

STATUTE

OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL UNION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING UNION, STUME)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1.

The Mechanical Engineering Union (STUME) is a voluntary independent non-political democratic self-supporting and self-governing creative professional public organisation with an unlimited in time term of activity. MHU is the successor of the cause and activities of the founders of the first Engineering Society in the town of Rousse established in 1885, of the Bulgarian Engineering Architectural Society and of the Association of Technicians and Mechanics of the Bulgarian Navy, of the Union of the Graduates of the Marine Mechanical College, of the General Association of the Technicians with Secondary Education, of the Union of Practicing Mechanics and of the Organization of Freelance Engineers and Architects.

ARTICLE 2.

STUME is non-profit organisation for private benefit and a member of the Federation of the Scientific and Technical Unions in Bulgaria and its successors. Its Statute defines the rights and obligations of the Union as a member of the federation.

ARTICLE 3.

STUME uses its material and financial means in BGN and in foreign currency, as well as the material base of the Federation and its scientific-technical unions..

ARTICLE 4. /1/ STUME is a legal entity and is represented by its Chairman and the Chief Secretary of the National Governing Board jointly and severally. It has its own seal, logo and union badge and a banner.

/2/ STUME may; open branches in view of professional interests /professional communities/ and for different regions upon decision of the General meeting.

/3/ The branches shall be managed by a manager, who is to represent the branch and their activities shall be realised in compliance with the Law on the non-profit legal entities and the Rules on the activities of the branches as accepted by the Managing board

ARTICLE 5.

The Headquarters of STUME is in the city of Sofia, 108, "G. S. Rakovski" Str.

II. OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE 6.

The basic objectives of STUME are:

6.1. STUME unifies organisationally, represents and protects the creative and professional interests of its members, provides conditions for improving of their creative and professional qualification.

6.1. Encourages and contributes for utilising the achievements of the scientific technical progress in mechanical engineering and technologies placing them in the service of the general economic development and public welfare.

6.1. Maintains creative relations within and outside of the Federation in other spheres of science and technique.

6.1. Transfers innovations and scientific-technical and economic information as service to specialists in companies, societies, enterprises, establishments and public organisations. Encourages the fundamental and scientific practical research and developing activities in the sphere of mechanical engineering and technologies.

6.4. Co-operates and maintains relations with international engineering organisations of the kind for the purpose of organising joint scientific technical projects and assists for raising the prestige of the engineering-technical education in Bulgaria.

6.5. Organises and encourages the exchange of experience between its members and other specialists on the questions of the latest achievement of the fundamental and applied sciences.

6.6. Stimulates the development of the young engineering technical staff

from the technical universities, higher educational establishments and colleges and of the students in the specialised mechanical engineering vocational schools.

6.7. Organises, creates the conditions and works for the establishment and development of the civil society in Bulgaria.

6.8. Encourages the interest of the civil society to solving the problems of people and the regions and of the scientific technical developments in the field of machines, technologies and infrastructure in this relation.

6.9. Works for the good information of the specialist working in the field with regard to machines, technologies, infrastructure and the nation as a whole for the scientific technical achievements and the inter-disciplinary education.

6.10. Proposes and organises the active participation in the formation and carrying out of a rational state scientific-technical, educational and economic policy in the field of machines, technologies and infrastructure for these.

6.11. Analyses and makes efforts for the formation of civil stand points, for the development of investments, for the part the state has to play in stimulating the investments and for raising the level of competitiveness of the Bulgarian machines and technologies and the Bulgarian experts.

6.12. Supports the state bodies, the organisations of the civil society and of the commercial companies for the harmonisation of the legislation concerning the technical problems and the engineering practices in compliance with the European and world development.

ARTICLE 7.

STUME works for achieving its aims by way of:

7.1. Organising independently or jointly with other legal entities international and national scientific-technical conferences, symposia, exhibitions, discussions etc.

7.2. Preparing and distributing of printed matter audio and video cassettes, independently as well as jointly with other associations and societies.

7.3. Organising of courses for improving the qualification, prequalification of specialists working in the field of machines and technologies and organising foreign languages training in the sphere of specialised scientific-technical terminology.

7.4. Organising and participating in exchange of experience projects and scientific-technical tours, scientific, congress and fairs tourism and information activities, in the country and abroad. design, and technologies.

7.5. Engineering and standardisation activities, design expertise, technological audit control and assessment, control on machines and technologies.

7.6. Participation at working out of designs and projects following international programmes

7.7. Stimulating and organising of co-operation with scientific technical and public organisations, technical universities, higher educational establishments and colleges and individuals in the country and abroad, and providing conditions for membership in international organisations and committees on contemporary and important problems of mechanical engineering and technologies.

7.8. Commercial, agency and consulting activities with intellectual products, machines and elements for these, technologies and similar developments, scientific-technical stand points, expertise and alternative solutions, of technological projects and technical solutions in the field of machines and technologies and the infrastructure for these and the representation of Bulgarian and foreign commercial companies and publishing houses.

7.9. Providing opportunities for creative professional and personal development and protection of the intellectual property of the members of the Union.

7.10. Accomplishing in co-operation with the syndicate organisations and the trade organisations or independently the protection of the creative and professional interests of Union members.

7.11. Assisting morally and materially Union members in financial difficulties.

7.12. Assisting, in compliance with the requirements of the European organisations of the kind for recognition of the rights of the Union members in accordance with the Statute of European Engineer.

7.13. /1/ Carries out supplementary economic activity in compliance with the objectives of the STUME as defined herein.

III. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

ARTICLE 8

The membership in STUME is voluntary.

The members of STUME are individual, collective, beneficent and honourable.

8.1. Individual member may be active physical persons- engineers, technicians and experts with qualification, interests and activity in the field of machines, technologies and infrastructure for these, who accept this statute, pay regularly their membership fee and by material instalments and/or activity contribute for the execution of its objectives and tasks.

The individual membership at STUME is realised as follows:

a/ by direct membership;

b/ by inclusion into the organisational units of STUME- clubs, national societies, territorial organisations, companies;

c/ by membership in structural units of STUME: entities registered under the Law on the non-profit legal entities or branches of STUME.

8.2. The legal entities member of STUME shall be:

8.2.1. Structural units of STUME registered under the Law on the non-profit legal entities or branches of STUME, further herein referred to as the PERSONS AS PER THE Law on the non-profit legal entities.

8.2.2. Collective members of STUME registered under the Commercial law, hereinafter referred to as THE PERSONS AS PER THE Commercial Law with subject of activity in the field of machines, technologies and the infrastructure for these, which accept this statute, show interest to the activities of STUME, pay a collective membership fee and contribute for the accomplishment of its objectives.

8.3. The admission of new members shall be possible upon a written or oral expression of the candidate's will accompanied by filling in of a registration form following a sample approved by the Scientific Managing Board.

8.3.1. The individual members shall express their will either before the management's of the branches or before the management's of THE PERSONS AS PER THE Law on the non-profit legal entities. Or before the management of the organisational units as per art. 8.1. item b/ and the legal entities before the Scientific Managing Board.

8.3.2. The membership of the Union shall be valid as from the date of payment of the membership fees for the current year and shall be prolonged every year after payment of the annual membership fee.

8.3.3. The Chief secretary or the Managers of the branches shall within a term of two months after acceptance issue to the newly accepted individual member a membership booklet and a union badge and to the collective member- a certificate of membership.

Citizens employed in commercial companies, enterprises and organisations admitted as collective members shall not be considered automatically as individual members of the Union.

8.4. Beneficent members may be Bulgarian or foreign physical persons or legal entities after depositing once or annually a contribution for accomplishing the aims of the Union.

8.5. Honourable member may be any union member who has at least 35 years of regular membership in the Union and has specific merits for development and completion of the objectives of the Union.

8.6. The termination of membership shall take place in the following cases:

8.6.1. A written expression of the will of the member before the bodies as per art. 8.3.12;

8.6.2. Death of the individual member and winding up of the activity of legal entities collective members;

8.6.3. Exclusion for infringing the statute, the prestige and interests of the Union by decisions of the Scientific Managing Board or the management of the branch or the management of THE PERSONS AS PER THE Law on the non-profit legal entities or the General meeting of the organisational units as per art. 8.2. b/.

8.6.4. Exclusion for non-payment of the membership fee until 30.06. of the respective year shall be considered as an act of voluntary expression of the will to terminate the membership.

8.6.5. /1/ interrupted membership as per item 8.6.1. and 8.6.4. may be renewed only after the candidate has paid to the Union its membership fee and the material instalments for the period of interrupted membership.

/2/ Upon interruption of the membership as per item 8.5.3. its renewal may be possible only upon the decision of the body which has taken the decisions for the exclusion.

8.6.6. The expelled individual and collective members may appeal against the decision before the National Governing Board of the Union and before the General meeting of STUME.

ARTICLE 9

The rights and obligations of the members of the Union are:

9.1. Every individual member of the union is entitled:

9.1.1. To participate with a right to vote directly or by proxy in the formation of the integral policy and activity of the union, in the election of its bodies and to be elected in the same bodies, to be informed about its activity, to use its property and the results of its activities .

9.1.2. To participate by his will and according to his interests, permanently or temporarily in the work of the auxiliary bodies, working groups, councils and committees of CEU.

9.1.3. To take part in scientific -technical projects organised and carried out by the Union and to receive information in Bulgarian concerning the plans for future activities, free of charge or at reduced price. Receiving of scientific and technical information in the respective language on questions of interest to foreign members shall be paid on cost basis.

9.1.4. To be included in various forms for improving of qualification and re-qualification and in courses for foreign language training.

9.1.5. To take part in formation of teams, or individually, for fulfilment of agreements concludes by the Union related to the subject of activity of STUME

9.1.6. To be protected concerning his creative and professional interests, of his intellectual property and of the fair assessment of his professional qualities and activities.

9.1.7. To receive social support in accordance with the regulations and conditions of the union "Social-Security" fund in the event of financial difficulties.

9.1.8. To be assisted in his participation in scientific technical projects in the country and abroad for delivery of papers of the required scientific level or reports aiming to present the achievement of the machine-engineering in the country.

9.1.9. To be awarded with prizes and awards in accordance with the requirements of the Statute of the Union.

9.1.10. To be elected as an expert at the respective level according to the Rules of the Statute and activities of the experts in STUME.

9.2. Every individual member of the Union is under the obligation:

9.2.1. To observe the Statute and actively to co-operate for achieving the aims of the Union.

9.2.2. To have descent behaviour and to give opinions on the basis of his knowledge and consciousness free from political bias and without personal benefits.

9.2.3. To explain the Statute and the aims of the Union among his colleagues at his working place for the purpose of raising the prestige of the union and recruiting new members.

9.2.4. To take part on voluntary principle in the work of the managing and auxiliary bodies (committees and commissions).

9.2.5. To pay regularly his membership fees.

9.2.6. To make material instalments upon decisions of the general meeting for the development of the activity of STUME and for the acquisition of tangible and intangible assets.

9.3. The collective members - Bulgarian, foreign and mixed legal entities have the right:

9.3.1. To send their representatives for the organised by the Union various scientific-technical projects, free of charge or at a reduced price.

9.3.2. To receive consultations and experts' appraisals by eminent experts members of the union - on questions of interest to the society, the enterprise or the establishment, free of charge or at a reduced price.

9.3.3. To receive scientific-technical information (for the foreign legal entities in the relevant language) on questions of their interest at cost price.

9.3.4. To use with priority the material base of the Union and the federation, paying the actual expenses only.

9.3.5. To participate with their representatives at the governing bodies of STUME in compliance with art. 13/1/ and art. 15/2/ item 3.

9.4. The collective members Bulgarian, foreign, mixed legal entities, shall be under the obligation to render assistance to the Union in completion of its tasks and activities and to clarify the Statute and

the aims of the Union to their employees as well as to pay regularly collective membership fee.

9.5. The beneficent members' individuals and legal entities, shall be entitled to take part free of charge in all organised by the Union scientific and technical projects and to receive information on questions of their interest

9.6. The honorable members shall have the right to participate free of charge in all organised by the Union scientific-technical projects and to receive information on questions of their interest, to take part, if desired, outside the fixed quota in the work of the General meeting, to participate if they wish so by their representative an the scientific managing board as per art. 15/1/item 5, to receive free of charge the printed organ of the Union (Federation) and to receive financial aid in case of difficulties. The honourable members shall not pay membership fees.

9.7. The individual members, Bulgarian citizens, may on the principle of voluntary will be organised according to their interests in

a/ national scientific-technical societies and clubs; territorial organisations, clubs and societies; companies and clubs in legal entities, representing organisational units as per art. 8.q. item b.

b/ structural units as per art. 8.1. item c/

c/ branches of STUME.

The units established in this manner shall have their Statutes (Rules) and shall have the role of a local organisation unit of the Union.

9.7.1. The LOU (local organisational units) shall discuss scientific and practical problems connected with the growth of mechanical engineering in the Held of the relevant machines and technologies and national or territorial scale and shall submit proposals to the respective governing bodies.

9.7.2. The LOU (local organisational units) may submit proposals to the national or territorial executive bureau's for organising of national scientific conferences and symposia with or without international participation, for sending their members to scientific conferences and symposia in the country or abroad, for presenting scientific reports or their original practical achievements, for organising of competitions on prospective programs for development of mechanical engineering, for organisation scientific-technical tours in the country and abroad and others.

9.7.3. The LOU (local organisational units) shell take part independently or in joint actions with trade union organisations in activities for protection of the creative and professional interest of their members and to represent their personal or collective creative interests. In these activities the committees on professional issues at the national or territorial executive bureau's shall help them.

9.7.4. The LOU (local organisational units) elect managing bodies according to their own Statutes (Rules) for co-ordinating their own activities and collecting membership fees from their members.

9.8. The individual members, Bulgarian citizens, not covered by the LOU (local organisational units) of the Union take part in its activities directly and shall pay membership fee at the Union. The national managing board shall protect the creative and professional interests.

9.9. The members of STUME shall not be responsible for the obligations of the Union.

9.10. The rights and obligations of the members with the exception of the property rights and obligations shall not be transferable and shall not pass over to other persons in case of death, respectively termination.

GOVERNING BODIES OF STUME

ARTICLE 10

/1/ The supreme body of STUME shall be the General meeting (GM)

/2/ Governing body of STUME is the National managing board (NMB)

10.1. The General Meeting:

/1/ shall amend and supplement the statute;

/2/ accept other internal acts;

/3/ elect and release members of the NMB

/4/ accept and exclude members as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities

/5/ make decisions for opening and closing of branches

/6/ make decisions for participation at other organisations

/7/ make decisions on transformation or termination of the company
/8/ accept the basic trends and programs for the activities of STUME
/9/ accept the budget of STUME
/10/ make decisions regarding the membership fee and its size and the material instalments;
/11/ accept the report on the activities of the SMB
/12/ revoke decisions of other bodies of the company contradicting the law, the statute or any other internal acts regulating the activities of the company;
/13/ elect the chairman, the deputy chairman, chief secretary, Economic and Monetary council
/14/ elect the honourable and beneficent members of the STUME and approve the Rules for granting the honours and their rights.
/15/ elect the managers of the branches
/16/ elect and appoint a control council (CC) of STUME consisting of three members
/17/ approve the Rules for the operation of SMB and the Rules for the work of the branches.
10.2. The rights as per art. 10.1., paragraphs 1, 3,7, 9, 11 and 12 may not be granted to other bodies.
10.3. The decisions of the General meeting shall be binding on all bodies of STUME.
10.4. The members of STUME can appeal by way of court against the legality of the decisions of the General meeting.
10.5. The decisions of the bodies of STUME, taken in contradiction to the law, the statute or a preceding decisions of the General meeting can be appealed against before the General meeting upon request of the members of STUME, who are interested or a body of STUME, submitted within a one month term upon their announcement but not later than one year as from the date of taking the decision.
10.6. The disputes as per paragraph 4 may be referred to the court following the registration of STUME by each member of the Union or a body of its, within a one-month term after their announcement, but not later than one year as from the date on which the decision has been made.

ARTICLE 11

Convening the General meeting

11.1. The General meeting shall be convened at least once a year. It shall be convened by the SMB upon its initiative or upon request on the part of one tenth of the STUME members in the respective settlement where the seat of the company is. If the SMB within a one-month term does not send a written invitation for convening the General meeting, the latter shall be convened by the court in the seat of the company upon the written request by those concerned or by a person representing them as a proxy.

11.2. The invitation has to contain the agenda, the date, the time and place of carrying out the General meeting and on whose initiative it has been convened.

11.3. The invitation shall be published in the State Gazette and shall be placed at the place for announcements of the National House of Science and Technics in the town of Sofia, 108, Rakovsky street and shall be published in the Internet site of the Union at least one month before the date approved.

ARTICLE 12

The general meeting shall be considered to be legal if at least half of all members plus one have been represented. In case no quorum is available the meeting shall be postponed by one hour at the same place and with the same agenda and shall be carried out notwithstanding the fact how many members are present.

ARTICLE 13

The General meeting shall consist of:

/1/ individual members not included into the SMB whereas every member shall have the right to one vote.

/2/ The proxies of the local organisational units as per art. 9.7., elected at the general meetings of the latter. Each representative shall have the right to so many votes, as is the number of the regularly reported members of the local organisational units. In case of personal participation of individual

members of the local organisational units at the General meeting by the votes of these shall be reduced the number of the votes of the proxy representing this local unit,. The proxies shall submit a document proving that they have been duly elected and authorised and the number of the members the proxy is representing.

/3/ Persons with representative powers of the PERSONS as per the Commercial Law or their representatives by a power of attorney certified by a notary.

13.2. A member of the General meeting shall have no right of vote in deciding on problems regarding

1. itself, its husband/wife as the case may be or direct relatives without restrictions, the relatives from the lateral branch of a family - up to the fourth degree, in - laws up to the second degree including.

2. legal entities in which the proxy has representative powers or it may impose or prevent the taking of a decision./

ARTICLE 14. The decisions of the General meeting shall be taken by ordinary majority by those attending the meeting.

/1/ Decisions as per Art. 10.1. paragraph 1 and 7 shall be taken by majority of 2/3 of those attending.

/2/ with regard to questions not included into the agenda announced in the invitation, no decisions shall be taken.

ARTICLE 15 /1/ The National Governing Board shall be elected for a term of 3 years and shall be the higher governing board during the period between the General meetings of the Union and shall undertake the responsibility for accomplishing the aims of the Union.

/2/ The National Governing Board shall consist of 21 persons, one chairman, a deputy chairman and the chief secretary.

2. of one representative of the branches and the legal entities as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities

3. one representative of the legal entities as per the Commercial law who have paid membership fee at least ten times bigger than the minimum collective membership fee.

4. Seven personally elected members of STUME

5. One honourable member of STUME

/3/ The members of the managing board as per art. 15/2/ items 2,3, and 4 shall be elected respectively upon proposal of the branches, of the legal entities as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities, the legal entities as per the Commercial law and of the Council of the majors. In case the candidate proposed does not collect the required majority as per art. 14/1/ the person with representative power for the legal entities as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities, the legal entities as per the Commercial law and the chairman of the council of the majors shall have the right to propose another candidate.

/4/ The sessions of the managing board shall be convened and managed by the chairman upon his initiative or upon the written request of one third of the members. If the chairman does not convene a session of the managing board within a one-week term, the latter can be convened by any one of the member of the managing board interested. In case of absence of the chairman the session shall be ruled by the chief secretary.

/5/ The managing board can take decisions if more than half of its members attend the session.

/6/ In case a persons has been attending maintaining a bilateral phone communication or another way of communication guaranteeing the establishment of his/her personality and allowing for its participation in the discussion and in taking the decisions. The voting of this member shall be certified in the protocol by the person conducting the session.

/7/ The decisions shall be taken by ordinary majority by those attending and the decisions as per art. 14, paragraph 2 and article 127, items 2 and 5- my majority.

/8/ The managing board may take decisions even without carrying out a session of the protocol regarding the decision taken has been signed without any remarks or objections by all members of the managing board.

/9/ At the National Governing Board shall be established on voluntary basis a Scientific

Counsel with tasks and way of action as defined by the rules approved by the National Managing Board.

Art. 16. When establishing or terminating legal entities as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities the legal entities as per the Commercial law meeting the requirements of art. 15/2/ item 3 before each session of the SMC upon report of the mandate committee elected by SMB at its first regular session the staff of the SMB can be reduced or increased.

Art. 17. The National managing board shall represent the company and define the scope of its representative power for separate members, shall discuss and take decisions on the following:

1. to provide for the execution of the decisions of the General meeting
2. to dispose with the property of the company upon observation of the requirements of the statute
3. to prepare and submit to the General meeting a draft of the budget;
4. to prepare and submit to the General meeting a report on the activities of the company
5. to define the order and organise the carrying out of the activity of the company including the activity in common favour and shall bear responsibility for that
6. shall make amendments in the address of the company
7. shall take decisions regarding any problems, which as per the law or according to the statute are not included into the rights of another body
8. to fulfil obligations as foreseen by the statute
9. to choose a chairman and members of the Scientific Council, a n editor in chief for the printed body of the Union, the Mandate Committee, the Budget Committee, a chairman and members of the Committee for professional ethics and shall in case of necessity make the personal changes imposed by the circumstances.
10. Approves proposals of the Scientific Council referring to the stand of the Union on the development of mechanical engineering and technologies on national level.
11. Propose to the managing board the amounts of Minimum membership fee of the individual members, Bulgarian and foreign citizens and the minimum collective membership fee.
12. Considers proposals and awards activists and members of merit, Bulgarian and foreign citizens and prepares proposals for honouring beneficent and honourable members.
13. Takes the necessary measures in all cases of winding up or self- disbanding of national scientific-technical in view of preserving and protection of the Union's interests.
14. Considers appeals of expelled members and prepares a motivated proposal to the General meeting or the court.
15. Determines the date and the place of the General meeting of the Union and the norms of the election of the proxies.
16. Discusses and prepares for submission to the General meeting the annual reports and the balance sheets of the financial condition of the Union and the interaction of the executive bodies of the Union with the State and with the Federation of the Scientific-Technical Unions.
17. The National Managing Board decides on the reports of the Control Council for seeking of financial and penal responsibility from the liable persons in default.
18. Authorises, considers reports, extends or cancels the power of experts of the Union according to the Provisions of the Statute and the activities of the experts in the National Technical Union of Mechanical Engineering.
19. Prepare and submit to the general meeting a draft of the budget, a report on the activity of the company, a rep-ort on revenue and expenses (profit and loss account) and the Balance sheet of the Union and its commercial companies and the staff of the Union.
20. Agrees the contracts for management of the commercial companies of STUME.
21. Executes the contacts of STUME with all institutes in the country and abroad. Concludes contracts for co-operation with companies, societies, enterprises and institutions in the country and abroad.
22. Takes the necessary measures for the cases of closing or self- release of branches in view of preserving and protection of the interests of STUME.

Art. 16 /1/ The Chairman who is also President of the National Governing Board shall represent the Union, shall manage the activities of National Governing Board and of the National Executive Bureau. He shall exercise current control for compliance with the provisions and for financial discipline and shall be considered as employer of the Chief Secretary of STUME. The deputy chairman shall be responsible for activities assigned by SMB

16./2/ The chief secretary shall have an employment contract with no fixed duration. He shall organise the entire organisational and economic activity of STUME and shall be employer for the staff.

Art. 17 National Scientific-Technical Societies and Clubs /NSTSC/

Art. 17. 1. The national scientific-technical societies are professional creative associations of interests of the specialists from the country in the fields outlined in this Statute.

Art. 17. 2. Society or other association non registered under the Law for Persons and Family may be recognised by the National Scientific- Technical Societies as national, provided it shall have 20 individual members, who have duly paid their membership fees and it has members experts from at least 3 settlements.

Art. 17. 3. The NSTSC registered as per the Law on the non-profit legal entities (ЗЮЛНЦ), the legal entities as per the Commercial law shall be independent and self-governing units of the STUME, which in the statute shall prove their belonging to the Union and which are its structural units as per art. 8.1.1.

Art. 17.4. New NSTSC shall be accepted to the STUME (scientific-technical societies) shall be admitted in the Union on the basis of an application by their general meeting confirming the basic organisational documents of the Union.

Art. 17.5. The aims, tasks and management of the national scientific technical societies shall be regulated by their statutes, copies of which shall be kept in the National Executive Bureau and which do not contradict this statute..

Art. 18. Supervisory (Control) Council of STUME.

18.1. The Supervisory Council shall consist of 5 members and shall elect among its members a Chairman and a Secretary.

18.2. The Supervisory Council shall have the following tasks:

- Control on the compliance with the statute, the decisions of the General meeting, of the National Managing Board and the main organisational documents of the Union.
- Organising and carrying out a financial audit.

18.3. When establishing any violation whatsoever it shall inform in writing the National Governing Board and shall give proposals for taking decision on the matter.

Art. 19. The general meeting of the branch shall:

19.1. amend, change and accept rules for its activities and other internal (in-house) acts.

19.2. Nominate a person for manager of the branch before the managing board

19.3. elect a bureau of the branch consisting of 3 persons, one of which to be the manager of the branch.

Art. 20. The general meeting of the local scientific units shall convene upon decisions of the SMB of STUME before the general meeting of STUME in the order defined by SMB and on other problems it shall be convened in accordance with the respective documents.

V. AWARDS

Art. 21 For active uninterrupted service and merits for the development of the Union and for personal creative and professional achievements members shall be awarded by decision of the National Governing Body with silver and golden badge and the honorary title Beneficent member. The general meeting bestows the title "Honourable member".

Art. 22 The procedure for awarding with Union awards shall be defined by a rules approved by the National Managing Board.

Art. 23. The national scientific-technical societies shall establish their own awards, the criteria for which shall be announced in the printed organ of the Union.

VI. MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL BASIS AND FINANCIAL MEANS

Art. 24. The Union shall look after and shall use the material and technical basis and property of the Federation and shall dispose of a basis of its own.

Art. 25. The finances for the full-scale activities of the Union shall be accumulated from:

25.1. Individual and collective membership fees and material instalments.

25.2. Budget of the federation.

25.3. Revenues and sponsors for projects of interest to them.

25.4. Revenue from economic activity

25.5. Donations.

25.6. Interest, dividends etc.

25.7. Revenue from other habitual activities.

Art. 26. The distribution of the finances among the units of the Union and the relevant transfers to the federation shall be regulated by rules approved by the national governing board.

Art. 27. The finances of the union shall be kept in its own banking accounts in BGL, and in foreign currency or in separate account in the BGL and foreign currency accounts of the federation.

Art. 28. Property

28.1. The property (without the real estates) of the Union shall be kept, inventoried and sold according to an instruction approved by the National Managing Board.

28.2. Any decision regarding the real estate owned by the Federation shall be taken by the General meeting of STUME.

VII. TRANSFORMATION, TERMINATION AND LIQUIDATION OF STUME

Art. 30. The transformation of STUME shall be executed under the terms and conditions and the order of art. 42 in relation to art. 12 of the Law on the non-profit legal entities .

Art. 31. The termination of STUME shall be executed under the terms and conditions and the order of art. 13 in relation to art. 12 of the Law on the non-profit legal entities. In case of liquidation of STUME the termination shall be done by the SMB or by a persons elected and nominated by it, whereby the regulations of the Commercial law shall be applied.

Art. 32. The property, which has remained after the creditors have been satisfied, shall pass over in favour the Federation of the scientific and technical unions or their assignee.

Art. 33. /1/ The Union shall keep the following books:

Book 1: protocol from the sessions of the general meeting;

Book 2: protocols from the sessions of the National Managing Board

/2/ for keeping book 1 and book 2 shall be responsible the Chief Secretary

/3/ For the correctness of the protocols shall be responsible the person conducting the respective session and the persons keeping the protocol

Art. 34. For any matter not regulated by this statute shall be applied the Bulgarian legislation for non-profit legal entities.

Art. 35. Transitional and final provisions

1. Any documents of STUME and their regulations and decisions of the governing bodies which have been accepted until the time of this amendment of the statute, which do not contradict the Law on the non-profit legal entities and this statute shall remain in effect.

2. The documents and decisions contradicting this statute and the Law on the non-profit legal entities (have to be made to comply by the SMB within the period until December 31, 2001.

3. This Statute was adopted by the 3rd extraordinary congress of the Union of Mechanical Engineering held on 28 March 1992 and has been supplemented and amended by IV congress of the Union held on 8 and 9 June 1995 and at the VI congress (General meeting) of STUME, carried out on July 4, 2001.