



Statutes of the Nordic Customs Organization

Vedtægter for Nordisk Told Organisation

§1 Mission statement

Nordic Customs Organization (NCO) is an organization compiled by the national customs labour unions from the Nordic Countries.

NCO's intention is to maintain the liaison and further develop the collaboration between the participating unions.

This can be achieved through, but not restricted to, exchange of experiences, and best practices and cooperation around specific issues.

§2 Economy

There is no mutual economical obligation between the participating unions.

There is no membership fee in the NCO.

§3 The Convention

NCO's decisive body is the NCO Convention.

The Convention is normally arranged biannually.

The Convention cannot adopt decisions which is obligating the participating unions, except for decisions according to new unions enrolling, or exclusion of an already participating union (cf. §4).

The participating unions is to decide themselves who and how many to represent them at the annual Convention. Each union have however only 1 – one vote.

§4 Enrolment and exclusion

Only the Convention can accept enrolment of new unions or exclude unions that no longer fulfil the requirements in these statutes.

Enrolment of new unions can only take place after a unanimous vote from all the participating unions.

An exclusion of a participating union requires a unanimous vote from all the participating unions, apart for the union which is subject to be excluded.

§5 President and executive committee

Between the biannual Conventions the NCO is administrated by a government body consisting of the presidents from each participating union. Together they are the executive committee.

The executive committee selects a union which is responsible for the administration of the NCO between the annual Conventions.

The role as hosting union is circulated between all the participating unions. In countries which have more than one participating union, they choose among themselves which of the national unions should undertake the role as hosting union.

The hosting union attends to the interests of NCO and carry out the made decisions according to the framework set by the Convention and/or the executive committee.

NCO can appoint an administrative secretary to function as a liaison between the NCO unions and between NCO and other organizations.

§6 The Convention; facilitation and contents

An ordinary biannual Convention will normally be held in the country which has the role as president of NTO (cf. §5), unless other is decided by the executive committee.

An extraordinary Convention can be held, if the executive committee makes such a decision.

The hosting union normally manages the Convention.

The hosting union is responsible for the tasks of secretary and referent, thus facilitating the practical arrangements to conduct the Convention.

After a decision in the executive committee, another union than the one of the hosting union can be given the responsibility of facilitating and conducting the Convention.

The hosting union will suggest a date and venue for the next Convention at least six months in advance of the planned date.

Issues which are to be on the agenda, must be sent to the president no later than onemonths before the Convention. The hosting union sends an agenda to the participating unions no later than one week before the Convention.

In addition to the selection of the next hosting union the agenda shall as a minimum consist of a yearly brief from each of the participating unions. The briefs should preferably be submitted in writing at the meeting.

The hosting union will write the minutes of the Convention and distribute these to the participating unions.

§7 NCO-meeting

In the years between the Convention there will normally be arranged an NCO-meeting.

The participating unions is to decide themselves who and how many to represent them at the NTO-meeting. Each union have however only 1 – one vote.

These meetings are normally held for a short period of time than a Convention, thus there is no restrictions to what items to have on the agenda.

The hosting union is responsible for planning and facilitating these meetings.

§8 Allocation of expenses from the Convention and NCO-meetings

Expenses for travel and accommodation etc. during the Convention and NCO-meetings are to be paid by the participating unions. However, the executive committee can decide otherwise (cf. §6).

All other common expenses regarding facilitation and conduction of the annual Convention is to be covered by the hosting union, unless the executive committee decides otherwise (cf. §6).

All common expenses regarding NCO-meetings are to be divides among the participating unions.

§9 International cooperation and participation:

To promote the views and concerns from the participating unions, the NCO unions themselves or a joint representative selected from the NCO can participate in international forums and organizations on behalf of the NCO.

Expenses regarding attendance in international forums and organizations are to be paid by the participating unions themselves unless otherwise is decided by the executive committee.

§10 Information exchange:

The unions exchange printed or digital union magazines with each other if the unions have such.

The unions will upon encouragement help each other with advice and information.

NTO shall have a website containing information about the NTO. Maintenance of the website will be done by a webmaster appointed from the executive committee.

The participating unions is obligated to contribute necessary information and documents needed to keep the website accurate and up to date.

Expenses connected to the website is equally shared amongst the participating unions unless the executive committee decides otherwise.

§11 Modification of statutes:

These statutes can only be modified or revoked if every participating union agrees of such.

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The statutes from 09. September 2016 is hereby revoked.