



Regulations of the members' meeting of The Young Academy

The members' meeting of The Young Academy, having regard to the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Regulations of The Young Academy, is hereby deciding – on the recommendation of the Board of The Young Academy – to adopt the Regulations of the members' meeting of The Young Academy.

Article 1 Definitions

- 1 The definitions used in these Regulations have the same meaning as the definitions that follow from the Regulations of The Young Academy.
- 2 References to the masculine form in these Regulations will also apply to the feminine or non-gender-specific form.

Article 2 Members

- 1 Members of The Young Academy will be actively involved in promoting The Young Academy. They attend a members' meeting at least once each year and take an active part in at least one theme or committee.
- 2 Members who are unable to be active within The Young Academy for a lengthy period due to particular circumstances, or who can only be less active, must inform the Board of The Young Academy in good time.
- 3 If a member is inactive for a lengthy period, the Board of The Young Academy will try to encourage this member to become more active within The Young Academy.

Article 3 Members' meeting

- 1 The members' meeting will deliberate and decide on matters concerning the entire Young Academy and in particular on the subjects arranged in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these Regulations.
- 2 The members' meeting will be moderated by the Board chair of The Young Academy or a replacement appointed by the chair.
- 3 At least two meetings a year will be held, one no later than March to discuss the annual report and one no later than September to discuss the annual plan and the budget.
- 4 A meeting will also be held if the Board of The Young Academy or at least five (5) members consider this necessary.
- 5 At least ten working days before a meeting, an electronic invitation will be sent to all members, including an agenda, from the Board of The Young Academy. The meeting documents – or a reference to where an electronic version of those documents can be found – will be sent to all members no later than five (5) working days prior to the meeting.
- 6 If a member wishes to have a subject discussed at the meeting, that member must submit a timely proposal for that purpose to the Board of The Young Academy. If the Board of The Young Academy accepts that proposal, it will be added to the subjects to be discussed.
- 7 The meeting is closed to outsiders and the meeting documents are not accessible to the public. The Board of The Young Academy may decide that all or part of the meeting or the meeting documents will be accessible to the public.



Article 4 Nomination of new members by The Young Academy

- 1 The members of The Young Academy together may submit nominations for The Young Academy in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2(d) and 3(c) of the Regulations on the selection and appointment of members of The Young Academy.
- 2 For the purpose of nominations for membership by The Young Academy, The Young Academy's secretarial office will send an e-mail to the members, no later than in April, requesting them to nominate candidates.
- 3 For the nomination of candidates by members of The Young Academy, the members must use the abbreviated membership nomination form, which must be completed in full and submitted before the date stated in the form.
- 4 No later than one week later, The Young Academy's secretarial office will send the nominations by e-mail to the members of The Young Academy and ask them to vote on the nominated candidates within two weeks.
- 5 If there are more than two candidates who have received most votes in the same number, a second round of voting will be held within two weeks among the members of The Young Academy during which it will be possible to vote only for the candidates who received most votes in the same number in the first round.
- 6 The two candidates (one woman and one man or a combination with a person who cannot identify with one of these two categories) who received the most votes will be the candidates jointly nominated for membership by the members of The Young Academy. For these candidates, a fully completed membership nomination form for The Young Academy must then be submitted by the person or persons who submitted the original nomination for the candidate.
- 7 If only one candidate is nominated for an internal vote, a vote will be taken on whether or not this candidate will be nominated for membership on behalf of The Young Academy. This candidate will be nominated on behalf of The Young Academy only if two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour of nominating this candidate.
- 8 The secretarial office will inform the members of The Young Academy before 15 June of the nominations that will be made on behalf of The Young Academy.
- 9 The members of the selection committee charged with assessing nominations for new members in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Regulations on the selection and appointment of members of The Young Academy and the Board chair of The Young Academy are excluded from nominating candidates and from voting.

Article 5 Nomination of new members of the Board of The Young Academy

- 1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 4.1, paragraph 2, of the Regulations of The Young Academy, the current Board of The Young Academy will involve the members of The Young Academy in drawing up its nomination to the Academy Board for the appointment of new Board members.
- 2 Until 1 October, members of The Young Academy will have the opportunity to submit suggestions to the current Board of The Young Academy to nominate other members or themselves for membership of the Board of The Young Academy. The Board of The Young Academy can also approach potential Board members itself.
- 3 The current board of The Young Academy will hold discussions with the candidates about participation on the Board, draw up a nomination for new Board members and submit it to the members of The Young Academy for voting no later than 1 November.
- 4 The voting by the members of The Young Academy will take place digitally, so that all members will have the opportunity to participate. The digital vote will take place over a period of two weeks.
- 5 The current Board of The Young Academy will send the proposal to the Academy Board for the appointment of the new Board members.



Article 6 Nomination for the Board chair of The Young Academy

- 1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 4.1, paragraph 2, of the Regulations of The Young Academy, the current Board of The Young Academy will involve the members of The Young Academy in drawing up its nomination to the Academy Board for the appointment of the chair of The Young Academy. For that purpose, the Board of The Young Academy will appoint a selection committee for the duration of one selection round, consisting of three people: the current Young Academy chair, a former Young Academy chair and a current Young Academy Board member whose term of office is still at least one year.
- 2 The former chair of The Young Academy will act as the chair of the selection committee.
- 3 Members of the selection committee must adhere to the Academy Code of Conduct governing conflicts of interest for prizes, memberships and subsidies.
- 4 If a current member of the Board declares himself or herself available for the chairship, that member of the Board may not participate in the selection committee referred to in the first paragraph of this article and that member of the Board will not participate in the Board meeting referred to in the tenth paragraph of this article when the candidacy for the chairship is discussed.
- 5 The Board of The Young Academy will inform the members in good time of the vacancy for the chair and of the schedule.
- 6 Candidates must report to the selection committee by sending a letter of motivation within the time limit set by the Board of The Young Academy. Members may also be approached by the selection committee about candidacy.
- 7 The selection committee will interview all candidates. The selection committee will hold follow-up interviews with several candidates if required. Names of candidates will remain confidential until a decision is submitted to the members' meeting as referred to in the tenth paragraph of this article, in which case the identity of the candidates will be disclosed.
- 8 The selection committee will evaluate the candidates and rank the candidates it considers suitable.
- 9 The selection committee will nominate the candidate or a ranking of the candidates considered suitable, with a motivation, to the Board of The Young Academy.
- 10 Based on the nomination by the selection committee as referred to in paragraph 9 of this article, the Board will take a final decision on the nomination to the members during a Board meeting. If there are several candidates, the Board of The Young Academy will inform each candidate in good time of his or her place on the ranked list and of the discussion to be held at the members' meeting. The Board of The Young Academy will offer each candidate the opportunity to withdraw, if they so wish.
After approving the candidates, the Board of The Young Academy will present the ranking of the candidates with motivation to the members at the meeting. Should candidates withdraw, the nomination to the members' meeting may also involve a single candidate.
- 11 The vote on the chair by members will be conducted digitally so that all members have the opportunity to participate. The digital vote will take place over a period of two weeks.
- 12 In the case of several candidates, members will be given the opportunity by digital ballot to vote for one of the candidates or to cast a blank vote. In the case of a single candidate, members will be given the opportunity to vote 'for', 'against', 'blank' or 'with the majority'. The vote will be subject to a quorum of half the number of members with voting rights plus one. A blank vote will be considered as a valid vote and will count towards achieving the quorum. If the quorum is not met, a second round of online voting will take place and the result will be valid regardless of the quorum. In the case of a single candidate, the candidate will be elected if a majority of the votes validly cast, not including blank votes, are in favour. If the candidate does not receive a majority of votes, the Board of The Young Academy will decide on the follow-up procedure. In the case of several candidates, a candidate will be elected if he or she has a majority of the votes validly cast, but not including blank votes. If in a first ballot with several candidates no majority of votes is obtained for one of the candidates, a second ballot will be held with the two candidates who received the most votes in the first ballot. If there is again no majority in the second vote, the Board of The Young Academy will decide.



Article 7 Decision-making

- 1 Members have the right to vote. In all cases of voting for which these rules do not provide otherwise, they may vote 'for', 'against', 'blank' or 'with the majority'.
- 2 In all cases of voting for which these rules do not provide otherwise, resolutions will be adopted by a majority of votes of the members present or voting digitally, provided that at least 30% of all members are present and provided that the announcement of the intended amendment is made on time. In the event of a tied vote, a further vote will be held. If the vote is tied again, the chair will decide.
- 3 Voting will take place at the meeting, unless the Board of The Young Academy decides that voting will take place digitally. In that case, in contrast to the provisions of the second paragraph of this article, the resolution will be adopted by a majority of the votes cast digitally, provided that at least 30% of all members have cast their votes digitally and provided that the announcement of the intended amendment is made on time.
- 4 'On time' as referred to in the second and third paragraphs of this article means at least three working days, and in case of urgency at least 24 hours.

Article 8 Confidentiality

The chair of the members' meeting may impose confidentiality before or during the discussion of a subject during the meeting. This confidentiality obligation may be lifted only in cases stipulated by law or by a decision of the chair of the members' meeting.

Article 9 Disputes

In the case of disputes between members, the Board of The Young Academy will mediate. In the event of disputes between members and the Board of The Young Academy or between Board members themselves, the Academy Board will mediate.

Article 10 Final provisions

- 1 These Regulations may be amended on the proposal of the Board of The Young Academy by a decision of the members' meeting, taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting, provided that at least one-third of all members are present and provided that the meeting has been convened in accordance with the period referred to in Article 3, paragraph 5, of these Regulations.
- 2 In cases not provided for by law, the Regulations of The Young Academy or these Regulations, or in case of doubt about the interpretation of a provision of these Regulations, the Board of The Young Academy will decide. The Board of The Young Academy will account for this decision at the next members' meeting.
- 3 These Regulations will come into force on 8 October 2021 and will replace the Standing Rules for The Young Academy as adopted by the general meeting of members of The Young Academy on 17 March 2008.

These Regulations were adopted by the members' meeting of The Young Academy on 8 October 2021, on the proposal of the Board of The Young Academy.

The Dutch-language version of these Regulations will prevail over any translations thereof.