

Rules of the ECMWF Pensioners' Association – updated August 2024

1. There shall be an ECMWF Pensioners' Association "PA", with objectives complementary to those of the Association of Pensioned Staff of the Co-ordinated Organisations and their Dependents (AAPOCAD).
2. Membership of the PA shall consist of all those in receipt of a pension from ECMWF, including widowers, widows, orphans and invalids – "the Members". The PA shall elect every two years a Pensioners' Committee to serve as executive agent of the PA. The Committee shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
 - a. If fewer candidates than the number of Committee posts come forward for election the new Committee may, once they have started their two year term, co-opt other Members to fill the vacant Committee post(s).
 - b. If a member of the Committee is unable to carry out their duties for any reason for a significant period of time, the Committee may co-opt another Member to carry out the duties of that post until the elected Committee member is able to resume their duties or until the end of the term of the Committee, whichever occurs first.
3. The purpose of the Committee shall be:
 - a. to be an interlocutor between the Members and the Director-General of ECMWF;
 - b. to represent and defend the interests of the Members in relation to the Centre, in liaison with the ECMWF Staff Committee when appropriate;
 - c. to give its opinion and/or advice to the Director-General when consulted by the Director-General or on its own initiative;
 - d. to represent the interests of the Members in relation to similar associations of other co-ordinated organisations, and to establish links with these associations when appropriate;
 - e. to keep the Members informed so far as possible of measures affecting their interests as pensioners of ECMWF.
4. The Committee shall conduct its business by correspondence or by meetings.
5. At least one member of the Committee shall whenever possible attend the AGM of the ECMWF Staff Association. The Pensioners' Committee may request permission to attend as observer those Staff Committee meetings when matters concerning the interests of pensioners are discussed. The Staff Committee may request permission to attend as observer those Pensioners' Committee meetings when matters concerning the interests of staff are discussed.
6. When consulted by the Director-General on matters concerning the interests of the Members, the Committee shall be bound to give a reply within 30 days of being seized thereof, except that a shorter or longer period may be mutually agreed in exceptional cases.
7. The Committee may propose to the Director-General that he or she communicates to the Council any proposal or opinion of the PA regarding matters affecting the interests of the Members. The Pensioners' Committee may

request permission to attend as observer those Finance Committee and Council meetings when matters concerning the interests of pensioners are discussed.

8. The PA shall be funded by annual contributions of the Members. The Pensioners' Committee shall set the amount of the contribution.
9. The PA shall have a legal fund which will be administered by the Pensioners' Committee. Members may opt-in to make annual contributions to this fund at the rate which will be decided at each AGM.¹
10. Any proposal to change these Rules shall be communicated in writing to the Members. The President of the PA must receive any objection to the change within two months following the mailing date. If not more than ten objections have been received within the two months period, the proposal shall be held to be adopted. The Members shall be informed accordingly.

¹ New Rule 9: Adopted by the AGM at its 12th session in November 2019. An update on the current status of the Legal Fund can be found under Item 3 of Annex III above.