

International Association of Teachers in Basic Body Awareness Therapy

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the organization is the **International Association of Teachers in Basic Body Awareness Therapy (IATBBAT)**

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To promote international cooperation and coordination of IATBBAT.
- 2.2 To facilitate the Quality Improvement and critical evaluation of Clinical practice, Education, Theory and Research in the BBAT modality
- 2.3 To recognize new candidates put forward by the national organizations
- 2.4 To develop and recognize guidelines for education in the BBAT qualification
- 2.5 To ensure that BBAT is in line with the needs of society
- 2.6 To ensure that BBAT is in line with WCPT regulations
- 2.7 To arrange and organize meetings of IATBBAT
- 2.8 To regularly evaluate and review the BBAT modality

3. MEMBERS

Membership of IATBBAT requires the following conditions:

- 3.1 BBAT teachers and BBAT teacher candidates, who are members of a national BBAT organization are members of IATBBAT. If there are no teachers in their own country, BBAT teachers / candidates must be affiliated to a national organization from another country
- 3.2 Compliance with the Articles of IATBBAT.

4. STRUCTURE

4.1 The business of IATBBAT shall be conducted through:

- the General Meeting (GM)
- the Board
- the Teachers and Candidates groups
- the Working Groups

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 Requirements

- 5.1.1 A General Meeting shall be held once a year in conjunction with an international teachers seminar
- 5.1.2 An extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Board at the request of 1/3 of the Members of the IATBBAT stating the proposed agenda item(s)

5.2 Functions

The rights and powers of the General Meeting are to:

- 5.2.1 Amend the Articles of IATBBAT
- 5.2.2 Receive reports from the Board
- 5.2.3 Recognize and terminate membership. The national organizations inform IATBBAT about new members
- 5.2.4 Establish working groups and evaluate their reports
- 5.2.5 Consider motions that have been submitted at least three months before the annual general meeting.
- 5.2.6 Decide time and place of future general meetings and teachers seminars
- 5.2.7 Decide the number and content of seminars/meetings. Separate meetings for practical and theoretical work must be organized regularly. The frequency must be decided by the annual GM
- 5.2.8 The qualified teachers will have the deciding vote with regard to education of candidates

5.2.9 Conduct any other business that promotes the objectives of IATBBAT

5.3 Notice

5.3.1 Notice of the General Meeting including time and place shall be given to members at least three months before the date of the meeting, except in the case of an extraordinary General Meeting when only 1 month's notice is required

5.3.2 Proposal for amendments to the Articles must be received in writing by the Board at least three months prior to the General Meeting

5.3.3 Agenda items and motions must be received in writing by the secretary at least three months before the General Meeting.

Any items not received in time may only be considered if voted in by the majority

5.3.4 The agenda and any motions shall be circulated to the members at least two months prior to the General Meeting

5.4 Conduct at General Meetings

5.4.1 Decisions are made by a majority vote if consensus is not possible

5.4.2 All members have one vote. It is possible to vote by a signed proxy if not in attendance at the General Meeting. Each member can only have one proxy vote.

5.4.3 The members present at the General Meeting constitutes a quorum

5.4.4 Voting shall be by a show of hands or hidden vote if requested

5.4.5 Where the vote is undecided the meeting will send it back to the originator

5.5 Postal Vote

5.5.1 The Board may decide that a postal vote shall be taken on urgent matters between General Meetings

5.6 Minutes

5.6.1 Minutes of General Meetings shall be circulated to Members no more than three months after The General Meeting

6. THE BOARD

6.1 Structure

6.1.1 The Board will consist of 5 persons, 1 teacher from Sweden and 1 teacher from Norway and 2 teachers representing the other countries and 1 candidate. Each member will sit on the board for two years.

6.1.2 The members of the Board appoints a chair, a vice chair and a secretary in conjunction with the annual general meeting.

6.2 Responsibilities

6.2.1 Conduct the business of IATBBAT consistent with the Articles and policy directions of the General Meeting

6.2.2 Attend to external and internal communication.

6.2.3 Put forward the wishes, demands and suggestions from the different countries and groups to the Annual General Meeting

6.2.3 Prepare proposals for the Annual General Meeting

6.2.3 Keep a list of the open issues

6.2.4 Make practical decisions concerning coordination and delegation, and decision concerning exclusions in the period between one General Meeting and the next one.

6.3 Meetings

6.3.1 The Board shall meet face to face at least once annually and communicate by E-mail or other internet media

6.3.2 Minutes of meetings of the board shall be circulated to all members of IATBBAT

6.3.3 Four members of the board must be present at the meetings, alternates have equal voting rights. If a Board member cannot attend a meeting the alternate should attend instead

6.4 Elections

6.4.1 The members and alternates of the Board are elected for a period of two years. Re-election is possible.

- 6.4.2 Members are elected by the teachers representing their country
- 6.4.3 The candidate representative to the Board is elected by the candidate's group
- 6.4.4 Appointments to the Board are officially recognized at the annual general meeting
- 6.4.5 To ensure continuity, Norway and Sweden do not change Board member in the same year. The other countries take it in turn to change Board member. The first year of election three members of the Board are elected for three years.

6.5 Vacancies

- 6.5.1 In the event of the resignation or death of a member, the alternate member enters in her/his place

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 There is no fee

8. LANGUAGE

- 8.1 The official language is English and shall be used for all meetings and documents of IATBBAT

9. DISSOLUTION

- 9.1 The dissolution of IATBBAT shall be decided at an extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose
- 9.2 A 2/3 affirmative vote is required for the dissolution and 2/3 of the Members must be present at the meeting or by proxy/email

10. ETHICS

- 10.1 The IATBBAT has a code of ethics consistent with WCPT Ethical Principles

11. COMPLIANCE

- 11.1 A member who does not comply with the articles of association will be excluded.

General meeting IATBBAT

All Teachers and Candidates

Board
Meeting

Working groups
Meeting

Candidates
Meeting

Teachers
Meeting