Kræftens Bekæmpelse

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1 Name and registered office

(1) The name of the Society is Kræftens Bekæmpelse (the Danish Cancer Society).

(2) The Danish Cancer Society has its registered office in Copenhagen.

2 Objects

(1) The object of the Danish Cancer Society is to fight cancer.

(2) The Danish Cancer Society works to:

- prevent the onset of cancer;
- improve the chances of cure; and
- limit the physical, psychological and social consequences of cancer.

3 Fields of activity

(1) The Danish Cancer Society's fields of activity include research, education, information, prevention, support for patients and their relatives, and cancer policy initiatives in these areas, as well as in diagnosis and treatment.

(2) The Danish Cancer Society carries out the tasks arising from its objects through:

- its own activities, including research;
- cooperation with relevant public, voluntary and private partners, nationally and internationally; and
- advocacy at local, regional, national and international level.

(3) Through its activities, the Danish Cancer Society works to develop, expand and strengthen the overall efforts across society to fight cancer, including by initiating new measures, without thereby replacing the efforts of the public sector.

(4) Through its activities, the Danish Cancer Society works to enable each individual to assume their natural responsibility for their own situation in relation to the prevention and early diagnosis of cancer, and the treatment of and rehabilitation following cancer.

4 Allocation of responsibilities

(1) The Committee of Representatives discusses and approves the Danish Cancer Society's long-term objectives and plans, and contributes to the ongoing development of the Society's efforts.

(2) The Central Board discusses and approves the overall policy strategies for the Society’s fields of activity, including as a follow-up to the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives.

The scope of the Danish Cancer Society’s own activities within each field of activity and their relative prioritisation are determined by the Central Board.

The Central Board sets out the respective management powers in its rules of procedure.

(3) The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day political leadership of the Danish Cancer Society.

(4) The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Danish Cancer Society.

5 Membership

(1) Both individuals and families living in the same household may be admitted as members of the Danish Cancer Society. Institutions, companies and organisations may also be admitted as members. The Danish Cancer Society may also offer individuals and families living in the same household free trial membership for up to six months.

(2) The membership fee for individuals and families is determined at the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives for the following financial year. The membership fee for institutions, companies and organisations that take out collective membership is agreed between the member concerned and the Danish Cancer Society.

(3) Persons elected to a local unit's board, a regional committee, the Presidium or the Central Board must be members of the Danish Cancer Society.

(4) Other volunteer work in the Danish Cancer Society does not require membership.

6 Local units

(1) A local unit comprises the members of the Danish Cancer Society who reside in a municipality. A local unit may cover more than one municipality.

(2) Local units that, before the end of 2006, chose to continue as local units based on the municipal boundaries in place before 1 January 2007, and that have established a liaison committee, may continue to do so, provided that:

- all members of the Danish Cancer Society in the municipality are given the opportunity to attend a local unit's annual general meeting;
- the liaison committee is the Danish Cancer Society's local political body in the municipality; and
- the chair of the liaison committee is designated as chair of the Danish Cancer Society in the municipality and spokesperson on political matters.

(3) The tasks of a local unit fall within the following categories:

- helping to implement the Danish Cancer Society's policy on cancer-related issues;
- contributing to contact and cooperation with the municipality on cancer-related issues;
- providing information about the Danish Cancer Society's work and its results in order to promote the fight against cancer;
- organising local activities, including fundraising, information, prevention and patient support activities, within the framework laid down by the Central Board;
- working to recruit new members; and
- representing the interests of members and the local community within the Danish Cancer Society.

(4) The annual general meeting is held each year by the end of March and must be convened at least 14 days in advance by publication in relevant media or communication channels. The board may, for example, give notice by advertising in the local press, on the Danish Cancer Society's website, by letter or email to members, or by any combination of these methods.
Proposals for consideration at the annual general meeting must be submitted to the chair of the local unit no later than eight days before the meeting.

The agenda for the annual general meeting must include at least the following items:

1. Election of a chair of the meeting.
2. The board presents its report on the year's activities for approval.
3. Presentation of the audited financial statements for approval.
4. Discussion and approval of the local unit's activity plan for the coming year.
5. Election of members of the board, including alternate members.
6. Election of an auditor and, if applicable, an alternate.
7. Proposals received.
8. Any other business.

(5) The local unit is managed by a board normally consisting of 5–7 members elected by direct vote at the annual general meeting from among the local unit's own members, as defined in subsection (1).

The annual general meeting may waive the residence requirement. When nominating candidates for the board, the board endeavours to ensure that consideration is given to candidates with different skills and backgrounds, including different geographical affiliations. Members who have not paid their membership fee before the annual general meeting are not eligible for election and have no voting rights. Proxy voting is not permitted.
Under a family membership, a maximum of two family members may stand for election to and vote in elections to the local unit's board.

Members are elected for a term of two years. Approximately half of the board is up for election each year.
Re-election is permitted.

(6) The board elects a chair and a treasurer, who must be from different households. If a member moves to another municipality, they may remain on the board for the remainder of their term of office.

(7) The board determines its own rules of procedure.

(8) The board is responsible for promoting and coordinating volunteer-led activities in the municipality.

(9) The board may establish a number of local committees and activity groups that operate independently but are accountable to the board.

(10) The local unit finances its activities, within the Danish Cancer Society's ethical guidelines, through local fundraising, donations, sponsorships and public grants. A local unit may receive financial support in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Central Board. The Central Board determines the maximum amount that a local unit may hold in cash reserves.

(11) Funds raised must always be used in accordance with the donor's wishes or for the purpose for which they were raised. Funds raised through the local unit's participation in nationwide fundraising campaigns are sent to head office.

(12) The local unit may not provide financial support to individuals, research or tasks normally undertaken by the public sector. The local unit may not employ staff. Lease agreements may be entered into by agreement with the Regional Office.

(13) The local unit prepares financial statements covering all income and expenditure for the calendar year in accordance with the current instructions for preparing local unit financial statements, as approved by the Danish Cancer Society's auditor. The audited financial statements must be submitted to the Danish Cancer Society for approval by the end of March.

(14) The local unit is bound by the joint signatures of the chair and treasurer or by the joint signatures of three members of the local unit's board.

7 Regional committees

(1) A number of regional committees are established corresponding to the number of regions.

(2) The tasks of a regional committee are to:

- help implement the Danish Cancer Society's policy on cancer-related issues at regional level;
- provide information about the Danish Cancer Society's work and its results in order to promote the fight against cancer;
- inform the local units in the region and the Central Board about region-specific cancer-related issues; and
- seek to cooperate with any user panels or similar bodies in the region.

(3) The regional committee consists of 7–14 members residing in the region and also has two alternate members elected from among members of the Danish Cancer Society residing in the region. When nominating candidates, consideration must be given to the number of Health Councils with which the committee will work and to ensuring that the committee has the necessary expertise and professional and geographical diversity to carry out its tasks.

As a general rule, an election meeting is held within two months of the meeting of the Committee of Representatives to elect 7–14 members and two alternate members. The final number of committee members is determined by the committee itself. The election meeting may waive the residence requirement. Two representatives from each local unit or liaison committee in the region, together with the members of the regional committee, are entitled to vote. Notice of the election meeting must be given at least 14 days before the meeting.

Members are elected for a term of two years. Approximately half of the committee is up for election each year.
Re-election is permitted.

Proposals for consideration at the election meeting must be submitted to the chair of the regional committee eight days before the meeting.

The regional committee elects a chair and vice-chair from among its members.

The committee determines its own rules of procedure.

If a member moves to another region, they may remain on the regional committee for the remainder of their term of office.

(4) The agenda for the election meeting must include:

1. Election of a chair of the meeting.
2. The regional committee presents its report on the year's activities for approval.
3. Discussion and approval of the regional committee's activity plan for the coming year.
4. Election of members of the regional committee, including alternate members.
5. Proposals received.

8 Cooperation between local units, regional committees and regional members of the Central Board

The Central Board must ensure cooperation and coordination of efforts in relation to municipalities and regions on cancer-related issues. This may include at least one annual meeting, in addition to the election meeting, between the chairs of the region's local units, the chairs of liaison committees, the regional committee and the members of the Central Board residing in the region.

9 Governing bodies of the Danish Cancer Society

(1) The governing bodies of the Danish Cancer Society are:

1. The Committee of Representatives.
2. The Presidium of the Committee of Representatives.
3. The Central Board.
4. The Executive Committee.

10 Committee of Representatives

(1) The Committee of Representatives is the highest authority of the Danish Cancer Society.

(2) The duties of the Committee of Representatives are to:

- determine the Statutes of the Danish Cancer Society;
- discuss and approve the long-term objectives and plans for the Danish Cancer Society's future work;
- elect the Presidium, the Central Board and the auditor;
- approve the report and annual financial statements; and
- determine the membership fee.

(3) The Committee of Representatives consists of:

- representatives of the Danish Cancer Society's local units. Each local unit is entitled to be represented by two persons appointed by the board of the local unit. For every 1,000 members, a local unit may appoint one additional representative;
- two representatives from each regional committee, except for four representatives from the regional committee in Eastern Denmark;
- the members of the Presidium of the Committee of Representatives; and
- the members of the Central Board.

(4) The Central Board lays down guidelines for attendance by guests.

(5) The ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives is held each year by the end of May. The agenda for the meeting of the Committee of Representatives must include at least the following items:

1. The Central Board presents its report on the year's activities for approval.
2. Presentation for approval of the audited annual financial statements as recommended by the Central Board.
3. Determination of the membership fee for individuals and families for the following financial year.
4. Election of members of the Presidium of the Committee of Representatives.
5. Election of members of the Central Board.
6. Election of an auditor.
7. Consideration of matters, including discussion and approval of the Danish Cancer Society's long-term objectives and plans and the Danish Cancer Society's objectives and plans for local units and regional committees, which the Presidium or the Central Board wishes to have considered, or which have been submitted by a member of the Committee of Representatives at least five weeks in advance. The submission must be made in writing to the Chair of the Danish Cancer Society.
8. Any other business.

(6) The Committee of Representatives must also meet when the Presidium or the Central Board considers it necessary, or when 50 members of the Committee of Representatives request a meeting in writing.

(7) Notice of a meeting of the Committee of Representatives must be given at least six weeks in advance.

11 Presidium of the Committee of Representatives

The Committee of Representatives is led by a Presidium consisting of a President and two Vice-Presidents, who are elected for terms of three years at the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives. One of the three members of the Presidium is up for election each year. Re-election is permitted, but no more than twice. Members of the Presidium may not simultaneously be members of the Central Board or employees of the Danish Cancer Society.

Members of the Presidium are entitled to participate in meetings of the Central Board. The President is entitled to participate in meetings of the Executive Committee.

12 Central Board

(1) The Central Board consists of 30 members. Twenty-eight members are elected from among the members of the Danish Cancer Society using the points method at the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives. Two members are elected by and from among the Danish Cancer Society's employees. Apart from these two employee representatives, employees of the Danish Cancer Society may not be elected to the Central Board. Members are elected for terms of three years, and each year one third of the members elected by the Committee of Representatives are up for election. Re-election is permitted, but no more than twice.

Following a waiting period equal in length to the period for which a candidate has served on the Central Board, the candidate may be elected to the Central Board again.

If a candidate has previously served on the Central Board for more than five years, however, the waiting period is five years.

If a member leaves the Central Board between two meetings of the Committee of Representatives, a by-election is held at the next ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives. Until then, the seat remains vacant.

Candidates for the Central Board must be nominated by at least five members of the Committee of Representatives or by the Central Board.

(2) When nominating candidates for the Central Board, the Central Board must take into account the expertise and professional diversity required to carry out its duties, the existence of relevant patient associations and groups, and the need for all regions to be represented.

If the Central Board considers, either generally or in one or more specific matters, that it lacks the necessary expertise, it may draw on relevant experts and representatives of patient associations and groups, who in such cases participate without voting rights.

(3) Each year, the Central Board elects a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members. Re-election is permitted.

(4) The Central Board holds its constitutive meeting within one month after the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives.

At its final meeting before the ordinary annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives, the outgoing Central Board determines the time and place of the constitutive meeting of the new Central Board and continues to perform its duties until that meeting has taken place.

The term of office of new members of the Central Board takes effect from the constitutive meeting.

In addition to the constitutive meeting, the Central Board normally holds four ordinary meetings each year and otherwise whenever the Chair, Vice-Chair, a majority of the Executive Committee or at least five members of the Central Board consider it necessary.

The Central Board determines its own rules of procedure.

(5) The chairs of the permanent committees normally participate in meetings of the Central Board without voting rights.

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(1) Matters of principle or otherwise of significant importance to the Society's activities, including the prioritisation of the tasks laid down in the Statutes, are submitted to the Central Board by the Executive Committee or taken up by the Central Board on its own initiative.

(2) The Central Board approves the principal budget figures and the financial statements.

(3) The Central Board appoints and dismisses the Society's CEO on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

14 Executive Committee

(1) The Central Board elects an Executive Committee from among its members to lead the Danish Cancer Society. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Central Board also serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, which consists of a further five members. Members are elected for one year, and re-election is permitted. The Executive Committee determines its own rules of procedure, which must be approved by the Central Board.

(2) If the Executive Committee considers that it lacks the necessary expertise in one or more specific matters, it may, on an ad hoc basis, draw on relevant experts, who in such cases participate without voting rights.

(3) The chairs of the permanent committees normally participate in meetings of the Executive Committee to ensure liaison between the Executive Committee and the relevant committee on matters falling within that committee's remit. The chairs of the permanent committees have no voting rights on the Executive Committee.

15 Committees

(1) The Central Board establishes permanent committees in the following areas:

1. one or more scientific committees, which, before each financial year, are allocated a framework grant by the Central Board for distribution at their own discretion in support of scientific work;
2. a committee that advises on matters relating to prevention;
3. a committee that advises on matters relating to support for patients and their relatives;
4. a committee that advises on volunteer engagement; and
5. a broadly based scientific committee that provides ad hoc advice on overarching scientific matters.

(2) Additional permanent committees may be established with the approval of the Central Board.

(3) The Central Board and the Executive Committee may request the committees to provide opinions on matters, and the committees may, on their own initiative, submit opinions to the Central Board and the Executive Committee on professional matters within their respective areas of responsibility.

(4) The Executive Committee establishes ad hoc committees as required and determines their terms of reference.

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(1) The terms of reference for permanent committees are determined by the Central Board following a proposal from the Executive Committee.

(2) The Central Board determines the maximum number of members of each committee and lays down criteria for its composition and guidelines for obtaining nominations for membership. In doing so, the Central Board must ensure an appropriate balance of specialisms and also give due consideration to geographical and institutional representation.

(3) Members are appointed by the Central Board after the respective committees have had the opportunity to submit reasoned nominations and/or comment on candidates proposed by others.
The Central Board may, in the terms of reference for advisory committees, authorise the CEO to decide on the appointment of members to such committees. Members are appointed for terms of three years, with one third of the committee members' terms expiring each year.
Reappointment is permitted only once. Following reappointment, a person may not be appointed to a permanent committee again until six years have elapsed.
A person may not simultaneously be a member of both the Central Board and a permanent committee, or of more than one permanent committee.

If a member leaves a committee before the end of their term of office, a replacement member is appointed for the remainder of the term.

However, members appointed in this way may be reappointed twice.

(4) The committees may have both Danish and foreign members.

(5) Each committee elects a chair from among its members. The chair is elected for the duration of that member's term of office.

(6) The Chair of the Central Board is entitled to attend meetings of the permanent committees and must be sent notices of meetings with agendas, as well as minutes.

(7) The rules of procedure for a committee are determined by the Executive Committee after consultation with the committee concerned.

(8) The Danish Cancer Society's CEO is responsible for providing secretariat services to all permanent committees and is entitled to participate in their meetings.

17 Binding authority

The Danish Cancer Society is bound by:

- the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Central Board acting jointly with the CEO;
- two members of the Executive Committee acting jointly with the CEO; or
- three members of the Executive Committee acting jointly.

18 Financial statements and audit

The Danish Cancer Society's financial year coincides with the calendar year. The Danish Cancer Society's books and financial statements are audited by a state-authorised public accountant elected by the Committee of Representatives.

19 Amendments to the Statutes and dissolution of the Danish Cancer Society

(1) Amendments to the Danish Cancer Society's Statutes may be adopted at any meeting of the Committee of Representatives, provided that the matter is included on the agenda and at least two thirds of the members of the Committee of Representatives present vote in favour.

(2) A resolution to dissolve the Danish Cancer Society may be adopted at a meeting of the Committee of Representatives at which the matter is included on the agenda if three quarters of all voting members of the Committee of Representatives vote in favour. If the proposal receives the support of more than half of all members of the Committee of Representatives entitled to vote, but not a three-quarters majority, dissolution may be adopted by a simple majority of the members of the Committee of Representatives present at a new meeting convened within 30 days specifically to consider the matter.

(3) In the event of the dissolution of the Danish Cancer Society, the Committee of Representatives decides that any surplus on dissolution must be transferred to another association, fund, foundation, institution, etc., or religious community domiciled in Denmark, another EU/EEA country, the United Kingdom or the Vatican, and having a charitable or otherwise public-benefit purpose. The decision must be approved by the ministry responsible for health.

20 Entry into force

These Statutes were most recently amended at the meeting of the Committee of Representatives on 10 May 2026 and enter into force on the same date.

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