
Updated Parkinson's Europe Statutes (as unanimously approved at the 3 November 2025 EAGM – incorporating latest Belgian Company Law)

Parkinson's Europe (PE) aisbl

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The Extraordinary General Assembly in its meeting of 3 November 2025 held before public notary Gerrit Lybaert has adopted the following text of the Association's statutes in compliance with the Code of companies and associations:

I. Statutes

I. Name, duration, registered office and object

Article 1

The name of the association is "Parkinson's Europe", abbreviated "PE." The association shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Association" or "PE".

PE is an international non-profit association (aisbl) governed by:

1. the provisions of *Book 10 and any other provisions applicable to international non-profit associations of the companies and associations Code of March 23, 2019*, as amended from time to time;
2. these By-Laws, and
3. the Internal Rules, *if any*.

Parkinson's Europe works and campaigns with people with Parkinson's, their caregivers, families and supporters across Europe to ensure their voices are heard and listened to.

The Association is formed for an indefinite period.

The working language of the Association shall be English.

Article 2

The registered office of the Association is located in the region of Brussels-Capital.

It may be transferred to any other location by a decision of the Board, to be deposited in the Association's file and published in the Annexes to the Belgian State Gazette within one month following such decision.

Article 3

The object of the Association, which is non-profit making, non-religious and non-political is to promote understanding of Parkinson's disease, enabling people living with Parkinson's and their families to draw on best caring practice world-wide, to access the latest medical and surgical advice, and thus make informed choices to achieve the best quality of life possible.

To this end, PE seeks, in co-operation with its members to:

1. investigate the prevalence and incidence of Parkinson's disease in different regions of Europe, the level of disability and quality of life of people with Parkinson's in Europe
2. provide and continually update data about medical and caring best practice
3. make this information readily available to Parkinson's Disease Associations, groups of people with Parkinson's, carers, professionals and other interested groups through information technology and international networking
4. promote and encourage co-operation between patient based, scientific and other qualified groups enabling advancement of well-being and health for people with Parkinson's and their families

5. motivate, promote and support new and existing national organisations to facilitate their task of providing optimum care and rehabilitation to their members
6. promote co-operation, projects, exchange of information and experiences between the member associations.

The Association shall have the right to exercise, alone or in collaboration with third parties, directly or indirectly, all activities related to its object. The Association may develop activities in Belgium and abroad which directly or indirectly contribute to the realization of the objective of the Association. Such activities may within the limits provided by applicable law include commercial activities insofar the profits deriving from such activities are used to achieve the object of the Association.

II. Membership

Article 4

The Association is composed of two categories of members: (i) Membership Organizations and (ii) Affiliate Members.

Membership Organizations will be not for profit organisations based in any European country or in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, with a membership of people with Parkinson's and carers, or a federation which represents Parkinson's membership organisations.

Membership Organisations will have voting rights and their representatives can be elected or co-opted as PE Board members.

Parkinson's organisations forming part of a federation or a national organisation which is already a member of PE, will not be eligible to apply for membership.

Affiliate Members will be not for profit organisations, which have a special interest in Parkinson's with no individual members.

Affiliate Members will have voting rights and their representatives can be elected or co-opted as PE Board members.

Article 5

The admission of new members will be subject to the approval of the General Assembly. The minimum criteria for being eligible for membership are as follows:

- Must be a non-profit organisation if a legal entity
- Must comply to the geographic scope of Article 4
- Must be directly working with or for people with Parkinson's
- Must have amongst its members people with Parkinson's except for Affiliate membership
- That their representative can actively participate in English.

Any member can resign from the Association by means of sending a written termination notice via registered letter to the Board. A termination notice must be sent at the latest by June 30 in order to have effect for the following year. If the termination notice is sent after June 30, it will only become effective as from the second year following the year in which the notice was made.

Any member who violates or is no longer in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes or of the Internal Regulations, or who acts in a way that is detrimental to the interests or objectives of the Association or who fails to timely pay the membership fee, may be excluded from the Association by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority of members present or represented upon recommendation of the Board and after having been heard by the General Assembly. The exclusion is notified by registered letter. The rights of defense must be respected and excluded members must be heard prior to the taking of any such decision.

A member, who, in whatever way and for whatever reason, ceases to be a member of the Association, shall, because of such cessation of membership, have no claim for compensation from the Association and shall have no claim on the Association's assets or funds. The applicable membership fees for the year in which the cessation of membership occurs remain due in full and payable to the Association.

The Board shall ensure that a register of members is kept at the registered office. The Secretary shall enter the coordinates of all members in the register of members and shall indicate the membership category for each member.

Each member may consult the register at the registered office of the Association. In order to do so they must submit a written request to the Board.

Article 6

The members pay a membership fee determined annually (for the category to which they belong) by the General Assembly, based on a proposal by the Board. All members of PE will pay their membership fees by the 31 March of each calendar year. Should a member not pay their fees by the 31 March, a reminder letter will be sent requesting payment by the end of April – this provides all members 4 (four) months to pay their membership dues.

If, as of the 1st May, PE has not received the membership fee from any member, such member will remain a member, but the member will lose their voting rights until payment is received.

Members will first have to pay the full membership fee to attend the annual Members' Meeting and the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

The PE Board will do whatever it can within its powers to ensure that it helps the member in question to remain a member of PE. Each issue will be formally raised and discussed at the annual General Assembly.

III. General assembly

Article 7

The General Assembly shall consist of all members. Each member shall have the right to attend the meetings of the General Assembly and shall have the right to vote. Each member shall have one vote.

The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association.

Subject to the powers granted to the other bodies by these statutes, the General Assembly shall have all the powers to realize the Association's objectives.

The quorum for a meeting shall be more than 50% of members present or represented. Each member shall be represented at the General Assembly by one representative.

If requested by any member present, voting may be by secret ballot..

During meetings of the General Assembly only matters of European relevance should be discussed apart from the legal matters to be dealt with pursuant to applicable law.

The General Assembly shall be exclusively competent for:

1. transfer of the registered office of the Association insofar it implies a translation of the By-laws into a different language;
2. exclusion of members upon proposal by the Board;
3. decide on the appointment and termination of the statutory auditor, the determination of his/her annual fee and decide on the discharge to the statutory auditor;
4. appoint the members of the Board and decide on the termination of the mandates of the Board members;
5. grant or refuse the discharge to the members of the Board;
6. approval of the annual budget and of the annual accounts;
7. admit new members to the Association;
8. decide on the amount of the annual membership fees for each membership category;
9. modification of the statutes;
10. deciding on the dissolution of the Association and the appointment of one or more liquidators.

Article 8

The General Assembly shall meet every year upon convocation by the President and shall be announced a minimum of 15 days in advance. Proposals for agenda items must be received by the Board up to 30 days prior to the General Assembly.

The agenda for the General Assembly shall be notified in writing to all members, not less than 15 days in advance of the General Assembly.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the President as well as the request of one fifth of the members. The proposals for agenda items are to be received by the Board up to 30 days prior to the proposed extraordinary meeting. The agenda proposed for an extraordinary meeting is to be notified, in writing, to all members, not less than 15 days in advance of the proposed meeting.

It is the responsibility of each member to notify the Director General, in writing, of the name of their representative who will attend the meeting of the General Assembly at least 7 days prior to the annual General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 9

Each of the members may be represented at the General Assembly by another member by means of a special written proxy. However, no member may hold more than one proxy. The General Assembly's decisions shall only be considered to be valid if more than half of the members are present or represented. The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association, or, if he/she is not present, by the Vice President.

Article 10

With the exception of the cases provided by these statutes, resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present or represented. All resolutions shall be brought to the attention of all members of the Association by e-mail or any other means of written communication. The General Assembly cannot take a decision on any subject that is not on the agenda. The General Assembly's resolutions are recorded in a registry signed by the President and kept by the Director General, who shall make them available to members who make a request in writing to the Director General.

The members may unanimously and in writing take all decisions that fall within the competence of the General Assembly, with the exception of amendments to the statutes. In that case the formalities of convening the meeting do not have to be fulfilled. The members of the Board and, where applicable, the auditor, may, at their request, take knowledge of those decisions.

The Board may offer members the opportunity to participate remotely in any meeting of the General Assembly by means of an electronic means of communication made available by the Association. As regards compliance with the conditions regarding attendance and majority, members who participate in the General Assembly in this way are deemed to be present at the place where the General Assembly is held. For the application of the first paragraph, the Association must be able to check the capacity and identity of the member referred to in the first paragraph on the basis of the electronic means of communication used. Additional conditions may be imposed on the use of the electronic means of communication, with the sole aim of guaranteeing the security of the electronic means of communication. The electronic means of communication must at least enable the members to take direct, simultaneous and uninterrupted knowledge of the discussions during the meeting and to exercise their voting rights with regard to all items on which the meeting must decide. The electronic means of communication must also enable the members to participate in the deliberations and to ask questions. The notice convening the General Assembly includes a clear and precise description of the procedures relating to remote participation. The minutes of the meeting shall record any technical problems and incidents that may have prevented or disrupted electronic participation in the General Assembly or voting. The members of the bureau of the General Assembly (consisting out of the President and Director General) may not participate electronically in the General Assembly. Members may also vote remotely before the general meeting via any electronic means (such as e-mail or a digital form) approved by the Board on the condition that the capacity and identity of the member can be verified by the Director General.

Article 11

Any proposal involving a modification of the Statutes or the dissolution of the Association must come from the Board. The Board must notify the members of the Association at least 15 days in advance of the date of the General Assembly that they will take a decision on said proposal.

With regards to a modification of the Statutes or the dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly's decisions shall only be valid if two thirds of its members are

present or represented. No decision shall take effect unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

However, if two-thirds of the members of the Association are not present or represented, another General Assembly shall be convened with the same agenda by means of a written notice to be sent to all members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. This General Assembly's final decision shall be valid on the proposal in question, regardless of the number of members present or represented.

The General Assembly shall determine the Association's mode of dissolution and liquidation and shall appoint one or more liquidators.

IV. Governance

Article 12

The Association is administered by a Board of Directors (the "Board"), composed of a minimum of 5 (five) and a maximum of 11 (eleven) Directors, at least one of whom will be a person with Parkinson's.

Directors are elected by the General Assembly for a term of 3 (three) years and may be re-elected by the General Assembly at the end of their term in office for another period of 3 (three) years. A Director can therefore hold a mandate for a maximum of 6 (six) years.

Nominations for the Board are to be received by the Director General no later than 3 (three) months prior to the General Assembly, who will inform the members, in writing, about all nominations and will be included with the agenda for the General Assembly.

Directors may at all times be removed by the General Assembly based on a two-thirds majority of active members present or represented.

Candidates applying to join the Board will be vetted by the Executive Committee, which is composed of the Parkinson's Europe President, Vice-President and Treasurer, together with the Director General in a non-voting capacity.

In case the Executive Committee does not include a person living with Parkinson's, another Board member who has Parkinson's will be asked to join the group, attend the interviews with candidates and assess the applications.

Following the interviews with candidates, the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on whether candidates should be put forward for election to the General Assembly.

Article 13

The Association shall have the following Officers:

- A President,
- A Vice-President,
- A Treasurer, and
- A Director General

The General Assembly shall elect from among the Board members the President and the Vice-President for a term that is equal to the term of their mandate as Director.

The President shall have the powers conferred upon him/her by these Statutes, including:

- i. act as spokesperson for the Association;
- ii. represent the Association at appropriate levels with regard to all issues of concern to the Association;
- iii. preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board.

In the case of the absence or disability of the President or in the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President until the next meeting of the General Assembly elects a new President.

The Board shall appoint among its members a Treasurer for a term that is equal to the term of his/her mandate as Director. The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the custody of the funds of the Association, keeping an account of all monies

received and expended for the use of the Association, and making disbursements authorized by and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies received by the Association in banks or other institutions designated by the Board and for recommending to the Board the investment of surplus funds. The Treasurer shall render a report at the annual General Assembly of the Association. The Treasurer shall be responsible for acquiring a suitable insurance covering officers and staff, the cost of which shall be borne by the Association. At the expiration of his/her term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver to his/her successor all books, monies, or other properties belonging to the Association that may be in his/her custody or possession. The Treasurer may delegate specific tasks to the Association's Finance Manager, with the approval of the Director General.

Should Board members step down during their term of office, the Board will notify the General Assembly. Should a President or Vice-President step down, the Board shall make a recommendation for his/her replacement to the General Assembly which will need to be ratified either at the annual General Assembly or via an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

The Director General is a paid official appointed by the Board. The Director General shall have the following powers:

- be in charge of the daily management of the Association;
- prepare the annual budget and annual accounts of the Association;
- Implement the decisions of the Board.

The Director General shall report to the Board. The Director General shall have the power to sub-delegate his/her powers to one or more persons, who may or may not be employees of the Association.

Article 14

Board meetings are called by the President or upon request of the majority of Board members. A convocation notice shall be sent to all Board members together with the agenda at least 5 days prior to the meeting. In case an urgent decision is required the convocation period can be shortened if the urgency is duly motivated in the minutes. The Board can only decide on matters on the agenda if the majority of its

members are present or represented. A Board member can be represented by means of written proxy by another Board member.

Article 15

The Board has full power to manage and administer the matters of the Association subject to the powers of the General Assembly. The Director General has responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Association, and can delegate specific responsibilities to any member of staff or external proxy holder. The Board may confer special powers to one or more persons under its responsibility.

The Board can co-opt up to 4 (four) persons to join the Board should Member Organisations not put forward sufficient members and/or should the Board decide that a person with specific skills is required to join the Board. Co-opted Board Members are appointed by the Board for a term of 3 (three) years and their appointment is ratified by the General Assembly. They may be appointed by the Board for a further period of 3 (three) years, ratified by the General Assembly.

Article 16

The resolutions of the Board are adopted by ordinary majority of the votes cast. Each Director shall have one vote. If the votes are tied, the President's vote shall prevail. Resolutions shall be entered in a registry signed by the President and kept by the Director General who shall make it available to the Association's members.

Meetings of the Board can be held by any modern means of telecommunication that allow Board members to directly hear each other and directly speak to each other, such as a telephone or video conference. In case a physical meeting of the Board is called, the Board members, who are not physically present or represented, may participate in the deliberations and decision making of the Board digitally (such as via a telephone or video conference). In such a case, the remote Board members shall be deemed present.

Moreover, decisions of the Board can be adopted by means of unanimous written resolutions. A dated document signed by all Board members and recorded or

inserted in the register of minutes shall equal to a decision of the Board. Copies and excerpts of the minutes of the Board to be produced in court or elsewhere shall be signed by the President or the Director General.

Article 17

With the exception of special authorities to act, all legal instruments that bind the Association shall be signed either by the President acting individually or by the Director General acting individually, who shall not be required to justify vis a vis third parties the powers granted for this purpose. If neither the President nor the Director General is available, the Association shall also be validly represented towards third parties and in all legal instruments by any proxy holder duly appointed by the Board or by the Director General within the limits of the proxy..

Article 18

Legal actions, both as plaintiff and defendant, shall be monitored by the Board, which shall be represented by its President or any Director appointed for this purpose.

V. Budget and accounts

Article 19

The financial year of the Association shall run from January 1 through December 31. On December 31 of each year, the books and accounts of the Association will be closed.

The Board shall prepare each year the annual accounts of the Association and submit them for approval to the General Assembly within ultimately six months after the closing date of the financial year.

An annual budget of the anticipated total expense of operating the Association for the ensuing financial year shall be prepared every year by the Director General and with the approval of the Board and will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

If the General Assembly so decides, the accounts will be audited by a certified auditor appointed by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board. The General Assembly may decide to constitute a reserve fund, determine its amount and the arrangements for contributions due to this fund by each member.

VI. General provisions

Article 20

Unless otherwise specified in these Statutes or in the Internal Regulations, all notices shall be sent by regular mail or by any other written means of communication (including telecopy or e-mail).

The Board may issue Internal Regulations compatible with the provisions of these Statutes, in order to ensure the functioning of the Association and its administration and/or to execute and complement the Statutes.

The Internal Regulations may not contain provisions which are contradictory with imperative provisions of law or of these Statutes or provisions for which the Code of Companies and Associations requires a provision in the Statutes itself. The Internal Regulations and every modification thereof must be notified to the members or made available on the website of the Association.

The most recent version of the Internal Regulations approved by the Board is the version of 2025. The Board may adapt this reference in the Statutes and have such modification published.

In the event of a conflict between these Statutes and the Internal Regulations, if any, internal procedures, or any other kind of rules of the Association, these Statutes shall prevail.

All issues not addressed in these Statutes or the Internal Regulations as they may from time to time be in effect shall be addressed in accordance with the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations.