

§1 Name and Domicile of the Association

The name of the association is Robosota, and its domicile is Tampere, Finland. The official language of the association is Finnish.

§2 Purpose and Nature of Activities

The purpose of the association is to promote and develop knowledge of electronics, hydraulics, information technology, electrical engineering, and robotics among and for enthusiasts. The activities are not aimed at generating profit or immediate financial gain for its members.

To fulfill its purpose, the association:

- Organizes competitions, industry-related events, exhibitions, celebrations, training sessions, and other similar activities.
- Acquires necessary equipment.
- Conducts industry-related publicity and publishing activities.
- Charges participation fees to cover the costs of competitions and events it organizes.

To support its activities, the association may:

- Enter into sponsorship and advertising agreements.
- Own real estate and movable property necessary for its activities.
- Accept donations, bequests, and grants.
- Engage in small-scale trade, such as selling promotional products bearing the association's logo (e.g., shirts).
- Supply members with hobby-related components and equipment on a non-profit basis.

§3 Members

Individuals who accept the purpose of the association may be accepted as regular members.

Private individuals or legal entities wishing to support the association's purpose and activities may be accepted as supporting members.

Regular and supporting members are approved by the association's board upon application.

An honorary chairperson or honorary member may be appointed by the association's meeting, upon the board's proposal, to a person who has significantly advanced and supported the association's activities.

§4 Resignation and Expulsion of Members

A member has the right to resign from the association by notifying the board or its chairperson in writing or by declaring their resignation at an association meeting to be recorded in the minutes.

The board may expel a member who has failed to pay their due membership fee, failed to meet the obligations committed to upon joining the association, significantly harmed the association through their actions within or outside the association, or no longer fulfills the membership criteria stated in the law or association rules.

If a board member resigns during their term, a new member will be elected at an association meeting to serve for the remaining term.

§5 Membership and Joining Fees

The amount of the joining fee and annual membership fee, separately determined for regular and supporting members, is decided by the board.

Honorary chairpersons and honorary members are not required to pay membership fees.

§6 Board

The affairs of the association are managed by a board, consisting of a chairperson and 2-6 other regular members, as well as 0-2 deputy members, all elected at the annual meeting.

The term of the board runs from one annual meeting to the next.

The board elects a vice-chairperson from among its members and appoints a secretary, treasurer, and other necessary officials either from among its members or outside.

The board meets at the call of the chairperson or, if the chairperson is unavailable, the vice-chairperson, when deemed necessary or when at least half of the board members request it.

The board has a quorum when at least half of its members, including the chairperson or vice-chairperson, are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the chairperson's vote decides, except in elections, where a draw determines the outcome.

Board members may attend meetings via telephone, internet, or other similar means, provided all board members approve this method.

§7 Signing the Association's Name

The association's name can be signed individually by the chairperson, vice-chairperson, or treasurer. The board may authorize a board member or an official of the association to sign the name alone.

§8 Financial Year and Auditing

The association's financial year is the calendar year.

The financial statements, including necessary documents and the board's annual report, must be submitted to the auditors at least three weeks before the annual meeting. The auditors must provide a written statement to the board at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

§9 Association Meetings

The association's annual meeting is held annually on a date determined by the board between January and May.

An extraordinary meeting is held when decided by the association meeting, deemed necessary by the board, or requested in writing by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the voting members for a specifically stated issue. The meeting must be held within thirty days of the request being submitted to the board.

All members of the association have equal voting rights, but only regular members are eligible for election.

A decision by the association meeting requires a simple majority of votes, unless otherwise stated in the rules. In the event of a tie, the chairperson's vote decides, except in elections, where a draw determines the outcome.

The association meeting has a quorum if convened in accordance with the rules.

§10 Convening Association Meetings

The board must convene association meetings at least seven days in advance via email. If a member has not provided an email address, the invitation is sent by mail.

§11 Annual Meeting

The following matters are addressed at the annual meeting:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the meeting chairperson, secretary, two minute-checkers, and if necessary, two vote-counters.
3. Confirmation of the legality and quorum of the meeting.
4. Approval of the agenda.
5. Presentation of the financial statements, annual report, and auditors' statement.
6. Decision on approval of the financial statements and discharge of liability for the board and other accountable parties.
7. Approval of the action plan, income, and expense budget.
8. Election of the board chairperson and other members.
9. Election of one or two auditors and their deputies.
10. Discussion of other matters mentioned in the meeting invitation.
11. Members wishing to have a matter considered at the annual meeting must notify the board in writing or by email in time for it to be included in the meeting invitation.

§12 Amending the Rules and Dissolving the Association

Decisions to amend the rules or dissolve the association must be made at an association meeting by at least a three-fourths (3/4) majority of votes.

The meeting invitation must mention amendments to the rules or dissolution.

In the event of dissolution, the association's funds are used to promote its purpose in a manner determined by the dissolving meeting. If the association is terminated, its funds are used for the same purpose.