

# Regulations of the *HANSE* Guild

## 1. Membership

### 1.1

Membership of *HANSE* Guild is open to physical persons only. There is no age limit; there is no membership fee.

The physical persons may no longer hold responsibility for the business of the *HANSE* or members of the representative bodies of a Hanseatic city. As a rule, the members should have been actively involved in work for the *HANSE* in the course of their previous professional or honorary activities.

Exceptions to this general rule are possible.

### 1.2

The person in question must have been proposed to the Council by a member city of the *HANSE*. The proposal must be accompanied by brief indication of reasons, and a membership application by the person concerned.

### 1.3

Decision on membership shall be made by the *HANSE* Commission.

## 2. Tasks and Funding

### 2.1

The *HANSE* Guild shall have the following tasks:

- Active support to *HANSE* events at regional, inter-regional and international level;
- Conduct of meetings in the form of regional *HANSE* Conventions, e.g. the Westphalian *HANSE* Convention, other *HANSE* events and in particular International *HANSE* Conventions;
- Supporting and conducting campaigns to promote the concept of the *HANSE* among the general public;
- Promotion of exchange of culture and traditions, strengthening economic and trading contacts, and enhancing exchange of knowledge, social viewpoints and information;
- Conduct and support of individual *HANSE* projects.

### 2.2

The execution of tasks, in particular conduct of individual projects, shall in all cases be effected on behalf of the *HANSE*. The funding of projects and campaigns shall thus be conducted in accordance with the funding model set out in the Statutes of the *HANSE*. The *HANSE* Office shall be kept regularly informed of the activities of the *HANSE* Guild.

### 2.3

It is open to the individual *HANSE* cities whether they pay the costs incurred by members of the *HANSE* Guild, as a result of attendance at *HANSE* Conventions or Commission Meetings.

### **3. Rights of Members**

#### 3.1

Members of the *HANSE* Guild have the right to participate in a consultative role at the Assemblies of delegates at the international *HANSE* Conventions.

#### 3.2

The *HANSE* Guild has the right to attend meetings of the *HANSE* Commission with one delegate, in a consultative role. Even if no delegate attends the meetings, the *HANSE* Guild shall be informed in writing of the resolutions adopted.

#### 3.3

The members of the *HANSE* Guild are entitled to elect one Chairperson and one or two deputies.

### **4. Official Language**

The official language of the *HANSE* Guild shall be German.

### **5. Termination of Membership**

Membership of the *HANSE* Guild shall be terminated by

- Written resignation, or death of the member; or
- Revocation of the proposal by the respective member city of the *HANSE*.

Reasons must be given for such revocation; the decision shall be made by the *HANSE* Commission.

### **6. Final Provisions**

#### 6.1

The present Regulations were unanimously adopted at the Meeting of the Assembly of the *HANSE* in Turku on 19 June 2004.

The date of their entry into force is 20 June 2004.

#### 6.2

Any amendments or additions to these Regulations shall require a 2/3 majority of the members of Assembly of the *HANSE* present for the vote.