

Statutes of the Safety Network International e.V.

1 Name - Location - Financial Year

- 1.1 The association bears the name "Safety Network International" and is listed in the association register, thereby it has legal capacity and carries the addendum "e.V."
- 1.2 Location of association is Ostfildern (Germany).
- 1.3 The financial year of the association is the calendar year. The first financial year covers the time from the time of the founding until the 31st of December 1999.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the association is to promote the use and the distribution of the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and the industrial communication system SafetyNET p. The association also has the target of integrating of the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and the industrial communication system SafetyNET p into existing and future automation technology.
- 2.2 The association is not intended to be a for-profit organization.

3 Association activity

Listed below is the purpose of the association, and the activities in particular:

- 3.1 Further development and documenting the protocol of the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and the industrial communication system SafetyNET p.
- 3.2 Define standardized profiles and interfaces¹ for such field components that have a direct connection to the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and/or the industrial communication system SafetyNET p and those who are supported by the association.
- 3.3 Developing requested profiles for field components that have a direct connection to the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and/or the industrial communication system SafetyNET p.

¹ The terms profiles, interfaces, standardization and requested profiles will especially point to that part of the respective field components which are interfacing to the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system or the industrial communication system SafetyNET p

- 3.4 Creation of conformity and interoperability tests for the field components that the association supports. The goal is to ensure the conformity of the parts of the field components that are associated with the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and the industrial communication system SafetyNET p with the protocol, standards and valid regulations.
- 3.5 Setting up or instructing a department that processes the conformity and interoperability mentioned under 3.4.
- 3.6 Awarding a special test seal that confirms the conformity and interoperability mentioned under 3.4.
- 3.7 Cooperation with national, European and international organizations that affect the purpose of the association.
- 3.8 Creating association documents that describe the definitions mentioned under 3.1 to 3.7, if necessary. These documents can be classified as confidential by the managing committee and be determined for association members only. Association documents must also be available in English.
- 3.9 The conference language at international meetings must be English.

4 Membership

- 4.1 Legal entities, partnerships or publicly or privately maintained institutions can become members of the association, who use the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and/or the industrial communication system SafetyNET p or produce field components for it or want to effectively support the purpose of the associations.
- 4.2 The members' meeting will decide if the written application for a membership in the association will be admitted. The board of directors is allowed to give a pre-membership until the members' decision has been made. The pre-member has all rights and duties of a regular member without the right to vote.
- 4.3 The membership in the association will be terminated either by
 - extinction of the bearer,
 - a willing withdrawal or
 - by exclusion from the association.
- 4.4 A member can leave the association by keeping the term of a one-year notice to the end of the calendar year. The application must be sent to the board of directors in written form.

- 4.5 The board of directors can decide to exclude a member from the association, if a valid reason is present. Valid reasons are especially, if
- the member goes against the statute or the interests of the association in a global kind of way.
 - the member does not pay his membership fee or does not pay the fee completely after a repeated written reminder (in at least one month after the reminder is sent).
 - the member intentionally rejects the orders of the association authority
 - by changing the control of the company, the goals of this company does not meet the purpose of the association any more. As a change of control applies any change of share of vote majority or the change of in another way secured controlling influence of the originally fuling company to another company. The pass of resolution of the board of directors will be indicated to the member by naming the reasons in written form. The member is free to give notice of an appeal in the next member meeting. The appeal has the effect of an injunction. If the affected member does not give an appeal the exclusion will be effective after the expiration of the appeal term. The appeal must be noticed within the period of one month after receiving the exclusion resolution. If the appeal is noticed on time, the board of directors must call a member meeting within two months to decide about the appeal. If this date is messed, the resolution of the board of directors will be stated as not passed.
- 4.6 Every member is obliged to keep secrecy of all confidentially signed information and documents. Additionally, all these members are obliged to perform the conformity and interoperability test to their products mentioned in 3.4, who produce the field components mentioned under 3.2 with direct connection to the safety-oriented SafetyBUS p and/or the industrial communication system SafetyNET p.
- In general each member is obliged to
- support the association purpose and refrain from everything that endangers the respect of the association.
 - avoid offenses against the statute and follow the orders of the association organs.
 - inform immediately the board of directors about any changes in the naming or the address.

5 Fees

- 5.1 Admission fees, membership fees, donations, grants and payments will cover the expenses of the association for the services of the association.
- 5.2 The amount and due date of the admission fees and the membership fees as well as possible necessary distributions of cost will be defined in advance at the member meeting.
- 5.3 The board of directors will define the amount and due date of the payments for association services.

6 Organs

The association consists of the following organs:

- Board of directors
- Body, formed by the speaker of the work groups "Supplier Group", "Application Group" and "Marketing Group" and possibly more, if they have consulted.
- Work groups and project groups of the related work groups, as far as they have been consulted.
- Member meeting

7 Board of directors

- 7.1 The board of directors consists of the chairman, his deputy and the treasurer. Two members of the board represent the association judicial and extra-judicial.
- 7.2 The competence of the board of directors covers all procedures of the association as long as they are not assigned to another organ by the statute or have been delegated by the board of directors. These are in particular:
 - Preparation and calling of the member meeting
 - Carrying out decisions and discussions about the assumption of recommendations of the member meeting
 - Creation of a budget for the financial year, bookkeeping
 - Advising and passing resolutions about the temporary membership
 - Exclusion of members
 - Defining of suitable fees for association services
 - Defining of the protocol, the profile and the standards for the SafetyBUS p safety-oriented bus system and the industrial communication system SafetyNET p and the accessory field components

- Decree of guidelines for the conformity and interoperability test of field components
- Placing of test seals
- Passing resolutions about the documentation of the association
- Cooperation in standardization bodies and other organizations.

- 7.3 Each member of the board of directors will be separately elected from the member meeting with the majority of the votes. The term is for three years. The election takes place in the ordinary member meeting. If a member of the board of directors resigns prematurely, the board of directors elects a substitute member. He will keep the title until the next member meeting.
- 7.4 The board of directors can call a manager to settle the business. He is responsible to the board of directors.
- 7.5 In common the resolutions of the board of directors are made at the board meeting that have been called in by the chairman or his deputy. The pass of resolutions will be made with the majority of votes.

8 Member meeting

- 8.1 The board of directors will call in the ordinary member meeting at least once a year. It will be called in through a simple letter. The calling letter will be accepted as reached after a two-week period, even by mailing outside of Germany. Between receiving of the notice and the member meeting must be a minimum time period of four weeks. The board of directors will make the agenda. Members can add additional agenda subjects until one week before the member meeting. This must be done in written form to the board of directors.
- 8.2 Each member at the member meeting has a right to vote. It is possible to transfer the right to vote with a written authorization.
- 8.3 The tasks of the member meeting are exclusively for:
- Approval of the budget for the following financial year - -
 - Release of the board of directors.
 - Set the membership fees and admission fees and eventually occurring contributions as well as their maturity
 - Election and recall of the board of directors
 - Passing resolutions about changes of the statute or about dissolving the association
 - Making decisions about appeal against final decisions of the board of directors

- Passing resolutions about the admission of a temporary member.
- Suggestions to board of directors concerning their sole responsibility.

- 8.4 The chairman will guide the member meeting. If the discussion and voting concerns a matter involving the chairman, then a different leader will guide the meeting.
- 8.5 The member meeting forms a quorum when duly convened.
- 8.6 Generally resolutions from the member meeting will be voted with a simple majority. For changes at the statute as well as the dissolution of the association a 4/5 majority is needed. Resolutions must be filed in writing.
- 8.7 To elect a single member into the board of directors, a simple majority is enough. If in the first ballot a simple majority has not been reached, a second ballot will decide between the two candidates with the highest votes. To recall the board of directors a 2/3 majority is needed.
- 8.8 At any time the board of directors can call for a special member meeting. This needs to be done whenever the interests of the association require it. Also there will be a call for a member meeting if one third of all the members of the association vote for it in writing and give the reasons and the agenda. There will be at least a call for a special member meeting, in the case of an appeal of a member against an exclusion resolution of the board of directors. The resolutions of the member meeting must be filed in writing.

9 Body

- 9.1 The body of the association consists of speakers of the work groups "Supplier Group", "Application Group" and "Marketing Group" and others if they have been consulted.
- 9.2 The members of the body will be elected for a period of three years from the members of the individual work group. If a speaker resigns prematurely or gives up his titles, the work group will elect a new speaker.
- 9.3 The body's tasks include:
- Recommendations to the board of directors, especially about necessary new work groups or those which can be dissolved
 - Consultation of the board of directors by its request to cases of the association
 - Consultation and passing resolutions about the solutions of the respective work or project groups and forwarding it to the board of directors

- Consultation and voting among one another about the agreement of the association's work and the association purpose
- Passing resolutions to create new or dissolve existing project groups.

9.4 The passing of resolutions occurs with a simple majority.

9.5 The body meets if necessary, but at least once a year. The board of directors is allowed to join the meeting but has no right of vote in the case of resolutions. The resolutions must be filed in writing.

10 Work groups and project groups

10.1 Besides the work groups "Supplier Group", "Application Group" and "Marketing Group", other groups can be created by resolutions of the board of directors.

10.2 The members of the respective work groups elect a speaker for a three-year period. He then will be a member of the body.

10.3 By resolution of the board of directors an existing work group can be dissolved. The members of the work groups can appeal against this resolution. The dissolving of the group will be void, if 2/3 of the work group members vote against the dissolving.

10.4 Inside the work groups project groups for special subjects can be organized if necessary. The speaker of the work group will nominate the members of the project groups. Experts can be consultants to the work group without any right to vote.

10.5 When the project group has reached its goals it can dissolve itself by an internal voting with simple majority.

11 Rules of procedures

Each body of the association has the right to create its own rule of procedures.

12 Dissolving of the association requires the mentioned majority under point 8.6.

12.1 The association's accumulated funds must be shared in the proportion of the paid membership fees of the last 5 years.

12.2 The association's assets will be divided amongst the members in proportion to the accrued fees paid by members over the previous five years.