

PSA SCANDINAVIAN POLITICS SPECIALIST GROUP: CONSTITUTION
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Name

The group shall be called the UK Political Studies Association Scandinavian Politics Specialist Group.

Objectives

The objects of the group are:

- * to promote the study of the government, politics, foreign relations and recent political history of the Nordic countries;
- * to facilitate contact between scholars engaged in the study of Nordic politics;
- * to organise conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of the first two objectives.

Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the UK Political Studies Association and others.

Officers

The officers of the group are the convenor and the treasurer. They shall be elected by separate vote from among the members of the group at the group's AGM (or equivalent) and hold office for three years. Both must be current PSA members. Both shall be eligible for re-election.

Records

Records shall be kept by the convenor and the treasurer and be made available for inspection by any member of the group if so required. These records will include minutes of any meetings and the annual report. Current membership lists shall be maintained, including details of any membership fees paid.

Vacation of office

The convenor and treasurer shall vacate their offices upon resignation or dismissal by

resolution of a general meeting of the group.

Meetings

The annual general meeting shall be held during the PSA annual conference each year or at another time, at the decision of the convenor. Not less than 14 clear days notice of an annual general meeting shall be given.

Other general meetings shall be called at the discretion of the convenor or at the written request of not less than six members of the group. Notice of not less than three clear days, excluding weekends and bank holidays, shall be given.

Either type of meeting can be held, at the discretion of the convenor, using telephony or other electronic media instead of an actual gathering.

Finance

Applications by the group to the PSA for grants of money shall be made at the discretion of the convenor.

The convenor may decide to make available sums of money to facilitate the presence of speakers at the PSA annual conference. In that case, a decision on the amount to be made available will be made no later than two months prior to the conference and bids for funding will be invited from the group's membership. Once all bids have been received, the convenor will decide how to allocate the money.

Only PSA members are eligible to receive funding from the group for any activity.

On vacating office, the treasurer of the group shall hand over the books of account to his or her duly elected successor.

PSA Constitution

The group shall be governed by the appropriate clauses of the PSA constitution with regard to any matter not covered by this constitution.

Amendment of the constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered only by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting, provided that no alteration shall contravene any part of the PSA's Constitution.

This constitution shall be made available to all members of the group on request.