

AIMEncyclopaedias

Association for International Masculinist Encyclopaedias

STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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English translation for information. The French text remains the authoritative version. This current version omits the passage awaiting formal permission for publication.

PREAMBLE

The Association's central project is to publish several online MEDs devoted to five major themes considered important for understanding the male condition and issues relating to masculinism.

The five dictionaries are as follows:

1. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Freedom — 1,789 initial entries, referring to 1789 and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.
2. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Health — 1,904 initial entries, referring to 1904 and Hugh Hampton Young's work on radical perineal prostatectomy.
3. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Law — 1,972 initial entries, referring to Stanley v. Illinois (1972), a case concerning, among other matters, the parental rights of an unmarried father.
4. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Sexuality — 1,750 initial entries, referring to Bruno Lenoir and Jean Diot, executed in 1750 for 'sodomy'.
5. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of the History of Masculinism — 1,970 initial entries, referring to Jack Sawyer's article 'On Male Liberation', published in 1970.

These numbers have symbolic and editorial value. They are initial numbers and may change in accordance with the procedures set out in the Editorial Charter and the Association's procedures.

Article 1 — Fundamental Principles and Objectives

The Association is strictly non-partisan: it neither supports nor represents any political party, candidate or partisan organisation, and it does not advocate any electoral position. It is non-denominational: it is not affiliated with any religion or religious doctrine and does not engage in conversion or proselytism. It is non-political in the institutional sense: it is not a party whose purpose is to attain or exercise political power. It may, however, freely study political phenomena, institutions and ideologies. It unequivocally condemns violence, threats, intimidation, harassment and incitement to hatred, regardless of the motive.

Objective 1 — Promoting Well-being and Emancipation through Access to Knowledge

To promote the overall well-being and emancipation of men from all backgrounds by giving them access to a compilation of encyclopaedic, verified, thematic and rigorously sourced knowledge. This approach is intended to enable visitors and members of the Association to develop their knowledge, critical thinking and ability to understand masculinity and masculinism in their diversity and complexity, as well as the societies and world in which they live.

It also seeks to encourage, through the knowledge collected and compared, the development of reflections, strategies and ways of life capable of fostering autonomy, fulfilment and more harmonious, respectful and peaceful social relationships.

Objective 2 — Combating Isolation and Fostering Social Connections

To help reduce unwanted loneliness and social isolation among men by providing accessible spaces for dialogue, exchange, reflection and meeting others. To this end, the Association provides online discussion spaces, including comment sections and group chat, as well as opportunities for in-person meetings and exchanges, particularly during the Annual General Meeting.

The Association may also organise or support cultural, educational, social or charitable events intended to foster social connections, solidarity and participation in collective life. These spaces and events are intended to enable everyone to express themselves, share their experiences and knowledge, meet other people and, more broadly, develop social relationships based on respect, kindness, solidarity and non-violence.

Objective 3 — Preserving Lexical Heritage, Documenting the Evolution of the Meaning of Words and Concepts, and Taking a Critical View of Their Transformation

To preserve lexical heritage and document the evolution, over time, of the meaning of words and concepts, so that everyone may assess the transformations of language and the representations it conveys.

This approach draws in particular on George Orwell's reflections on language, especially in his novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, through the concept of 'Newspeak', and in his essay *Politics and the English Language*.

It is based on the idea that the transformation, restriction, impoverishment or disappearance of certain words and meanings may reduce the ability to formulate, understand or transmit certain ideas.

The Association pays particular attention to older definitions, especially those drawn from historical dictionaries and recognised works of lexicography. It considers that these definitions often have particular documentary and intellectual value and may, in some cases, be more precise, more complete or more faithful to the historically established meaning and uses of a term than certain contemporary definitions. This preference constitutes a deliberate choice within the Association's editorial approach.

The Association therefore intends to highlight semantic changes rather than regard the different meanings of a term as necessarily equivalent. When the evolution of a word or concept appears to have resulted in a substantial change, impoverishment, reversal or distortion of its earlier meaning, this transformation may be explicitly identified, documented and subjected to critical examination.

This critical perspective does not, however, lead the Association to consider every evolution of language to be a distortion. Semantic transformations are placed in their historical, social and cultural context and compared with multiple sources. As far as possible, the Association distinguishes between a natural evolution of usage, an extension or specialisation of meaning, a change in representation, and what may be interpreted as an alteration or diversion of the earlier meaning.

The Association therefore does not claim absolute neutrality in its selection and presentation of sources: it openly adopts a methodological preference for preserving, studying and comparing older definitions, together with a critical perspective on contemporary transformations of vocabulary. It nevertheless considers that this position must be explicit, documented and open to discussion rather than concealed behind a claim of neutrality.

Comparing older and contemporary definitions should therefore enable readers to observe changes in language directly, understand their contexts and assess for themselves the nature and extent of the transformations identified. When the Association makes a critical assessment of a semantic change, that assessment must be distinguishable from the documentary facts and quoted definitions, so that everyone may exercise their own judgement.

Objective 4 — Contributing to the Collective Development of Contemporary Concepts

To identify, document and define concepts that emerged or were renewed in the twenty-first century through a collaborative, pluralistic and transparent process that preserves a record of contributions and debates. Where no consensus exists, the Association does not claim to impose a single, definitive definition: disagreements themselves may constitute subjects of study.

Objective 5 — Promoting the Creation, Publication and Dissemination of Contemporary Works Engaging with Masculinism and the Issues It Raises in the Public Sphere

To encourage the creation, publication and dissemination of contemporary works, particularly artistic and musical works, that critically, reflectively or creatively examine masculinism and the social, political, cultural and symbolic issues it raises.

Objective 6 — Preserving and Transmitting Knowledge through the Annual Publication of High-quality Printed Books

The Association intends to counter the disappearance of knowledge outside the digital sphere through the annual publication of high-quality printed books. In particular, it seeks to help preserve and transmit knowledge by promoting the historic crafts and techniques of bookmaking, paper, printing, binding and gilding.

Objective 7 — Supporting Research through the Transparent Provision of Non-sensitive, Non-personal Data

The Association intends to support research, particularly in sociology and the relevant academic disciplines, by transparently providing non-sensitive, non-personal data in compliance with applicable data-protection law. Such data may include entries consulted or rated, subjects debated, voting results and new creations or proposals.

Objective 8 — Promoting a Rigorous and Pluralistic Representation of Male Experience and the Masculinist Movement through Adversarial Debate

The Association intends to challenge misleading, partisan, factually disconnected, binary, essentialist, sexist or racist representations of the human experience of male persons and of the masculinist movement. It seeks to promote adversarial debate based on arguments, a plurality of viewpoints and explicit procedural rules, particularly in the spirit of Anglo-Saxon traditions of public and academic debate.

Objective 9 — Creating a Library Devoted to Masculinist Studies and a Cultural Space Open to the Public

The Association intends to create a free digital library devoted to masculinist studies, as well as a physical reference library with reading and study space but without lending books. It may also include an auditorium for debates, lectures and concerts, a garden devoted to meditation and reflection, and a bookshop whose proceeds will help finance the Association.

Article 2 — Accessibility, Membership and Participation in the Life of the Association

The MEDs are accessible online to all visitors, but certain sensitive or graphic entries may be reserved for members. Non-members may comment, report issues, propose sources, entries or improvements and, where the system provides for it, approve or disapprove content. Such contributions do not automatically amend entries: amendments, creations, deletions, exclusions and reinstatements follow the procedure laid down in the Association's governing documents.

Membership provides access, in particular, to reserved content, the life of the Association and the consultations and votes provided for. Subject to the conditions laid down in the Internal Regulations, members may access the library, workspaces, garden and events of the Association.

Membership is entered into for a period of one year. A digital membership card bearing an individual registration number may be issued. Members must be adults; a declaration or verification may be required. The minimum annual membership fee is set at 10 euros.

A 'Premium' membership may be offered for an annual fee of 150 euros. It may notably allow a member to participate in the Disciplinary Council, propose amendments to the Statutes and ask the Founder-President to submit a proposal to a vote; have their name or pseudonym displayed on the acknowledgements page for an indefinite period; receive priority invitations to events; obtain preferential prices on books; and receive priority access to the library and priority booking. Premium membership confers no additional decision-making power unless expressly provided for in these Statutes.

Members undertake to comply with the Statutes and Internal Regulations. Serious or repeated breaches may result in disciplinary proceedings or exclusion. The member concerned is informed and may submit observations, except in an urgent situation or where an interim measure is necessary to protect persons or the operation of the Association.

Article 3 — Consultations, Votes and Social-science Research

The Association may organise mixed-sex or single-sex consultations in order to document the male condition. Men-only consultations may address specifically male experiences and concerns, particularly where such a framework is likely to encourage freer expression or reveal information less visible in a mixed-sex setting. Women members may make proposals, debate, participate in motions and preparatory work, and take part in mixed-sex consultations.

Comparing the results of mixed-sex and single-sex consultations may be of interest to sociology, social history, masculinity studies and other social sciences. The data may concern representations of masculinity, relations between the sexes, family, professional and social experiences, perceptions of servitude and freedom, and men's expectations.

Results may be kept separately in compliance with applicable law, data protection and methodological requirements. The result of a vote does not in itself constitute scientific truth and must be interpreted in light of the consultation conditions, group composition and possible participation biases. General management decisions are taken without distinction on grounds of sex, except for consultations expressly intended to study or express male experiences. The arrangements for each consultation are announced in advance and made transparent.

Article 4 — Sources and Number of Entries Accessible Online Each Year

Definitions are selected according to their relevance. Reliable and freely reusable sources are preferred, particularly dictionaries and academic works. Where rights are not free, the Association may use content for which rights have been acquired or freely granted. Definitions are arranged from oldest to most recent wherever possible.

Visitors and members may approve or disapprove definitions and comment on them. Reactions relating to active entries and archived entries are counted separately and presented transparently.

Entries may concern words, concepts, works, real historical persons or events, and fictional characters. For recent words or concepts, original definitions may be debated and put to a vote. When adopted, they are incorporated into the dictionary and clearly identified as original editorial proposals.

The number of active entries in each MED is determined according to a symbolic and editorial principle. The initial numbers stated in the Preamble do not constitute acquired rights or immutable limits. They may change in accordance with the associative and editorial procedure laid down in the Charter and Internal Regulations. Excluded entries are archived and are not necessarily deleted. Procedures for inclusion, exclusion, reinstatement and amendment are defined by the Association's governing documents.

Article 5 — Editorial Direction

Editorial direction is the responsibility of the Founder-President, who guarantees overall consistency, conformity with the project and final approval. He may delegate preparatory tasks to members, including drafting proposed entries, researching and critically examining sources, comparing definitions and formulating proposals. Those to whom such tasks are delegated shall comply with the Association's methodological, scientific and ethical principles. Delegation does not remove the Founder-President's general editorial responsibility or power of final approval.

Article 6 — Independence, Resources and Allocation of Funds

The Association acts independently, transparently and on a non-profit basis, in accordance with its purpose. It distributes no profits among its members and allocates its resources to fulfilling its purpose.

Its resources may finance, in particular, digital and printed MEDs; cultural, educational, scientific, intellectual, social or charitable events; documentary heritage; digital and physical libraries; infrastructure; and necessary operating expenses. It may also support other associations, projects or works devoted to masculinist studies or the masculinist movement, under the conditions provided for in these Statutes and, in particular, by members' votes where required.

No member may receive a share of the Association's surplus or assets solely by virtue of membership, without prejudice to legally permissible reimbursements and any rights arising under the law.

Article 7 — Prerogatives of the Founder-President, Continuity of the Association and Right of Veto

The Founder-President is responsible for the general management of the Association and for preserving its purpose, independence, institutional integrity and continuity.

He has a right of veto over any proposal, decision, publication, action or initiative which, in his assessment, could seriously compromise the purpose, independence, integrity, continuity or reputation of the Association, or unfairly harm the Association, its members or its representatives.

He may intervene in particular where an initiative is manifestly contrary to the Statutes, the Internal Regulations, the Association's fundamental principles, the law, or the requirements of scientific and editorial seriousness. The veto may be exercised before a decision is implemented or after it has been adopted but before its execution or publication. It may in particular suspend or prevent publication of the result of a consultation or vote where the conditions of this Article are met.

This power is not intended to interfere with the individual expression of an opinion where that opinion complies with the applicable rules. Final validation of voting results concerns procedural regularity, compliance with the Statutes and publication; it does not confer a power to arbitrarily alter a duly obtained result. Publication of results shall comply with applicable data-protection and confidentiality law.

Article 8 — Working and Publication Languages

French, English and Castilian Spanish are the principal languages of publication and reference. Original sources may be written in any language, and translations do not replace the original sources. Comments should preferably be written in one of the three principal languages, without this being mandatory. In-person events should preferably be organised in the language of the host country, without excluding the use of other languages. Translation or interpreting services may be offered according to the Association's resources.

Article 9 — Grounds and Procedure for Exclusion

Grounds for exclusion may include serious or repeated breaches of the Statutes or Internal Regulations, serious public denigration of the Association, serious disruption of its operation, or any conduct liable to threaten its operation, continuity, reputation or the safety of persons.

The member concerned shall receive written notice of the allegations and may submit observations, except in a clearly urgent situation or where an immediate risk justifies an interim measure. The decision shall be taken by the Disciplinary Council or the competent body designated by the Statutes or Internal Regulations, in accordance with the applicable quorum and majority rules. It shall state reasons and be notified. An internal appeal may be provided for in the Internal Regulations. Exclusion does not entail reimbursement of membership fees or donations already paid, unless otherwise required by law or decided otherwise.

Article 10 — Voluntary Service, Appointment and Duties of Officers

In order to preserve the Association's financial resources and devote its means primarily to fulfilling its purpose and capacity for action, the offices of Founder-President, Secretary and Treasurer are held on a voluntary basis. Expenses incurred in the Association's interest may be reimbursed upon production of supporting documents, in accordance with the applicable rules.

The Founder-President appoints the Secretary and Treasurer and may terminate their office or replace them, subject to mandatory provisions of law and these Statutes. The Secretary is responsible in particular for administrative follow-up. The Treasurer is responsible in particular for financial and accounting follow-up.

The Founder-President is responsible for general management, implementation of decisions and coordination of activities. He represents the Association in civil matters, within the limits of these Statutes.

The officers perform their duties in the Association's interest, in accordance with the Statutes, Internal Regulations and duly adopted decisions.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer end in particular upon resignation, death, incapacity, loss of membership, or termination decided by the Founder-President, subject to mandatory provisions of law and these Statutes.

Article 11 — Registered Office and Duration

The registered office is located at the address declared by the Association. The Founder-President may decide to transfer the registered office within the same département, subject to ratification by the next General Meeting. Any transfer to another département shall be decided under the procedure for amending the Statutes. The Association is established for an unlimited duration.

Article 12 — Ordinary General Meeting

The Ordinary General Meeting comprises members entitled to vote. It meets at least once a year when convened by the Founder-President. Notice is sent at least fifteen days in advance and states the agenda, place and, where applicable, arrangements for remote participation.

The Meeting considers in particular the moral or activity report, the financial situation, general policies and matters on the agenda. Each member has one vote. Premium membership confers no additional vote. Representation by proxy is permitted up to a limit of two proxies per

member present, unless otherwise provided in the Internal Regulations.

Ordinary decisions are adopted by a simple majority of votes cast; abstentions are not counted as votes cast. Meetings may be held in person, remotely or in hybrid form, provided that participant identification and voting integrity are guaranteed. Minutes shall be drawn up and retained.

Article 13 — Extraordinary General Meeting

The Extraordinary General Meeting has authority in particular to amend the Statutes, decide on dissolution, approve a merger or transformation where permitted by law and these Statutes, and decide any other matter assigned to it by these Statutes.

It is convened by the Founder-President or at the request of at least one third of the members entitled to vote. Notice is sent at least fifteen days in advance. At the first meeting, the quorum is one third of the members entitled to vote. If this quorum is not reached, a second meeting may be convened between fifteen and thirty days later and may deliberate without a quorum requirement.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in these Statutes, extraordinary decisions are adopted by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. The prerogatives provided for in Article 7 remain applicable under the conditions laid down in that Article.

Article 14 — Amendment of the Statutes

Proposals to amend the Statutes may be submitted by the Founder-President or by members in accordance with these Statutes and, for practical implementation, the Internal Regulations. Where circumstances permit, every proposal shall be communicated with the notice of meeting.

An amendment is adopted by the Extraordinary General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of votes cast, subject to mandatory provisions of law and the prerogatives provided for in Article 7. Amendments requiring declaration or publication shall undergo the required formalities.

Article 15 — Annual General Meeting and Decisions Relating to the MEDs

The Annual General Meeting reviews the development of the MEDs and may be called upon to decide, in particular, on the inclusion, exclusion, reinstatement or substantial amendment of entries; the project's general policies; the Internal Regulations; amendments to the Statutes; and, where these Statutes so require, financial support for other projects or associations.

The results of consultations and votes are retained and, where publication is provided for, made transparently accessible, subject to confidentiality and data protection. Specific majority rules laid down in these Statutes take precedence over the general rule.

Article 16 — Dissolution

Voluntary dissolution of the Association may be decided only by an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose. It is adopted by a two-thirds majority of votes cast, subject to mandatory provisions of law. The Meeting appoints one or more liquidators. The prerogatives provided for in Article 7 shall be exercised in compliance with the mandatory legal provisions applicable to dissolution.

Article 17 — Distribution of Assets

After settlement of the Association's liabilities and obligations, the net assets shall be transferred to one or more non-profit legal entities pursuing a purpose compatible with that of the Association, designated by the competent Meeting. No member may receive a share of the net assets solely by virtue of membership, without prejudice to any return of contributions under the conditions provided by law.

Article 18 — Minutes and Record Retention

General Meetings and the principal decisions of the competent bodies shall be recorded in minutes. These shall state in particular the date, place or remote-participation system, agenda, principal deliberations and voting results. The minutes and documents necessary for the traceability and integrity of the Association's affairs shall be retained under conditions allowing consultation by authorised persons.

Article 19 — Internal Regulations

Internal Regulations may be established to specify the application of these Statutes and the practical arrangements for the Association's operation. They may neither amend nor contradict the Statutes. They are adopted and amended in accordance with the rules laid down in these Statutes. In the event of conflict, the Statutes prevail.

Article 20 — Formalities

The Founder-President, or any duly authorised person, shall carry out the declarations, publications and formalities necessary for the legal life of the Association. Amendments to the Statutes requiring declaration shall be declared within the statutory time limits. These Statutes are drawn up in French and signed by the authorised persons.

SIGNATURES

Done at: _____ Date: _____

Founder-President: _____ Signature: _____

Secretary: _____ Signature: _____

Treasurer: _____ Signature: _____