



# European Business History Association

## Constitution

### 1. Name

The name of the organization shall be the European Business History Association (EBHA), hereafter referred to as the Association.

### 2. Objects

The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the public concerning all aspects of the history of business and management in Europe and in the environment in which they operate and to promote research into all such aspects.

- (i) the organization of conferences and seminars
- (ii) publication of a newsletter and other materials
- (iii) the encouragement of research in all aspects of business history, and specifically the promotion of collaborative projects based in several European countries
- (iv) to enhance inter-European contacts and promote extra-European links among business historians
- (v) to encourage the exchange of business history graduate students
- (vi) to promote teaching and interest in all such aspects

### 3. Membership

- (i) Membership is open to individuals on an annual basis. The subscription is £15 or the equivalent in any currency for the calendar year. Any change in subscription will be subject to adoption by the General Meeting of the Association.
- (ii) Membership is also open to corporate sponsors at an annual fee of € 300. This category is for organizations who wish to support the work of the Association.

### 4. General Meetings

- (i) The General Meeting of the Association will be held in association with the conferences which will normally be arranged on an annual basis. Other meetings may be arranged between the conferences.



- (ii) Changes to the constitution may be made by a majority vote at the General Meeting. Proposals for such changes must be delivered to the Secretary six weeks prior to the General Meeting. Proposed changes may only be accepted for consideration by the General Meeting if introduced by (a) The Council or (b) by 51% of the full membership of the Association attaching their signature to a proposal.
- (iii) Any proposal to exclude an individual or corporate member from the Association shall require the support of 51% of the full membership. The Council may suspend an individual or corporate member if this member publicly brings disrepute to the Association.

## **5. Officers of Council and Elections**

- (i) Council shall comprise not more than eleven members elected from the general membership. Not more than two members may be elected from any one country. "Country" is determined by academic affiliation.
- (ii) Members of Council shall serve for four years with the option of standing for a second term. Thereafter members will not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of a further two years.
- (iii) Elections will be held annually to coincide with the Association conference.
- (iv) Nominations for election will be called for by circular through the Newsletter. Nominations for elections are to be made in written form to the Secretary two months in advance to the elections.
- (v) The elected members of Council will nominate to the General Meeting of the Association, for approval, the main officers of the Association. The main officers will include the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary/editor. The vice president shall normally succeed to a term as president. Should there be any discrepancy, the end date of the term of office for the president (two years following assumption of office) and for the vice-president (two years following assumption of office as vice president followed normally by two years as president) shall supersede the normal end date of their terms as council members.
- (vi) Council shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members for consultative purposes.



## **6. Finance**

All moneys raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purpose provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith or a reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Association and fees to professional and technical advisers or the repayment to Members of the Council of reasonable out of pocket expenses.

## **7. Winding Up and Disposal of Funds**

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution of the General Meeting. Any surplus funds or other assets shall be disposed of for charitable purposes agreed upon by the general meeting.

Constitution as amended and approved at Annual General Meetings in 2006 (Copenhagen) and 2008 (Bergen).