

# **Constitution of the HighPotentialsSociety**

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## **Article I: Name, Goals, official address**

### **1. Name**

- 1.1. The name of the organization is "The HighPotentialsSociety".
- 1.2. The official title of the magazine of the HighPotentialsSociety is "InsideOut".
- 1.3. The official abbreviation of the HighPotentialsSociety is "HPS".

### **2. Society, Goals**

- 2.1. The HighPotentialsSociety is an organization, consisting of members, who achieved a value of 132 or more in one of the society accepted intelligence tests. The minimum value of 132 refers to a scale with an average value of 100 and a standard deviation of 16. The entrance border is the percentile of 98.
- 2.2. The purpose of this society is to create a platform for the members, around an exchange of ideas, to facilitate feelings and projects between intellectually highly talented humans on international level.
- 2.3. A full membership is open to everyone, who fulfills the conditions specified above. The membership is independent of age, sex, origin, political or religious conviction.
- 2.4. The HighPotentialsSociety actually represents outward no political opinion.

### **3. Addresses**

- 3.1. The Web address (URL) of the HighPotentialsSociety is [www.HighPotentialsSociety.org](http://www.HighPotentialsSociety.org)
- 3.2. Official email addresses are bound to the above-mentioned URL, e.g. [editor@highpotentialsociety.org](mailto:editor@highpotentialsociety.org)

## **Article II: Membership**

### **1. Admission, Qualification, Honorary membership**

- 1.1. The membership in the HighPotentialsSociety is free.
- 1.2. Member in the HighPotentialsSociety can become everyone, who achieved the percentile of 98 or more in intelligence or entrance tests accepted by the society or member in a society is, those at least the same conditions of admission has. On the equivalence of these conditions and of the HPS accepted entrance tests the acting "Psychometrician" decides. Each relevant change must the members admits to be made in the next possible expenditure of the magazine "InsideOut".
- 1.3. The membership is temporally unlimited. A person, had as can be prove already qualified itself, can become a member again at any time, if no other reason is present, a membership excludes.
- 1.4. Each member is obligated, to be behave fair opposite other members and their rights as individuals.
- 1.5. Selected persons can be lent a honorary membership independently of the general qualification conditions. Concerning this the executive committee of the HighPotentialsSociety decides in simple majority. E.g. this could be the founders or executive committees of other so-called High IQ Societies.

### **2. Completion, Exclusion, Resumption, Rights**

- 2.1. The membership can be terminated by each member or honour member. without denomination of reasons at any time. It may not arise a disadvantage for the member from this decision.
- 2.2. A member can be excluded from the HighPotentialsSociety, if the member caused intentionally roughly damage to the society or an individual member. On the exclusion from the HighPotentialsSociety the executive committee of the society decides in simple majority. It must be given the possibility to the member, to express itself publicly in the next issue of the magazine "InsideOut".
- 2.3. Over a resumption all full members must decide in one positively  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority decide in a secret tuning. This can take place earliest one year after official exclusion. Before this procedure an official request of the concerning must be present and for the other members a tuning about this item must be made in the magazine "InsideOut". The period, in that the secret tuning takes place, has to be 30 days, and must be led by the "Membership Officer", who has to publish the result in the next possible expenditure of the magazine.

- 2.4. Each member has the right to suggest an amendment to the constitution of the HighPotentialsSociety. There will be a poll by all members about this amendment after a statement about the suggestion in the society magazine. The period of time for this poll must be 30 days. There must be a ¾ majority for this amendment. The result of the poll will be published in the next issue of the society magazine.

### **Article III: Society Board**

#### **1. Members of the Society Board**

1.1. The members of the Society Board have to be full members.

1.2. The members of the Society Board are

- (1) the president
- (2) the web officer (webmaster)
- (3) the membership officer
- (4) the psychometrician
- (5) the magazine editor.

(1) The president represents the HighPotentialsSociety outward and is considered as official representatives of the society. Together with the membership officer it is responsible for the evaluation of the election of the Board Members. Its official email address reads [president@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:president@highpotentialssociety.org)

(2) The web officer is responsible for the representative office of the HighPotentialsSociety in the Internet. It is responsible for the draft, publication and care of the web sites as well as the associated official email account. It is informed about necessary actualizations of the board concerned members or society members. Its official email address reads [webmaster@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:webmaster@highpotentialssociety.org)

(3) The membership officer is responsible for the contact with members and applicants. It controls, whether applicants fulfill the up-to-date valid qualification conditions and sends an official invitation with the necessary information about forums, contacts etc. to qualified applicants. It passes member profiles by the members at the web officer, so that this can publish it on the website. With ambiguity regarding the qualification conditions it holds consultation with psychometrician. Test results, personal informations are administered by the membership officer and kept in their own file. The information about members may be passed on not on third without expressed agreement of the member concerned. The official email address of membership officer (webmaster) reads [MO@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:MO@highpotentialssociety.org)

(4) The psychometrician is responsible for the examination and publication of the qualification conditions. It should have former experience within the range of psychometric procedures. It is responsible the moreover for the correction and report of result of the qualification on-line tests. If a candidate qualifies himself over from the HighPotentialsSociety offered on-line tests, it communicates this the membership officer, so that this can introduce the necessary formalities. The official email address of the psychometrician reads [psychometrician@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:psychometrician@highpotentialssociety.org)

(5) The magazine editor is responsible for the production and publication of the society magazine "InsideOut". It receives suggestions of members or other authors for articles in the magazine, edits it and arranges the individual expenditures of the magazine. It informs in magazine in the column "society news" society members about forthcoming elections or highlights. The official email address of the magazine editor reads [editor@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:editor@highpotentialssociety.org)

1.3. The common e-mail address of the Society board with passing to the individual e-mail addresses is [board@highpotentialssociety.org](mailto:board@highpotentialssociety.org).

1.4. All members of the Society board have in decision-making processes, for those the Society board is responsible, the same right to vote and the same voice weighting. Exceptions must be explicitly mentioned and regulated in the constitution.

1.5. No member of the Society board may act or speak for another member outward without its agreement.

1.6. Each member of the Society board may see documents at any time, some other Society board Member put on. These data may be passed on however not on third without the agreement of the member concerned.

#### **2. Election of Society Board Members**

2.1. The board members are elected every year in February for one year each. The upcoming election must be published in the magazine "InsideOut" in September 15<sup>th</sup> the previous year. Every full member can go and stand for an office in the election of the Society board. About this plan the magazine editor must be informed up to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. The magazines' editor must inform all potential candidates about the receipt of the application and the remaining board about the names of the candidates. In the November issue (November 15<sup>th</sup>) of the magazine the names of the candidates are announced for the respective offices and called for election.

- 2.2. Every candidate gets the opportunity of publishing an article on himself and his candidacy in the November issue of the magazine (November 15<sup>th</sup>).
- 2.3. Every member has to allocate a vote for every office in the Society board. The election proposals must respectively be sent to the official e-mail address of the president and the Membership Officer. These are together responsible for the evaluation of the choice. The election voices must be sent to the two above ones by e-mail up to December 15<sup>th</sup>. The election voice must be given with the own name for the prevention of a multiple choice and sent to following email address: [election@highpotentialsociety.org](mailto:election@highpotentialsociety.org). Besides the Society Board Members the current ambassadors will be also candidates of the election. Every member may cast only one vote (candidate) to every office. The result of the election is announced in an official e-mail to the members and on the web site on December 28<sup>th</sup>. If in the election of an office no clear winner should result, another turn of election is exclaimed for this office on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The deadline of sending the election voices for the furthermore election is January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. In this election every member has to allocate 2 election voices. The first vote gets the candidate of the first choice, the second vote gets the candidate of the second choice. The candidate with most first votes wins the election. If there should be an equal stand regarding this between 2 candidates, the better result of the second votes decides. In case of an equal stand a new election will be exclaimed.
- 2.4. Every officeholder can resign from its office without naming detailed reasons. The officeholder informs the president of the HighPotentialsSociety via its e-mail address. Before the moment of resignation there will be a period of 30 days since receipt of the applies to the resignation out of the office. The resignation will be announced in the next issue of the magazine "InsideOut".
- 2.5. Should a position remain free or while a period of office is getting free, an election for this position will be exclaimed in the next issue of the magazine "InsideOut". The periods and deadlines mentioned above are still valid then. If no candidate can be found, the officeholder remains another year in the office.

#### **Article IV: Active Members**

In the HighPotentialsSociety every member can apply for one of the positions listed below and be appointed to the office by the Society board without electoral procedures at suitability. The honorary offices are

##### **1. Translator**

- 1.1. To a corresponding suitability every member can apply for 2 or more languages as a translator.
- 1.2. The vocation for this position is provided by the Society board after a corresponding application.
- 1.3. The competent member (translator) is listed on the web site with detail of the languages.
- 1.4. The translator is responsible for the translation of important documents of the Society. Furthermore he can provide his help to other members.

##### **2. Ambassador**

- 2.1. Any nation represented in the HighPotentialsSociety can supply an ambassador. The decision relies on all members which are citizens of this nationality, and is valid for 1 year. The election finds place at the same time as the elections of the Society Board Members and follows the same expiry dates (see article III, paragraph 2.1-2.5.).
- 2.2. An ambassador represents the members of his nation in the HighPotentialsSociety. He is entitled to recruit new members in his native country. Advertising plans and projects must be approved by the Society board before.

##### **3. Project Coordinator**

- 3.1. Every member can initiate a project which he would like to provide to other members.
- 3.2. Projects can be imbedded to the official web page of the HighPotentialsSociety in the form of forums or web pages.
- 3.3. The appreciation of an official project and the imbedding to the web page of the society relies in the responsibility of the Society board.
- 3.4. Official projects must be registered via the e-mail address [board@highpotentialsociety.org](mailto:board@highpotentialsociety.org).

## **Article V: Website**

### **1. Content**

- 1.1. The contents of the web page of the HighPotentialsSociety follow the aims of the society.
- 1.2. The contents are subject to the control of the Society board and the members.  
The web officer is responsible for the construction, maintenance and update of the web page.
- 1.3. The founder of the HighPotentialsSociety (Max Tiefenbacher) carries the costs for the storage and the domain name  
A change of the provider or the domain name can happen only in the agreement to its person.

### **2. Entrance/Administration of the domain**

- 2.1. Next to the founder the web officer of HighPotentialsSociety has an account of its own for the domain.
- 2.2. In certain cases (projects) entrance rights to the domain can be granted to selected persons. This must be approved by the Society board.

## **Article VI: Magazine**

### **1. Content, Articles**

- 1.1. Contents of the magazine of the HighPotentialsSociety "InsideOut" follows the aims of the society.
- 1.2. The contents are subject to control of the magazines editor and the members.  
The magazines' editor is responsible for the preparation and publication of the magazine.
- 1.3. The contribution of the magazine is carried out on an electronic way as an e-mail letter.
- 1.4. Every member can sign its name on the web page of the HighPotentialsSociety.
- 1.5. Articles for the magazine must be addressed to the magazines editor email account  
editor@highpotentialssociety.org
- 1.6. A separate area of the magazine is reserved for important information concerning the society (e.g. election results, new members, profiles).

## **Article VII: Constitution**

### **1. Changes, Amendments**

- 1.1. Every full member has the right to make a change suggestion for the constitution.  
According to an announcement in the Society magazine, an will be held in the magazine "InsideOut".  
For this election 30 days must be the time of period. For a take-over of the change suggestion one is  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority is necessary. The result of the election is published in the next issue of the Society magazine.
- 1.2. Translations of the constitution in different languages is made by the translators of the society.  
Origin for translations is the current English version of the constitution.
- 1.3. The English version is decisive at discrepancies.
- 1.4. A current version of constitution must be embedded to the official web page and must be visible for the society.
- 1.5. The current constitution must be accessible to every member.