

**REGULATIONS ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING MEMBERS  
OF THE ACADEMY, THE MODE OF LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP, DEPRIVATION  
OF MEMBER STATUS AND RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE ACADEMY**

The Regulations define:

1. the procedure for submitting nominations of candidates for members of the Academy together with recommendations;
2. the manner and procedure for conducting the election of domestic members, including full members and corresponding members, as well as foreign members of the Academy;
3. the procedure for the loss of membership, deprivation of member status, or resignation from membership of the Academy.

**Chapter I**

The procedure for submitting nominations together with recommendations and the manner and procedure for conducting elections of members of the Academy.

**§ 2**

1. The Presidium of the Academy, at the request of the President of the Academy, adopts resolutions on the date of conducting elections of domestic and foreign members of the Academy and on the deadline for submitting nominations of candidates.
2. The President of the Academy makes public the resolutions referred to in clause 1 of this section within 14 days from the date of their adoption.
3. The Presidium of the Academy, at the request of the President of the Academy, adopts resolutions on the number of positions to be filled for corresponding members, full members and foreign members in individual divisions of the Academy.

**§ 2a<sup>1</sup>**

All documentation concerning submitted nominations of candidates for members of the Academy is collected and made available to domestic members of the Academy through the Electronic Election Support System, hereinafter referred to as the “ESOW system”.

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<sup>1</sup> Added by Section 1, clause 1 of Resolution No. 5/2025 of the General Assembly of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 11 December 2025, amending the resolution on the regulations specifying the procedure for submitting candidates along with recommendations, as well as the mode and procedure for the

### § 3

1. A candidate for corresponding member may be nominated by:
  1. three members of the Academy; or
  2. the scientific council of a scientific institute or research institute authorised to confer the degree of doktor habilitowany; or
  3. the senate of a higher education institution authorised to confer the degree of doktor habilitowany; or
  4. five persons distinguished by outstanding scientific achievements and authority, among whom at least one person is employed abroad in the position of professor or an equivalent position, and the remaining persons hold the title of professor conferred in the Republic of Poland.
2. A member of the Academy may not nominate more than two candidates for corresponding member.

### § 4

1. <sup>2</sup>A nomination of a candidate for corresponding member includes a written recommendation prepared by the nominators. A justification of the candidacy should be attached to the nomination.
2. The President of the Academy forwards the submitted nominations to the vice-presidents supervising the divisions and to the deans of the divisions, in accordance with the scientific specialisations of the candidates.

### § 5

1. Full members are elected from among corresponding members.
2. A nomination of a candidate for full member may be submitted by three domestic members of the relevant division.
3. <sup>3</sup>A nomination of a candidate for full member should include a written recommendation. A justification of the candidacy should be attached to the nomination.

### § 6

1. A candidate for foreign member may be nominated by:
  1. three members of the Academy; or
  2. the scientific council of a scientific institute or research institute authorised to confer the degree of doktor habilitowany; or

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election of Academy members, the procedure for loss of membership, deprivation of member status, or resignation from Academy membership.

<sup>2</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 2 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

<sup>3</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 3 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

3. the senate of a higher education institution authorised to confer the degree of doktor habilitowany; or
4. five persons distinguished by outstanding scientific achievements and authority, among whom at least one person is employed abroad in the position of professor or an equivalent position, and the remaining persons hold the title of professor conferred in the Republic of Poland.
2. <sup>4</sup>A nomination of a candidate for foreign member includes a written recommendation prepared by the nominators. A justification of the candidacy should be attached to the nomination.
3. The dean of the division applies to the relevant scientific committees for opinions on candidates for foreign members.

### § 6a<sup>5</sup>

A candidate for member of the Academy expresses consent to stand for election and, in the event of election, to undertake the duties arising from membership in the Academy. The consent is expressed using the ESOW system.

### § 7

1. After the public announcement of the resolution referred to in § 2(1), plenary meetings of divisions determine the number of members of recommending teams and elect them. The recommending teams operate within each division until the completion of the electoral process.
2. A recommending team consists of from 5 to 11 members, reflecting the diversity of disciplines represented by the division.
3. The plenary meeting of the division elects the members of the recommending team by secret ballot, by a simple majority of votes, in the presence of at least half of the total number of domestic members forming the division.
4. The task of the recommending team is to present to the plenary meeting of the division recommended candidates for corresponding members from among the submitted nominations.

### § 8

1. Recommending teams are guided in particular by the following criteria:
  1. the scientific achievements of candidates, which should be assessed on the basis of substantive rather than quantitative criteria; in particular, the assessment should take into account the originality of achievements and their impact on the development of science; bibliometric criteria should play an auxiliary role;

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<sup>4</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 4 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

<sup>5</sup> Added by Section 1, clause 5 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

2. the scientific potential of candidates, which should reflect both their achievements to date and take into account the potential for further scientific development.
2. Recommending teams also take into account:
  1. parity — striving to equalise among domestic members of the Academy gender parity, disciplinary parity and environmental-geographical parity;
  2. the share of senior members in the total number of members of the Academy;
  3. activity — the involvement of candidates in activities for the benefit of the scientific community, including the creation of a scientific school.
3. In the event of identifying formal deficiencies in a nomination of a candidate for corresponding member, the recommending team applies to the nominators to supplement the application with missing information or documents.
4. The recommending team may apply to the relevant committees of the Academy for opinions on submitted nominations of candidates for corresponding members.
5. The recommending team presents to the plenary meeting of the division an alphabetical list of recommended candidates for corresponding members in a number not exceeding twice the number of positions allocated to the division.
6. The recommending team presents a written justification for each recommended candidate for corresponding member.
7. Candidates whose achievements fall within disciplines represented by different divisions are, at the request of deans, assessed jointly by the recommending teams established in those divisions, which also decide in which division the candidacy is to be presented.

## § 9

1. <sup>6</sup>Documentation concerning submitted nominations of candidates for domestic and foreign members, as well as justifications prepared by the recommending team regarding candidates for corresponding members, shall be made available to domestic members of the division in the ESOW system at least 30 days prior to the plenary meeting of the division at which lists of candidates for members of the Academy are determined.
2. The plenary meeting of the division selects candidates for corresponding members from among all submitted candidates arranged in alphabetical order; under the name of a candidate for corresponding member recommended by the recommending team, the annotation: “candidacy recommended by the recommending team” is placed.
3. The plenary meeting of the division selects candidates for full members from among all submitted nominations of candidates for full members arranged in alphabetical order.

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<sup>6</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 6(a) of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

4. The plenary meeting of the division selects candidates for foreign members from among all submitted nominations of candidates for foreign members arranged in alphabetical order.

4a. <sup>7</sup>Only domestic members of the Academy participate in the plenary meeting of the division during which candidates for members of the Academy are selected.

5. <sup>8</sup>The plenary meeting of the division selects candidates for members of the Academy by secret ballot, by an absolute majority of votes, in the presence of at least half of the total number of domestic members forming the division. Voting is repeated in the case of candidacies that received the same number of votes, if taking all such persons into account would result in exceeding the number of positions allocated to the division.

5a. <sup>9</sup>The template of the ballot form constitutes Annex No. 1 to these regulations.

6. The dean of the division forwards to the President of the Academy the minutes of the plenary meeting of the division and the lists of candidates for members of the Academy. The number of candidates selected by the division may not exceed the number of positions allocated to the division.

## § 10<sup>10</sup>

Lists of candidates for members of the Academy selected by the divisions, together with documentation concerning these persons, shall be made available to members of the General Assembly of the Academy through the ESOW system at least two weeks prior to the session of the General Assembly of the Academy at which the election of members of the Academy is to be conducted.

## § 11

1. The General Assembly of the Academy selects from among its members a ballot committee.
2. The ballot committee consists of one representative from each division.
3. The ballot committee selects a chairperson from among its members.

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<sup>7</sup> Added by Section 1, clause 6(b) of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

<sup>8</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 6(c) of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

<sup>9</sup> Added by Section 1, clause 6(d) of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

<sup>10</sup> As established by Section 1, clause 7 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

## **§ 12**

The General Assembly of the Academy elects members of the Academy by secret ballot, by an absolute majority of votes, in the presence of at least one third of the number of domestic members of the Academy.

## **§ 13**

1. Voting on members of the Academy is conducted using ballot papers bearing the seal of the Academy and containing the first names and surnames of candidates selected by the divisions, arranged in alphabetical order, divided by divisions.
2. Voting is conducted by placing the mark “X” next to the surname of the candidate. A vote is valid if no more “X” marks have been placed on the ballot paper than the number of positions to be filled, taking into account their division-wise allocation.
3. <sup>11</sup>The model ballot paper constitutes Annex No. 2 to these Regulations.

## **§ 14**

1. The ballot committee receives completed ballot papers, counts votes and determines the voting results.
2. The ballot committee prepares minutes of the activities performed, which are signed by all members of the committee.
3. The chairperson of the ballot committee announces the election results to the General Assembly of the Academy during the same session at which the election was conducted.

## **§ 15**

The General Assembly of the Academy adopts a resolution on the validity of the election of members of the Academy.

## **§ 16**

On the basis of the election conducted, the President of the Academy performs the act of appointment of members of the Academy.

## **Chapter II**

The procedure for loss of membership, deprivation of member status or resignation from membership of the Academy.

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<sup>11</sup> Added by Section 1, clause 8 of the resolution referred to in footnote 1.

## **§ 17**

1. Loss of the status of a member of the Academy occurs by operation of law on the date on which a judgment of a common court convicting a member of an intentional offence or a fiscal offence becomes final.
2. The President of the Academy informs the Presidium of the Academy of the loss of the status of a member and makes this known to the General Assembly of the Academy at its nearest session.
3. The President of the Academy notifies the person concerned of the loss of the status of a member of the Academy.

## **§ 18**

1. Explanatory proceedings in the matter of deprivation of the status of a member of the Academy in the event of a breach of the principles of ethics in science are initiated by the relevant division at the request of three members of the Academy or ex officio.
2. After collecting evidence and hearing the person concerned, who is entitled to present their position in this matter, the division applies to the Committee for Ethics in Science for the issuance of an opinion, submitting the collected documentation and the explanations of the person concerned.
3. The division, by secret ballot, in the presence of at least half of the number of domestic members, adopts by a simple majority of votes a resolution on issuing an opinion on the deprivation of the status of a member of the Academy.
4. The dean of the division forwards the resolution of the division together with the documentation to the President of the Academy.
5. The President of the Academy submits to the General Assembly of the Academy a motion for deprivation of the status of a member of the Academy.

## **§ 19**

1. Deprivation of the status of a member of the Academy occurs on the date of adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly of the Academy.
2. The President of the Academy forwards the resolution of the General Assembly of the Academy to the person concerned.

## **§ 20**

1. A member of the Academy who wishes to resign from membership of the Academy submits an application in this matter to the President of the Academy. The resignation is effective on the date of submission of the application.
2. The President of the Academy informs the dean of the relevant division of the resignation.

## § 21

1. A domestic member who has renounced Polish citizenship may submit an application to the President of the Academy for a change of status from that of a domestic member to that of a foreign member within a period not exceeding 12 months.
2. The President of the Academy forwards the application to the relevant division for taking a position by way of a resolution.
3. The President of the Academy submits to the General Assembly of the Academy an application for a change of membership status.
4. The General Assembly of the Academy adopts a resolution on the change of membership status by a simple majority of votes, in the presence of at least one third of the number of domestic members of the Academy.

## § 22

1. A foreign member who has obtained Polish citizenship may submit an application to the President of the Academy for a change of status from that of a foreign member to that of a corresponding member within a period not exceeding 12 months.
2. The President of the Academy forwards the application to the relevant division for the issuance of an opinion by way of a resolution.
3. The President of the Academy submits the application for a change of membership status to the General Assembly of the Academy, provided that this does not result in exceeding the statutory number of domestic members of the Academy.
4. The General Assembly of the Academy adopts a resolution on the change of membership status by a simple majority of votes, in the presence of at least one third of the number of domestic members of the Academy.