



# STATUTES

of AIPPI Sverige (AIPPI Sweden)

## 1 § Introduction

The International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, generally known under the abbreviated name AIPPI, is the world's leading international organisation dedicated to the development and improvement of legal regimes for the protection of intellectual property (IP). AIPPI is a non-profit and politically neutral organisation, governed by Statutes and Regulations subject to Swiss Law.

According to the Statutes of AIPPI, members of AIPPI residing in or having their professional or business activity principally in the same country may form a National Group of AIPPI. The Statutes of a National Groups shall be established and maintained by the Groups themselves and shall be in harmony with the Statutes and Regulations of AIPPI as determined by the Bureau of AIPPI.

These are the Statutes governing the National Group of AIPPI in Sweden.

## 2 § Name and domicile of the Association

The name of the Association is *AIPPI Sverige (AIPPI Sweden)*, and its domicile is Stockholm, Sweden. In international contexts, the Association can unofficially be referred to as the "Swedish AIPPI Group".

## 3 § Purpose and nature of activities

AIPPI Sverige ("the Association") is a non-profit association that does not pursue financial gain. The Association shall be politically neutral. It shall not discriminate, especially with regard to religion, race, national origin or gender.

The purpose of the Association is to

1. promote the understanding of the necessity at both the national and international level for intellectual property protection in the broadest sense as well as the repression of unfair competition, and to encourage further development of intellectual property rights;

2. participate, within the framework of AIPPI, in the study and comparison of national legislation with the objective of improving the laws of different countries with relevance to intellectual property rights;
3. promote the harmonisation of existing laws and proposed new laws;
4. work for the development and improvement of international conventions and agreements on intellectual property rights;
5. promote the training and continuing education in the area of intellectual property rights and related protective rights;
6. inform its members of the international development of intellectual property rights.

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In order to achieve its objectives, the Association may

1. prepare reports on national legislation and legal practice to AIPPI;
2. disseminate information, including preparing and distributing publications;
3. organise meetings, conferences and seminars to encourage dialog on legislation, international conventions, and legal practice concerning intellectual property rights;
4. establish and maintain contact with national and international parties that can influence the development of intellectual property rights;
5. submit comments and suggestions for improvement regarding national and international legislative proposals, to relevant Swedish ministries and governmental authorities;
6. give scholarships and grants for education and research on intellectual property rights.

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## 4 § Members

The Association invites as ordinary members any natural person with active interest in issues connected to intellectual property rights.

## 5 § Membership fee

The ordinary members of the Association shall pay an annual membership fee.

Said annual membership fee consists of i) the international subscription fee as decided annually in Swiss francs (CHF) by the Executive Committee of AIPPI, which the Association is liable to collect and forward to AIPPI, and ii) a further national membership fee, which amount shall be determined by the annual General Meeting as per Section 8 below. The Board shall be exclusively competent to establish the amount of the international subscription fee in SEK, by conversion of the amount payable in CHF to AIPPI into SEK at an appropriate exchange rate.

If a member has not paid the annual membership fee within thirty (30) days after the sending of a reminder to the latest indicated e-mail address of the member in question, the Board shall have the right to exclude the member from the Association.

Having received a written application from a member who has been excluded, the Board has the authority to restore the membership once the member has paid all fees due to the Association.

## 6 § Resignation of a member

A member of the Association is entitled to resign by giving a written notification either the Board or to its President, or by requesting that the resignation is recorded to the minutes of the Association's General Meeting.

## 7 § Governance of the Association

The General Meeting is the supreme decision making body of the Association.

The day-to-day affairs of the Association are administered by a Board, elected by the General Meeting.

## 8 § The General Meeting

The Association shall annually hold one Annual General Meeting by the end of June, at the latest. An extraordinary General Meeting shall be summoned when the General Meeting of the Association so decides, or when the Board considers it necessary, or when at least one tenth (1/10) of the members entitled to vote submit a written request for such meeting to the Board. The extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days from the date on which the request was received by the Board.

Each ordinary member has one vote at the General Meeting. The decisions are taken by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting, unless otherwise stipulated in these statutes. In case of a tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive, except for elections of officers which shall be held by drawing of lot. If so requested, elections of officers shall be held by closed ballot.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall

1. deal with the report on operations, the annual accounts and the auditors' report for the latest calendar year;
2. decide on the adoption of the financial statements and on granting discharge from liability to the Board members and other accountable persons;
3. approve upcoming calendar year's budget;
4. approve upcoming calendar year's action plan;
5. determine the amount of the national membership fee for the upcoming calendar year;
6. elect a President of the Association;
7. elect members of the Board, its' numbers being no less than seven (7) and no more than twelve (12);
8. elect one auditor and one deputy auditor to serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting; and
9. elect three (3) persons to serve as an Election Committee until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

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The General Meeting shall also discuss those matters which the Board presents or which a member of the Association has proposed to the Board in writing at least thirty (30) days before the General Meeting.

The General Meetings of the Association shall be summoned by the Board by e-mail sent to each and every member last indicated e-mail address at least twenty (20) days before the General Meeting.

## 9 § The Board

The Board consists of the President and the Board members. The Board elects a Vice President and a Treasurer from within the Board, and a Secretary which may or may not be a member of the Board.

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The term of office of the President and the Board members shall be from the end of the General Meeting at which they are appointed until the end of the next General Meeting at which elections take place, held in the second year after their respective elections. Each member shall be eligible for reelection but shall not hold the same office for more than three consecutive full terms with the exception of the President who may be elected for one additional consecutive full term in addition to any term served as a Board member.

The composition of the Board shall give preference to professional, geographic, gender and age diversity.

The conditions for a quorum of the Board is fulfilled when the President or the Vice President

and at least three (3) members are present. Decisions within the Board shall be taken with simple majority. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

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The Board may co-opt members to the Board who are entitled to attend board meetings, speak and present proposals at such meetings. However, co-opt Board members have no right to vote at the Board's meetings. The Board can also invite other persons to participate in its meetings if it finds it appropriate.

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## 10 § Delegates to the AIPPI Executive Committee

At the constituent meeting of the Board, the Board shall appoint Standing Delegates, the exact number being determined by the Regulations of AIPPI, from within the Board, to represent the Association in the AIPPI Executive Committee. The Board may replace a Standing Delegate, or appoint a Substitute Delegate, from the membership-at-large to serve for a limited period of time, as needed from time to time and as determined by the Regulations of AIPPI.

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## 11 § Signing for the Association

Each of the President and the Treasurer alone, or any two Board members together, shall have the authority to sign for the Association.

## 12 § Financial period; audit

The accounts of the Association are closed for each calendar year. The financial statements and the report on operations shall be presented to the auditor at least forty (40) days before the Annual General Meeting.

## 13 § Amendment of the statutes; dissolution of the Association

Amendment of the statutes of the Association, or its dissolution, shall require a decision at two consecutive General Meetings of the Association, each by a majority representing at least three fourths (3/4) of the votes cast at the meeting. The summons to the meeting shall mention the amendment of the statutes or the dissolution.

If the Association is dissolved or abolished, its assets shall be transferred to the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI).

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[These statutes were adopted at the first General Meeting of the Association held on  
September 5, 2016]