

Chapter I - Name, nature, location, and purpose

Article 1

The Portuguese Association of Economic and Social History (Associação Portuguesa de História Económica e Social, hereinafter APHES) is a not-for-profit association, established for an indefinite period, with head office at Rua Miguel Lupi, n° 20, 1249-078, Lisbon.

Article 2

- 1- APHES seeks to:
 - a) promote the development of Portuguese Economic and Social History and to pursue the common interests of its members, concerning research, teaching, and dissemination of knowledge in history in general, and in economic and social history in particular
 - b) promote and support research projects
 - c) promote and ensure the annual organization of a Scholarly Meeting to stimulate debate and promulgate research results
 - d) support the internationalization of the scholarly activity of its associates
 - e) promote turnover with the scholarly community, giving special emphasis to its activities to students and graduates in the area of History.

Chapter II - Membership

Article 3

- 1- APHES members may be any person or persons interested in the knowledge, dissemination, and teaching of economic and social history.
- 2- APHES may admit, as honorary members, persons who have contributed in a meaningful and/or substantial way to the development of the economic and social history of Portugal.

Article 4

The APHES member is entitled to:

- a) be elected and to elect the governing bodies of APHES and to participate with the right to vote at the general meeting
- b) examine, discuss, and approve the reports and accounts of the Board of Directors
- c) participate in all activities promoted by APHES, namely at the annual scholarly meeting

d) benefit from the promotion of knowledge in economic and social history carried out by APHES.

Article 5

The duties of the member shall include:

- a) abiding by the APHES statutes
- b) holding positions to be determined by election at the General Assembly Meeting
- c) cooperating in the pursuit of the APHES's objectives
- d) paying the annual membership fee.

Article 6

- 1- The amount of annual membership fee shall be determined in the General Assembly Meeting.
- 2- Student members shall be eligible for a 50% discount in the annual membership fee.
- 3- Late or non-payment of the annual membership fee shall result in suspension of the rights of the member, namely participation in the General Assembly Meeting(s).

Chapter III – Governing Bodies of the APHES

Article 7

The General Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the Fiscal Council are the governing bodies of the APHES.

Section I - General Assembly

Article 8

1. The General Assembly shall comprise all of the members in good standing (i.e., those whose annual membership fee is paid up-to-date) and meets once per year, in ordinary session, by convocation of its Chairperson.
2. The General Assembly may meet extraordinarily, at the request of its Chairperson, at the request of the Board of Directors, at the request of the Fiscal Council or at the request of not-less than one-fifth of the members in good standing.

Article 9

Actions of the General Assembly Meeting shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) electing the Managers of the General Assembly Meeting, the Board of Directors, and the Fiscal Council, each for a term of two-years
- b) approving the Annual Report and Accounts presented by the Board of Directors
- c) resolving amendment(s) to these Statutes
- d) setting the amount of the annual membership fee
- e) approving the constitution of the organizing and/or scholarly committees of the Annual Assembly Meeting of the APHES, as proposed by the Board of Directors
- f) deliberating on other matters that are on the agenda
- g) resolving and determining the appointment of honorary members
- h) resolving, upon proposal of the Board of Directors, matter(s) regarding the expulsion of members who seriously and repeatedly neglect their duties.

Article 10

1. The Board of the General Assembly Meeting shall comprise a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson, and a member.
2. The Chairperson of the General Assembly Meeting shall be replaced by the Vice-Chairperson in the event of the Chairperson's absence(s) or inability to exercise her/his office.

Article 11

- 1- The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be determined by an absolute majority of votes of the members present.
- 2- The deliberations on amendment(s) to these Statutes shall require and be determined by a three-quarter majority of the members present.

Section II – Board of Directors

Article 12

- 1- The Board of Directors shall comprise a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a member.
- 2- The Board of Directors shall meet by convocation of its Chairperson.
- 3- The Board of Directors may be re-elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Article 13

The Board of Directors shall:

- a) ensure compliance with the objectives of the APHES
- b) execute the resolutions approved by the General Assembly
- c) create spaces for the promulgation of information to members
- d) support the organizing committee of the Annual Scholarly Meeting
- e) appoint groups of members to join ad-hoc committees that pursue the objectives of the APHES
- f) prepare the Annual Report and Accounts
- g) propose at the General Assembly Meeting the appointment of honorary members
- h) propose at the General Assembly Meeting the expulsion of members, pursuant to article 6, paragraph 3 of these Statutes.

Section III- Fiscal Council

Article 14

The Fiscal Council shall comprise a Chairperson and two members.

Article 15

The Fiscal Council shall:

- a) supervise the financial affairs and accounts of the APHES.
- b) formulate and present an opinion of the Annual Report submitted by the Board of Directors.
- c) request the convening of the General Assembly Meeting in the event of an irregularity in the management of the APHES.

Article 16

The Fiscal Council shall meet at least once per year or whenever its Chairperson shall convene it, and may only deliberate with the presence of a majority of its members.

Chapter IV - The APHES's income

Article 17

The APHES has as revenues:

- a) membership fees
- b) subsidies from any public or private entity or entities
- c) any other revenue(s) resulting from activities of the APHES.