present.
- The Board's decisions are made by vote, where a majority of the votes leads to a decision.
- In cases of ties, the chair decides the outcome. All board meetings are to have a record of minutes.
- The Board's composition should reflect the areas of interest of the association's members.
- The Board should include a representative of the planning committee for the annual symposium in virology.
- The Board appoints a vice chair, treasurer, and secretary and handles other tasks and assignments.

§ 8. Board meetings

The Board meets at least twice a year after the chair sends out notice of the meeting. The Board also meets when a board member requests a meeting. The Board's administration is reviewed by the certified accountant.

§ 9. The Board's assignment

- Complete the tasks specified in § 2.
- Take responsibility for raising, managing and using the capital collected by the Virus and Pandemic Fund – the Swedish Society for Virology.
- Decide the type of grants offered based on the money raised, what grant applications will be supported, the size of grants, and the criteria for assessing grant applications.
- If necessary: set up special committees responsible for: 1) raising capital, 2) managing capital, 3) reviewing/ranking grant applications and recommending to the Board which grant applications to approve.

§ 10. Accountant

Audit of the association's accounts and administration is performed by a certified accountant, who is appointed by the annual general meeting. The accountant is to audit the association's administration in accordance with generally accepted auditing practices and annually submit a report on the audit no later than two weeks before the annual general meeting.

§ 11. Amending statutes

Amendments to these statutes require a majority decision by a 2/3 majority of the members at the annual general meeting.

§ 12. Dissolution of the association

The annual general meeting may decide to dissolve the association if so voted for by a two-thirds majority during two consecutive annual general meetings at least three months apart, one of which is an ordinary annual general meeting. In the event that the association is to be dissolved, the associations assets are to be disposed of in a manner consistent with the organisation's purposes. Members may not claim any of the association's property.