

Synopsis of the House Regulations of Les Précieuses Ridicules

This is an abbreviated version of our House Regulations in English. This is not a legal document, the Dutch version is in accordance with Dutch law, so in case of disagreements, that is the document that holds legal value and gives rights to the members.

Members

Article 1

Members have the right to vote, apply for a board year and can vote on the new board members at the start of each year. They also have a right to attend any activities that are held for all members, with the exception of activities for specific groups.

Article 2

Paying the contribution is mandatory, as is frequently attending the dance classes.

Article 3

Information about the dances of the association cannot be copied or shared with third parties without explicit permission from the board.

Article 4

Regarding the admission and installation of honorary members, a committee will be formed a year before the lustrum gala. The committee consists of the abactis, an experienced member and one member of the Archive Committee. They are obligated to research the names that have been nominated by others or themselves, and make a selection.

Article 5

This article is about how honorary members are named. In special cases the GMA (General Member Assembly) can decide to give them the title of Marquis(e) d'Honneur.

Article 6

Alumni and honorary members have the right to join festivities and to attend GMAs and speak at them. In special situations, as explained in the by-laws of the association with two third majority in the GMA, these rights can be taken from those specific members.

Article 7

The title of donor can be given by the board. These people have the right to attend certain festivities. This can be without cost or at a reduced price, but that is up to the board.

The board

Article 8

The board will only make decisions if the majority of board members are present and if the majority of them is in agreement. If the vote is tied, the board member with jurisdiction over the case at hand will have the deciding vote, or, in their absence, the praeses.

Article 9

Tasks of the praeses (Chairman):

- Running board meetings and GMA's
- Making the agenda for meetings mentioned above, after deliberation with the board
- The calling of a meeting if one of the board members deems it necessary.
- Representation of the association to third parties and at external activities.

Article 10

Tasks of the vice-praeses (Vice-chairman):

- Handling the praeses' duties in their absence
- Initiation and organisation of shows and performances and upholding the necessary contacts that stem from these performances and shows.

Article 11

Tasks of the abactis (Secretary)

- To keep members up to date about the GMAs and the agendas
- To take minutes of all meetings they attend
- To keep current correspondence up to date
- To keep a list of all members of the association and to update that list
- To take note of adjustments to the House Regulations and the by-laws of the association.

Article 12

Tasks of the quaestor/quaestrix (Treasurer)

- To look after the finances of the association
- To make sure contribution and other sources of income are taken care of
- To budget for the association and make sure financial reports are written, including the year report and the report of the treasurer control committee
- The quaestor/quaestrix makes sure everyone has paid their contribution and can make payment plans for members who have not made their payments.

Article 13

Tasks of the assessor (general board member)

- Coordination of the introduction committee including all its activities.
- Help the Dance-Literature-Study Committee with their tasks.
- Help the other board members with general board tasks.

Electing the board

Article 14

Becoming a candidate for the board can happen in several ways:

- The current board can announce the names of the candidates and their possible functions during the yearly GMA as mentioned in the by-laws of the association.
- The other members, not the current board, are allowed to propose an opposing candidate board. This needs to be made public in writing and 7 days before the GMA, with signatures of at least one tenth of the members with voting rights. It has to be sent to the abactis (secretary)
- If there is an opposing candidate board, the board with the most votes becomes the actual candidate board.

Article 15

Board elections can happen during the dance year, but only in very specific cases;

- In case one or more board members decide(s) to vacate their position(s).
- In case a motion of no confidence is put forward against one of the board members or the entire board. This is only allowed when a two third majority is in agreement with the motion.

The committees

Articles 16-28 are explanations of the committees and what they do. They are rather outdated, but you can find up-to-date information on our website:

<https://www.hofdansen.nl/members/committees>

The GMAs

Article 29

A GMA has some mandatory points on the agenda:

- Approving the agenda
- Approving the minutes of the previous GMA
- Incoming and outgoing documents abactis and vice-praeses
- Report from the quaestor(-trix) and from the Treasury Supervision Committee
- Midterm committee reports
- Final questions

Article 30

A GMA at the start of the year has the following points added to that, in accordance with by-laws article 10:

- Annual report from the quaestrix and from the Treasury Supervision Committee
- Annual reports from the committees
- Discharging of the committees
- Election and installation of the new Treasury Supervision Committee
- Election of the board
- Annual report from the praeses
- Installation of the board
- Inaugural address of the praeses
- Budget for the upcoming year
- Installation of the committees

Article 31

At the second GMA of the year, the following will be added to the agenda

- Inauguration of the prospective members

Article 32

The agenda of an extra GMA will solely consist of:

- Opening

- Approving the agenda
- Topic at hand
- Final questions
- Closing

An extra GMA cannot take the place of a normal GMA

Article 33

The agenda of a special GMA will solely consist of:

- Opening
- Incoming special mail
- Address from the praeses
- Naming and installing of the alumni and/or honorary members
- "Cercle des questions ridicules"
- Closing

Final provisions

Article 34

The board can provide additional rules for anything which had not been mentioned in the regulations.

Article 35

Changes to the House Regulations can only be made after a GMA has been called with the announcement that a change will be proposed. The proposal should be made public at least two weeks before the GMA. The GMA will then vote on those changes. They will be accepted if at least two thirds of the members are present at the GMA and if a majority votes in favour of the changes. If the GMA is not attended by at least two thirds of the members, the voting will proceed at the next GMA, regardless of the attendance.