

# Mission and charter

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The European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS) is an association of international character, formed with the purpose of promoting and fostering, by every available means, the development and dissemination of information and resources on Japan available to Europe. To fulfil these aims, the EAJRS shall hold an annual conference, and perform, support and promote other related activities and initiatives.

## 1. Membership

- 1.1. Membership shall be open to anyone with an interest in Japanese resources. Membership shall be free of charge.

## 2. Administration

- 2.1. The association shall be governed by a board of up to twelve members, all with a demonstrable relation to Japanese resources and Europe.
- 2.2. From within their midst, the board shall select a chairperson and a secretary. Other administrative functions (such as, treasurer, liaison, representative, editor, project leader) shall be requested from amongst all members of the association when deemed necessary.
- 2.3. The members of the board shall be elected by the members of the association by a simple majority of votes.
- 2.4. The board shall serve for a period of three years, after which the board shall need to be confirmed by a simple majority of votes of the members of the association.
- 2.5. New candidates for the board can present themselves whenever a seat opens up at the board.
- 2.6. Elections shall take place preferably at an annual conference of the association, and always shall be supervised by two non-board members.
- 2.7. The chairperson shall preside over all meeting and shall represent the association in relations with outside bodies. If the chairperson unable to be present, they shall be represented by the secretary or another representative with approval of the board.
- 2.8. The secretary shall be in charge of all administrative matters of the association.
- 2.9. The association shall have its headquarters at the institution where the secretary is employed.

### **3. Meetings**

- 3.1. The association shall hold a general assembly at the end of each annual conference. Members shall put forward to the secretary of the association any points or issues for the general assembly, preferably, before the start of the annual conference.
- 3.2. The board shall hold a meeting at the annual conference before the general assembly. Members shall put forward to the secretary of the association any points or issues for the board meeting.
- 3.3. Decisions made by the board shall require confirmation by a simple majority of votes by the members of the association, preferably at a general assembly.
- 3.4. Meetings, other than the general assembly or the meeting of the board, may be requested by members of the association. It shall be the decision of the board of the association if these meetings shall take place.

### **4. Dissolution**

- 4.1. Dissolution of the association shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the members of the association. The board shall then dispose of any assets of the association as appropriate.