

Nordic Attachment Network (NAN) Charter

§ 1 Name

The name of the association is **Nordic Attachment Network** (in Swedish “*Nordiskt Anknätningsnätverk*”, in Danish “*Nordisk Tilknytningsnetværk*”, in Norwegian “*Nordiskt Tillknytningsnettverk*”, and in Finnish “*Pohjoismainen kiintymyssuhdeverkosto*”). The association’s name is abbreviated NAN.

§ 2 Aim

The Nordic Attachment Network provides a platform where Nordic attachment researchers whose work is rooted in attachment theory and who use established attachment measures, and clinicians who use treatment methods based on attachment theory and research, can meet for stimulating exchanges, networking and coordination of activities.

The object of NAN is to further knowledge about attachment by:

- encouraging collaboration, across the Nordic countries, in attachment research and clinical practice;
- encouraging the exchange of views of attachment assessment methods and interventions;
- promoting training in attachment assessment and treatment methods in the Nordic countries;
- promoting social policy informed by attachment theory and research;
- helping to make attachment methods and measures more easily available to practitioners in the Nordic countries;
- creating synergistic effects with regard to resources for scientific work, through exchanges and collaboration;
- providing a place where researchers and clinicians can meet, network and get to know each other and each other’s work.

NAN is a non-profit, politically and religiously independent association. The official language of NAN is English, but whenever possible members are encouraged to speak “Scandinavian”.

§ 3 Membership

The association is open for researchers and practitioners in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, who are trained in and actively use established attachment-based methods for assessment and/or intervention, and who want to contribute to the further development of attachment based research and practice in the Nordic countries. Membership is granted by the steering group and comes into force after payment of the annual subscription. Membership follows the calendar year. Membership is open only for individuals, not for institutions or organizations.

§ 4 Organization

The association acts through general meetings, a steering committee, a webpage, auditors and a nominating committee.

§ 4.1 General meetings

The association has at least one general meeting per calendar year. The annual meeting is held in connection with a general meeting.

The annual meeting is the highest decision-making body of the association. Only members who participate in an annual meeting have the right to vote at the meeting.

Notice to attend an annual meeting should be sent out by e-mail at least 14 days before the meeting takes place.

At the annual meeting the following should be dealt with (in addition to election of a chairperson and a secretary for the meeting):

- the steering committee's annual report
- the auditors' report
- granting freedom from liability for the steering committee
- electing a chairperson for the following two years (every second year)
- electing a steering committee (3 to 5 persons) for two years
- electing one auditor and one deputy auditor for the following year
- electing a nominating committee for the next election consisting of three people, one of whom is elected convenor of the committee
- laying down the general guidelines for the association's activities during the following year
- deciding the annual fee for the next calendar year.

Decisions are made by simple majority, with the chairperson of the meeting having the casting vote; apart from elections where, if there is no simple majority, the final decision is taken by casting lots.

§ 4.2 Steering committee

The steering committee has the operational responsibility for managing the association's activities between annual meetings in accordance with these regulations.

The steering committee shall consist of at least four and a maximum of six persons, including a chairperson, a web master, a treasurer, and a secretary.

The chairperson is elected by the general assembly at the annual meeting. The steering committee allocates the other positions (secretary, treasurer, web master).

The accounts of the association are kept by calendar year (January 1st to December 31st).

The chairperson and the treasurer may individually sign for the association.

The steering committee meets (most often web-meetings), as notified by the chairperson. The secretary takes notes, and the minutes of the meetings are posted on the web page.

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