

# Regulations

## Nordic World Heritage Association (draft)

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### **Preamble**

*The sites in the Nordic Countries recognize that protection and development can best be achieved by a participatory approach, with the respect, understanding and involvement of stakeholders at each World Heritage Site.*

*Notwithstanding their unique character and attributes, the world heritage sites all share common challenges in a changing world, challenges that transcend the national borders.*

*Since 1995, the Nordic World Heritage Sites have organized an annual conference that contributes to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Nordic sub-region. Over the past 20 years, the number of the Nordic World Heritage sites has increased from 13 to 40.*

*The 20-year tradition has shown that competence and capacity-building can be better achieved through international cooperation and by learning from each other.*

### **Article 1 Name and registered address**

#### Name

*The name of the organization is 'Nordic World Heritage Association', the abbreviation is NWHHA.*

#### Address

*The registered address of NWHHA is .....*

### **Article 2 Purpose**

*The purpose of Nordic World Heritage Association is to aid and support the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Nordic countries.*

*The Nordic World Heritage Association shall stimulate cooperation, technical exchange and create arenas of experience for the benefit of the World Heritage sites.*

*The purpose of the Association shall be achieved in accordance with the UNESCO strategy of Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities.*

*NWHHA is a non-profit organization and working exclusively for the benefit of its members.*

*The Association pursues its aims on the principles of equality of political philosophy, race, gender and religion and does not allow for discrimination against any member contrary to these principles.*

### **Article 3 Membership**

*The National World Heritage Organizations (NWHO) in The Danish Realm (Denmark including Greenland), Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden constitutes the NWHHA.*

*The association can have the following five members:*

- *The NWHO in each of the five above mentioned countries.*
- *In the case of the absences of a NWHO in any of the countries, the following applies until a National Organisation is established:*

*For each country in question the sites will together constitute a National World Heritage Group, (NWHG within the Nordic World Heritage Association), being an equivalent to a NWHO.*

## **Article 4      Organisation, Board of Directors and Meetings**

### **4.1. The Board of Directors**

*The Nordic World Heritage Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the supreme body of the NWHHA. The administration of the NWHHA belongs under the Board of Directors, which shall ensure that the purpose is taken care of and is in accordance with the Regulations.*

*The Board of Directors of the Nordic World Heritage Association shall have 10 members: two from The Danish Realm, two from Finland, two from Norway, two from Sweden and two from Iceland.*

*Members of The Board of Directors are appointed by the respective NWHO's. In the case of the absence of an NWHO, the respective NWHG, as in article 3, shall appoint the national members.*

*The period of office shall be for two years and appointment conducted in such a manner that five members shall be eligible appointment each year before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.*

### **4.2. Meetings of the Board of Directors**

*The Board of Directors meets at least twice a year. One of the meetings shall be the Annual Meeting.*

*The board of directors shall form a quorum when at least 3 countries are represented, except for the requirements in Article 7 and 8. All proposals are decided by a simple majority. Every member of the Board of Directors has one vote. If a national member is absent the other national member attending will have two votes. In case of a tie the Chairman shall have an extra vote.*

*The meetings of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum when at least four members are present representing at least three of the national NWHOs or NWHAs. All proposals are decided by a simple majority. In the case of a tie the Chairman shall have an extra vote.*

### **4.3. The Annual Meeting**

*The Annual Meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors and shall be held each year after the 1st of April and before the 30th of September. The time and venue of the Annual Meeting shall be announced in writing to the members at least 4 weeks before the meeting.*

*The Annual Meeting shall form a quorum when at least five members are present. All proposals are decided by a simple majority. Each member present shall have one vote. In the case of a tie the Chairman shall have an extra vote. Members may vote on behalf of other members by written proxy.*

*The following shall be on the agenda:*

- *Registration and constitution of the members of the Board of Directors appointed by the NWHO's or NWHG's and observers present.*
- *The election of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and other functions within the Board of the Directors for one year*
- *The Board of Directors Annual Report*
- *Audited Annual Accounts*
- *Membership subscription for the coming fiscal year.*
- *Annual Budget*

*With at least two week's notice the members of the board of the NWHOs and the NWHGs shall be invited as observers to the Annual Meeting. The observers have the right to speak.*

*The Annual Report, the Annual Accounts and the minutes of the Annual Meeting shall be reported to the board of NWHOs and NWHGs within one month after the Annual Meeting.*

## **Article 5      Fiscal Year**

*The fiscal year of the Nordic World Heritage Association shall be 1st January to 31st December.*

**Article 6 Finance**

**6.1. Annual Fee**

*Every member pays an annual fee. Each member shall pay in accordance with the number of WH sites in the NWHOs or NWHGs*

**6.2. Other financial sources**

*The Nordic World Heritage Association may apply for, contract for, receive and expend funds from any source that is in accordance with the purpose of the Association.*

**Article 7 Changes to the regulations**

*Changes to regulations may be proposed by Board of Directors or any member of the NWHOs or NWHGs. Proposals for changes of regulations should be sent to members of the board of the NWHOs and NWHGs and any comments should be submitted to the Board of Directors within 3 months prior to the meeting. Changes to regulations can only take place at a meeting of the Board of Directors when at least four countries are present. Changes of regulations require at least 4/5 majority votes in favor.*

**Article 8 Dissolution**

*Dissolution of the association can only be proposed by the Board of Directors and only take place at the Annual Meeting when at least four countries are present. Dissolution of the association requires at least 4/5 majority of the votes in favor.*

*The proposal of dissolution of the association must be distributed to the Board of Directors 6 months prior to the Annual Meeting. The proposal will be sent to members of the board of the NWHO's and NWHG's within 3 months prior to the Annual meeting.*

*In case of dissolution all remaining funds at the time of the dissolution shall be donated to the UNESCO World Heritage Center.*