

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 78 and 12 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 51/2009, 99/2011 – other laws, and 44/2018 – other law), based on the Decision made by the Presidency of the Serbian Sociological Association about the initiation of the procedure for amendments and supplements to the Statute from Article 19, Paragraph 1, Item 10) of the Statute, at the session held on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023. in Niš, pursuant to Article 12, Paragraph 1, Item 2) of the Statute, the General Meeting of the Association adopted the following:

СРПСКО СОЦИОЛОШКО ДРУШТВО  
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**STATUTE**  
of the Association  
**"SERBIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION"**

**Area of Goal Achievement**

Article 1

The Association "*Serbian Sociological Association*" (hereinafter: the Association) is a non-government, non-party and non-profit association established for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of achieving goals in the field of sociology.

**Goals of the Association**

Article 2

The basic goals of the Association are:

1. organization and improvement of professional, educational and scientific work in the field of sociology;
2. protection of sociologists' rights and interests in employment and scientific and public work;
3. publication of the papers in the field of sociology and its popularization;
4. distribution and use of sociological findings for the purpose of improving social relations and solving social problems;
5. inclusion of professional sociological work in different fields of economic and social activities.

Article 3

In order to achieve its goals, the Association particularly:

1. examines the published papers from the field of sociology at its professional meetings and in cooperation with related associations and institutions;
2. independently undertakes scientific research and participates in realizing scientific and research projects of other associations and institutions;
3. publishes original Serbian and translated works, journals and other publications from the field of sociology;

4. ensures the improvement of the sociology teaching process;
5. organizes the cooperation of sociologists and scientific workers from other fields for the purpose of resolving mutual scientific and professional matters;
6. organizes the cooperation with related associations, institutions and scientific workers abroad, in particular with sociologists and sociological associations in the neighbouring countries and the Serbian diaspora;
7. establishes the cooperation with economic, social-political and cultural organizations and communities in the country.

### **The name and the seat**

#### Article 4

The name of the Association in Serbian is: "Srpsko sociološko društvo".

The abbreviated name of the Association is SSD (Cyrilic: ССД).

The name of the Association in English is: Serbian Sociological Association, while the abbreviated name in English is: SSA.

The seat of the Association is in Belgrade, at the address Svetozara Markovića 36.

### **Conditions and method of initiation/cessation of membership**

#### Article 5

A member of the Association may be anyone who has a degree in sociology, and exceptionally someone who has outstanding works in the field of sociology as well.

Sociologists from other countries may also become members of the Association under the same conditions as above.

Regional and special sociological associations may have the collective membership in the Association.

Honorary members of the Association may be domestic and foreign scientific and public workers with merits in sociology.

#### Article 6

The decision about the acceptance of members is made by the Presidency of the Association based on the application form submitted by the candidate.

The candidate may apply a complaint against the decision on the reception to the General Meeting, whose decision is final.

The decision about the acceptance of collective and honorary members is made by the General Meeting at the proposal of the Presidency or a group consisting of minimum 10 members.

#### Article 7

A member may leave membership by making a written statement thereof.

The membership in the Association may cease due to the prolonged inactivity of a member, the failure to observe the provisions of this Statute or the violation of the sociologists' professional code of ethics.

The decision about the cessation of membership shall be made by the Presidency.

A complaint may be filed against the decision on the cessation of the membership to the General Meeting, whose decision is final.

A member must be allowed to express his/her opinion about the reasons because of which the proposal was filed for deciding in reference to the cessation of his/her membership in the Association.

## **Rights and obligations of the members**

### Article 8

A member of the Association has the right:

- 1) to participate equally with other members in achieving the goals of the Association;
- 2) to participate directly in the decision-making at the session of the General Meeting, as well as through the bodies of the Association;
- 3) to appoint and be appointed for the bodies of the Association;
- 4) to use the activities of the Association for the purpose of his/her own professional and scientific specialization;
- 5) to be promptly and fully informed about the work and activities of the Association, as well as the material-financial operations of the Association.
- 6) to make proposals and complaints about the work of the bodies of the Association and to be informed about the relevant attitude that has been taken.

### Article 9

A member is obliged:

- 1) to contribute actively to the achievement of the goals of the Association and affirmation of sociological profession;
- 2) to observe the professional code of ethics;
- 3) to participate in the activities of the Association in line with his/her own interests;
- 4) to pay the membership fee no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March for the current calendar year;
- 5) to perform other jobs entrusted by the Presidency.

### Article 10

The membership in the Association and the rights arising from it shall be automatically suspended in case of the non-payment of the membership fee for the current calendar year within the deadline from Article 9, Item 4) or generally in case of the non-payment of the fee for a certain calendar year. Such suspension shall

cease in the first following calendar year after the payment of the membership fee within the deadline stipulated by this Statute.

The Presidency of the Association makes a list of the members of the Association on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the current year.

## **Internal organization and representation**

### **Article 11**

The bodies of the Association are the General Meeting, the Presidency, the Committee for Professional Matters, the Supervisory Committee, and the Court of Honour.

The Association is represented by the President of the Presidency and in his/her absence by the member of the Presidency appointed by the Presidency.

## **The General Meeting**

### **Article 12**

The General Meeting of the Association is composed of all its members.

The General Meeting meets regularly once a year. In the year when new bodies of the Association are elected (Article 13, Items 5 through to 8), the electoral session of the General Meeting must be held no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October of the current year, whereas the newly-elected bodies shall take office on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year and their mandate shall begin as of the date when they take office.

An extraordinary session of the General Meeting may be scheduled upon the reasonable proposal of the Presidency, as well as at the initiative of one third of the members of the General Meeting or minimum 30 members. The initiative is submitted to the Presidency in writing and it must contain the matters proposed for consideration. An extraordinary session of the General Meeting must be held within maximum 30 days of the day of the submission of the proposal for its convening.

A session of the General Meeting is convened by the President of the Presidency or a member of the Presidency appointed by the Presidency, in a written notification about the time and place of the General Meeting and the proposed agenda which is published on the website of the Association within maximum 5 days prior to the day for which the session of the General Meeting is scheduled.

The session is chaired by a person who was elected by public voting at the beginning of the session, together with two more members of the Working Presidency elected by the General Meeting.

### **Article 13**

The General Meeting:

1. determines general guidelines or the work program and plan of the Association;
2. adopts the Statute as well as amendments and supplements to the Statute;

3. adopts other general acts of the Association;
4. adopts rules of procedure for its work;
5. appoints and dismisses the members of the Presidency, the Supervisory Committee, the Committee for Professional Matters and the Court of Honour;
6. appoints and dismisses the President of the Presidency;
7. appoints and dismisses the members of the Editorial Board of the "Sociological Review";
8. appoints and dismisses the editor-in-chief of the journal "Sociological Review";
9. considers and adopts reports of the Presidency and other bodies of the Association;
10. considers and adopts the financial plan and statement;
11. decides about status changes and the cessation of the work of the Association;
12. decides about joining federations and professional associations in the country and abroad;
13. elects honorary members;
14. makes the final decision about the reception of members or the cessation of membership;
15. decides about the members' complaints regarding the decisions of the Presidency;
16. decides about setting up branches and sections;
17. performs other jobs stipulated by this Statute.

#### Article 14

The General Meeting validly decides when there is more than one third of the members present at the session.

If the session is not attended by the required number of the members, the session shall be postponed one hour. If after the postponement there is still an insufficient number of the members, the General Meeting can validly decide if it is attended by half of its members plus one more member than the number of the members from the previous Paragraph, i.e. more than one sixth of the members.

The General Meeting makes decisions by the majority of the votes of the present members.

Voting at the session is public unless the General Meeting decides differently.

#### Article 15

For the purpose of performing certain jobs, the General Meeting may set up permanent or temporary working bodies: commissions, committees, working groups etc.

The decision on setting up the bodies from the previous Paragraph determines the tasks, composition, method of work and all other matters regarding their work.



## **The Presidency**

### Article 16

The Presidency is an executive body of the Association and/or of the General Meeting, which between two sessions of the General Meeting manages the work of the Association and decides about all matters within its competence and in line with this Statute, the law and the professional code of ethics.

### Article 17

The Presidency consists of the President and five members elected by the General Meeting by secret or public voting.

A member of the Presidency also has the function of the editor-in-chief of the "Sociological Review".

### Article 18

The Presidency elects a secretary and a treasurer from its ranks.

### Article 19

The mandate of the Presidency and the President is two years and they can be re-elected for the same function.

### Article 20

The Presidency:

1. executes decisions and implements recommendations of the General Meeting;
2. manages the work of the Association between two sessions of the General Meeting and makes decisions for the purpose of achieving the goals of the Association;
3. organizes regular performance of the activities of the Association;
4. makes financial decisions;
5. harmonizes the work of the Association branches and sections;
6. monitors the work of other bodies and groups;
7. organizes and realizes the cooperation with other associations and organizations;
8. manages the property of the Association;
9. entrusts special jobs to certain members;
10. decides about initiating the procedure for amending and supplementing the Statute, through its own initiative or upon the proposal of minimum five members of the Association, and prepares the proposed amendments and supplements to be submitted to the General Meeting for adoption;
11. prepares proposals and other normative acts of the Association;
12. sets up temporary working bodies for the performance of jobs within its competence, and determines their composition, tasks and method of work.
13. makes decisions about objections, appeals and complaints of the members;

14. upon the proposal of the Editorial Board of the "Sociological Review", fills vacancies up to one third of the composition of the Editorial Board;
15. appoints foreign members-associates of the Editorial Board;
16. according to the Law on the Fundamentals of the Education System (Article 13), proposes candidates for the representative of the Association in the National Education Council to the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia;
17. determines the amount of the annual membership fee;
18. establishes the theme of the republic competition of secondary-school students from the field of sociology, which is in the calendar of the activities of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia, while taking into account the proposals of the sociology departments of the Faculties of Philosophy of the Universities in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Niš and Priština (with the temporary seat in Kosovska Mitrovica), as well as the opinion of the Section of secondary-school teachers of sociology and, in case they are given, initiatives and opinions of other organizational forms of the operation of the Association (other sections or branches) or collective members, and conducts this competition in cooperation with the above-listed departments, in line with the Rule Book issued by the General Meeting of the Association.
19. decides about initiating the procedure for the indemnification in the cases listed in Article 25, Paragraph 2 of the Law on Associations and, as appropriate, appoints a special representative of the Association for that procedure;
20. performs other jobs stipulated by this Statute;
21. decides about other matters for which other bodies of the Association are not authorized according to the law or this Statute.

#### Article 21

The President of the Presidency represents the Association in legal transactions and has the rights and obligations of the financial principal. In the President's absence the Presidency may authorize another member of the Presidency to represent the Association and sign all financial and monetary documents on behalf of the Association.

#### Article 22

Sessions of the Presidency are held as appropriate and minimum four times a year.

Sessions of the Presidency are convened and chaired by the President, and in case he/she is indisposed, by the member appointed by the Presidency.

The Presidency validly decides if its session is attended by the majority of its members and makes its decisions via the majority of the present members.

#### Article 23

The work of the Presidency is public.

Representatives of collective members, branches and sections of the Association can participate in the work of the Presidency, but they are not entitled to make decisions and have only the advisory vote.

## **The Committee for Professional Matters**

### Article 24

The Committee for Professional Matters of sociologists takes care of the rights, interests, public reputation and dignity of sociologists on the occasion of their employment and in their professional, scientific and public work.

The Committee particularly:

1. takes care of the employment of sociologists and proposes measures for reducing their unemployment;
2. proposes and undertakes appropriate measures in the event of the violation of sociologists' rights and interests on the occasion of their employment in work places which require sociological education;
3. monitors and analyzes curricula and syllabi in the education system for the purpose of improving the quality of the sociology teaching process at all levels;
4. protects the professional and moral integrity, reputation and dignity of the members of the Association in their professional and public work;
5. takes care of the reputation of sociology as a profession.

### Article 25

The Committee has five members appointed by the General Meeting who subsequently appoint the President from their ranks.

The mandate of the President and the members of the Committee is 4 years, with the possibility of re-election.

### Article 26

The Committee meets as appropriate, minimum once a year.

Sessions of the Committee are convened by the President, at the request of any member of the Association.

As a rule, the releases of the Committee are published in the "Sociological Review".

## **The Supervisory Committee**

### Article 27

The General Meeting appoints the president and two members Supervisory Committee.

The mandate of the Supervisory Committee is four years and no one can be re-elected as a member in its composition.



## Article 28

The Supervisory Committee controls financial operations of the Association and with no delay informs the Presidency about any observed irregularities.

The Supervisory Committee submits a report at each session of the General Meeting.

## **The Court of Honour**

### Article 29

The Court of Honour ensures that the conduct of the members of the Association is in line with the sociologists' professional code of ethics and with elementary moral norms.

### Article 30

The Court has three members appointed by the General Meeting from the ranks of its most reputable members.

The Court appoints the President from its own ranks.

The mandate of the President and the members of the Court is four years, with the possibility of re-election.

### Article 31

The Court of Honour meets as appropriate.

Sessions of the Court are convened by the President at the request of any body or member of the Association.

The applicant is obliged to justify his/her application in writing to the Court of Honour and to submit evidence of the alleged violation of sociologists' professional ethics or elementary morals.

### Article 32

At its session the Court of Honour considers the submitted application and, if necessary, acquires further evidence.

The Court must ensure that the members against whom the complaint has been filed can become familiar with the complaint and to present his/her defence to the Court.

As a rule, decisions of the Court of Honour are published in the "Sociological Review".

## **Branches and sections of the Association**

### Article 33

The Association can have branches as organizational units on the territorial basis if in a specific territory there are minimum 20 members who apply for the work in a branch to the General Meeting or the Presidency.

The General Meeting or the Presidency decides about setting up branches upon the proposal of the interested members.

A branch can have its separate account.

Members of the branch harmonize its internal organization, forms and method of work in their separate Rule Book, in line with the provisions of this Statute.

Branches independently dispose of the material resources gained on their own, whereas the funds gained through the Association shall be booked as a separate item in the records of the Association.

Annual work programs and plans are submitted by the branches to the Presidency and the General Meeting of the Association for consideration.

### Article 34

The Association can set up sections as organizational units based on professional interests if minimum 20 members of the Association apply for the work in a section to the General Meeting or the Presidency.

Members of the section can also be members of other professional associations or outstanding scientific and public workers.

The General Meeting or the Presidency decides about setting up sections upon the proposal of the interested members.

A section can have its separate account.

Members of the section determine its internal organization, forms and method of work in its own Rule Book, in line with the provisions of this Statute.

Sections independently dispose of the material resources gained on their own, whereas the funds gained through the Association shall be booked as a separate item in the records of the Association.

Annual work programs and plans are submitted by the sections to the Presidency and the General Meeting of the Association for consideration.

## **Journals and other publications of the Association**

### Article 35

The Association has its own journal, the "Sociological Review", which is published four times a year.

### Article 36

The "Sociological Review" is edited by the Editorial Board consisting of six members and the editor-in-chief.

The members of the Editorial Board and the editor-in-chief are elected by the General Meeting of the Association from the ranks of the members holding a university title or a scientific title.

The Editorial Board ensures the editing of the journal in line with the highest standards for publishing periodicals, which includes consistent adherence to the norms from the general act of the relevant government body regulating the publication of scientific periodicals, double-blind editing, electronic check-up for plagiarism, allocation of UDC and DOI label to each article, article classification, electronic editing of the journal and undertaking other measures and procedures with the aim of improving the quality of the journal and the papers published in it.

The Editorial Board particularly ensures the journal categorization by the relevant ministry of the Republic of Serbia for the field of science, as well as the indexation of the journal in international and domestic scientific periodical bases.

Upon the proposal of the editor-in-chief, the Editorial Board can appoint the deputy editor-in-chief from the ranks of the Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board can make a decision about publishing a theme edition of the journal. Such decision in the form of an invitation letter to the members of the academic community is published in Serbian and English on the website of the "Sociological Review" with the elaboration of the thematic framework of that edition.

Upon the proposal of the editor-in-chief, the Editorial Board can appoint a guest editor for a certain edition of the journal from the ranks of recognized scientists outside the ranks of the Editorial Board or an editor of the edition or thematic block from the ranks of the Editorial Board.

Upon the proposal of the Editorial Board, the Presidency can include foreign members-associates into the ranks of the Editorial Board.

The members of the Editorial Board from abroad are not included in the decision-making quorum.

Foreign members-associates of the Editorial Board promote the journal "Sociological Review" abroad and can be invited to review the papers, edit some of the theme editions, make their contributions or in any other manner specifically contribute to the development of the journal.

The mandate of the members of the Editorial Board and the editor-in-chief is two years, with the possibility of re-election.

#### Article 37

The "Sociological Review" is published in bilingual format: in Serbian, specifically in Cyrillic, and in English.

The journal "Sociological Review" also has an *online* edition and is available in the *open access* regime.

#### Article 38

The Association also publishes other periodicals and individual publications from the field of sociology, original and translated monographs, theme collections, most successful graduation, master and PhD papers etc.

These publications are edited by special editorial boards composed of three members appointed by the Presidency, as appropriate.

## **Improvement of the profession and international cooperation**

### Article 39

The Association ensures the establishment of sociology as a profession and of sociologists as members of the profession. In that respect, the bodies of the Association are obliged:

1. to consider the extent to which the specific work places in work and other organizations and institutions correspond to the profession of the sociologist;
2. to make complaints and proposals regarding job determination and job descriptions of the work places occupied by sociologists;
3. to intervene in the event of inappropriate ranking and evaluation of the sociologists' work places.

### Article 40

The Association cooperates with other professional and scientific organizations for the purpose of more successful performance of the tasks and achievement of the goals determined by this Statute.

### Article 41

The Association can become a member of international professional organizations of sociologists and cooperate with such international and foreign organizations under the conditions stipulated by the law.

The decision about the membership in related organizations in the country and abroad is made by the General Meeting.

## **Awards of the Association**

### Article 42

The Association grants four awards as follows:

1. The award for life achievement "Radomir Lukić", which is given to an outstanding person in the field of sociology for the overall contribution and exceptional results achieved in scientific-research, educational-pedagogical and public work in a longer period of time.

2. The annual award "Vojin Milić" for the best book from sociology written by a domestic author and published in the previous calendar year.

3. The award Serbian Sociological Association for the best high school sociology teacher.

4. The award Serbian Sociological Association for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of sociology.

The procedure of granting the awards and more detailed conditions for their granting are regulated in an adequate Rule Book issued by the General Meeting.

Decisions about granting the awards are published on the website of the Association and can additionally be published in the "Sociological Review" as well.



As a rule, the awards are presented at the sessions of the General Meeting of the Association, in their ceremonial part.

## **Publicity of work**

### Article 43

The work of the Association is public.

Working and professional meetings of the Association are publicly advertised and access to such meetings is free.

Sessions of the General Meeting are open to the representatives of the public media.

Current information in relation to the work of the Association is published on the website of the Serbian Sociological Association and the information in relation to the journal "Sociological Review" is published on the website of the journal or on both websites.

### Article 44

The Association can invite representatives of other professional, social and political organizations to the sessions of the General Meeting and its bodies for the purpose of considering matters of mutual interest.

### Article 45

The Presidency ensures that the members and the public are regularly informed about the work and activities of the Association, directly or via internal publications, i.e. via public releases or in any other adequate manner.

Reports on the work and material operations of the Association are published on the website of the Serbian Sociological Association and the major ones are, as a rule, published in the "Sociological Review" as well.

Annual calculations and reports on the activities of the Association are submitted to the members at the session of the General Meeting of the Association.

### Article 46

The Association can publish its own internal information bulletin.

The editorial board of the bulletin composed of three members is appointed by the Presidency.

## **Administrative jobs**

### Article 47

Regarding the performance of administrative jobs, the Association can have full-time or part-time professional associates.

## **Manner of acquiring funds and disposal of material resources**

### Article 48

The Association acquires funds from the membership fees, research projects, publication activity, government and other donations, private contributions and gifts, legacies, financial subsidies and in any other legally stipulated manner.

The Association can also acquire funds from seminar registration fees and from other forms of education and professional specialization in the field of sociology.

### Article 49

The amount of the annual membership fee is determined by the Presidency.

### Article 50

All financial funds of the Association are kept in a single bank account.

Operational financial funds are separated.

The revenues and expenditures from the publishing activity in relation to the "Sociological Review" and other publications are kept separately from the revenues and expenditures in relation to other activities.

Orders for the payment of the funds for the journal "Sociological Review" are signed by the editor-in-chief of the "Sociological Review", whereas all other orders are signed by the President of the Presidency.

## **Cessation of the work of the Association**

### Article 51

The Association shall cease its work based on the decision of the General Meeting, when the conditions cease for the achievement of the goals of the Association, as well as in other cases stipulated by the law.

### Article 52

In case the Association ceases to operate, the entire property of the Association shall become the possession of the Ministry of Science of the Republic of Serbia.

## **Appearance and content of the seal**

### Article 53

The Association has a round-shaped seal. "Serbian Sociological Association – Belgrade" is inscribed on the internal side of the circle, where along the middle there is the Cyrillic abbreviation "ССД" written in a straight line.

The Association has its office stamp (stamp). The office stamp is square-shaped; on the upper horizontal line there is the Cyrillic name of the Association written in capital letters "СРПСКО СОЦИОЛОШКО ДРУШТВО"; below it there is the text "No. \_\_\_\_\_" in the centre (with the blank line left for entering the reference number), while the third line contains "\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_\_" (where the date and the calendar year should be entered on blank lines). In the centre of the fourth line there is the inscription "БЕОГРАД" in large Cyrillic letters.

### Article 54

The Association has its logo. The logo of the Association is displayed in Annex 1 to this Statute.

## **Interim and final provisions**

### Article 55

All matters which have not been regulated by this Statute shall be directly subject to the provisions of the Law on Associations.

### Article 56

The members of the International Scientific Council of the *Sociological Review*, who have been appointed by the Presidency of the Serbian Sociological Association at the proposal of the Editorial Board, shall become foreign members of the Editorial Board – associates, with the mandate expiring on the date of expiry of the mandate of the entire Editorial Board.



Article 57

This Decision on amendments and supplements to the Statute of the Serbian Sociological Association shall come into force on the date of its adoption at the session of the General Meeting of the Association held on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Niš.

**Chairman of the General Meeting of the Association**



Žolt Lazar

(Signature)



## Annex 1

### Logo of the Serbian Sociological Association

