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.


6.1 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.