

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 or at the latest one month after an international teacher's 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 one month before the annual GM

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. If attendance at the General Meeting is not possible, the member will be welcomed to connect remotely with the General Meeting and therefore will have the possibility to follow the discussions and vote. When remote connection is not possible, the member will be welcomed to vote by a signed proxy at the General Meeting. In this case, each member who is present in the General Meeting can only bring 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, four teachers from four different countries within the IABBAT and 1 candidate. Each member will sit on the board for two years.

6.1.2 The members of the Board appoints a chairman, 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 meets face to face at the summer seminar after the General meeting. If a Board member can't join the face-to-face meeting, then the member will have the possibility to join remotely online. During the rest of the year, the Board will communicate by E-mail and/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 The Teacher of the board are elected by the teachers group.

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, only two teachers can be on election at a time

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 are two annual fees in IATBBAT for members to pay according to how many teachers each country has.

Fee 1) for the zoom platform to have IATBBAT online meetings, general meetings and theory seminars.

Fee 2) for the website domain, server and bankcard.

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.