



House Regulations

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Definitions

The Association	Klassieke Dansgroep Les Précieuses Ridicules from Nijmegen.
Member(s)	Those who possess “regular” Membership within the Association. Former Members, Reunionists, Honorary Members, Marquis(e(s)) d’Honneurs and Donors are not included in this.
GMA (General Members Assembly)	All Members of the Association who are qualified to vote.
gma (<i>not capitalised</i>)	A meeting held by the GMA (and possibly others).
CoV (Council of Veterans)	Advisory and supervisory body that primarily focuses on the Board.
CA (Confidential Advisor)	Looks out for the mental well-being of Members of the Association.
Lustrum	Every fifth anniversary.
Vote by written ballot	A system of secret voting by filling out a paper form anonymously.
Absolute majority of votes	Half plus one half of all votes <i>cast</i> . Blank votes and abstentions do count towards the total number of votes cast, but are <i>not</i> added to votes for (yae) or votes against (nay).

Artikel 1 Members

1. Members are entitled to:
 - a. The right to vote;
 - b. The right to run for election and the right to cast their vote in such an election in accordance with all provisions stated in the By-laws;
 - c. Participation in all activities of the Association organised for the joint Members. Members belonging to a clearly defined group shall also have the right to participate in the activities organised for that group;
 - d. A fully updated copy of the By-laws, House Regulations, Code of Conduct and any other documents describing Association policies and/or bodies and their rights and obligations.
2. Members have the following obligations:
 - a. To pay the membership fees established in accordance with Article 7 of the By-laws before the deadline set by the Board;
 - b. Frequent participation in classes and courses organised by the Association.
3. If the membership fees due are not paid by the deadline referred to in Article 1.2(a) of these Regulations, the Member, who is in default, shall receive a written reminder free of charge one week after this deadline has passed. If the Member in question remains in default fourteen days thereafter, the federal laws for penalty regulation as they apply at that time shall take effect. This may include a standard fee, a fee for legal costs incurred, a fee for collection costs and interest on the period after the payment deadline has expired. However,

the quaestor(-trix) is authorised at any time, on behalf of the Board, to grant a Member penalty-free postponement of payment of the membership fees (in full or in instalments) after a reasonable request to that effect was made by the Member in question.

4. Members shall not be permitted to copy or publish, in any form, dances or other records of the Association for non-Association-related purposes, unless the Board allows otherwise.

Article 2 Reunionists

1. Reunionists¹ have the right to:
 - a. To attend gma's;
 - b. To speak during a gma;
 - c. To participate in festivities organised by the Association.
2. The General Members Assembly may decide, by a two-thirds majority of the number of votes cast, to deprive a Reunionist or Honorary Member of their rights. The person concerned shall be informed of such a decision in writing promptly.

Article 3 Honorary Members

1. An Honorary Member has the same rights as a Reunionist as defined in Article 2.1 of these Regulations. They may also be restricted in or relieved of their rights as described in Article 2.2 of these Regulations.
2. For the appointment of one or more Honorary Members, one year before the lustrum ball, the Board shall install a committee of recommendation which shall conduct an objective inquiry into the merits and significance of (former) Members for the Association. How this committee shall proceed, is described in Article 32 of these Regulations.

Article 4 Marquis(e(s)) d'Honneur

1. A Marquis(e) d'Honneur has the same rights as a Reunionist as defined in Article 2.1 of these Regulations. They may also be restricted in or relieved of their rights as described in Article 2.2 of these Regulations.
2. In the case of an exceptional state of merit, a person nominated for Honorary Membership in accordance with Article 32.2 of these Regulations or a person already holding Honorary Membership may be installed as Marquis(e) d'Honneur. The nomination and examination process is the same as that for Honorary Members.

Article 5 Donors

1. Donorship shall be granted for a period of one year unless otherwise decided by the Board.

¹ This may well be a made-up word, but we cannot seem to find a suitable equivalent for the Dutch *reünist*.

2. Donors shall have the right to participate in special activities organised by the Association free of charge or at a reduced rate, unless the Board decides otherwise.

Article 6 The Board

1. The Board only makes decisions in the presence of the majority of Board members and by an absolute majority of votes. In case of a tied vote, the Board member under whose jurisdiction the matter falls—or, in their absence, the praeses—gets the deciding vote.
2. Board members shall wear the *sigillum* of the Association whenever they represent their function within the Association on internal and external occasions. There are six of these *sigilla*. An additional token is attached to the ribbon of the praeses's *sigillum*. Both this token and the *sigilla* itself may not be polished.

Article 7 The praeses (chairman)

To the praeses fall the duties of:

- a. Presiding over Board meetings and gma's;
- b. Setting the agenda for the above meetings in consultation with the Board;
- c. Convening the Board for meetings whenever one of the Board members deems it necessary;
- d. Representing the Association on official external occasions.

Article 8 The vice-praeses (vice-chairman)

To the vice-praeses fall the duties of:

- a. Assuming the duties of the praeses in their absence;
- b. Initiating, organise and execute performances and to maintain the contacts necessary for and resulting from them;
- c. Coordinating with the instructors to match teaching programmes with the current trend in performance requests. If necessary, they may also discuss with the instructors the utilisation of class time and/or the organisation of additional rehearsals to prepare for performances;
- d. Acting as second representative for all bank accounts held by the Association.

Article 9 The abactis (secretary)

To the abactis fall the duties of:

- a. Inviting, in writing, the Members to membership meetings that are to be held and to inform them of the agenda for these meetings;
- b. Taking and keeping the minutes of Board meetings and gma's. In addition, the minutes of gma's should be made available to Members within three weeks;
- c. Maintaining ongoing correspondence;

- d. Maintaining a register of the personalia and member status of Members, Marquis(e(s)) d'Honneur, Honorary Members, Reunionists and donors;
- e. Maintaining amendments to and archiving older versions of the By-laws, these Regulations, and other documents referred to in Article 1.1 of these Regulations.

Article 10 The quaestor(-trix) (treasurer)

To the quaestor(-trix) fall the duties of:

- a. Managing and administering the finances of the Association;
- b. Collecting membership dues and other income;
- c. Writing a budget, (interim) financial reports and the annual financial report as referred to in Article 10.1 of the By-laws;
- d. Supporting the committees on budgetary and financial matters;
- e. Centralising the committees' inventory records and ensuring that they are maintained by the committees;
- f. If a Member fails to pay their membership fees on time: sending and handling the reminder(s), fine(s) and payment arrangement(s) referred to in Article 1.3 of these Regulations.

Article 11 The assessor (commissioner of internal affairs)

To the assessor fall the duties of:

- a. Overseeing all standing committees and supporting their committee heads;
- b. Convening the committee heads for joint meetings;
- c. Overseeing and maintaining the Association's Discord server, as well as overseeing the server moderators. The assessor may be assisted in this in whole or in part by other Members if they so wish.

Article 12 Additional Board member

1. If a (candidate) Board deems it necessary or wise to include a sixth Board member in addition to the five functionaries listed in Articles 7 through 11, it is authorised to do so. The duties and title of this additional Board member are not fixed, but may be qualified as needed at the time.
2. The additional Board member shall have the same rights, duties and term of office that apply to all other Board members as they are listed in the Bylaws and these Regulations.

Article 13 Board elections

1. Candidates for the new Board shall be selected by:
 - a. The incumbent Board, possibly in consultation with the CoV as referred to in Article 3.5 of the Regulations for the Council of Veterans (RCoV). The incumbent Board shall

announce the names of the candidates specified by function in the convocation of the annual meeting referred to in Article 10.1 of the By-laws;

- b. Other Members who can nominate a so-called “counter Board” in consultation with the candidates for it. Such a proposal must be made in writing and bear the signatures of at least one-tenth of the voting Members — other than the nominated candidates — and must be submitted to the abactis and published to the GMA.
2. If a “counter Board” is nominated, a separate vote must be taken for each candidate Board. If several candidate Boards are elected, the Board receiving the most votes in their favour shall be deemed elected.

Article 14 Interim Board elections

Interim Board elections may be held if:

- a. One or more Board members makes their position(s) available in accordance with Article 8.6 of the By-laws;
- b. A motion of no confidence has been filed against a Board member or against the Board as a whole and is passed by a two-thirds majority of the number of valid votes cast.

Article 15 The Council of Veterans (CoV)

The Association has an advisory Board called the Council of Veterans (CoV). The role of the council is primarily to assist and advise the Board members, secondarily to review whether they are acting in accordance with the By-laws, House Regulations, Code of Conduct and any other documents describing Association policies and/or bodies and their rights and obligations. All stipulations concerning the composition, practices, rights and duties of the CoV as well as the amendment of the Regulations for the Council of Veterans are set forth in the Regulations for the Council of Veterans.

Article 16 Confidential Advisors (CA)

1. The Association has at least two Confidential Advisors (CAs). They are themselves Members of the Association and are available to other Members to share their questions and concerns, for example about incidents of undesirable or (possible) transgressive behavior. It is also their task to help implement the Code of Conduct and to identify and, if necessary, report behavior that goes against it. All stipulations concerning the composition, practices, rights and duties of the CAs (including the right of non-disclosure and obligation of confidentiality) are recorded in the CA Protocol.
2. Amendments to the CA Protocol will be made in the following manner:
 - a. Amendments to the CA Protocol may be made at any time with authority of the Board, possibly at the request of the GMA. To this end the Board is not obligated to call the GMA for a meeting and/or vote on the amendment(s); however, it is

obligated to inform the Members at least fourteen days before the day on which the amendment(s) will take effect and to make a copy of the new Protocol, in which the amendment(s) is (are) included verbatim, available for inspection by the Members in an appropriate place until after the day on which the new protocol takes effect.

- b. If the CA Protocol is (partly) informed by third parties, for example by an organisation with which the Association is affiliated or to which it is attached, the CA Protocol must include at least those rules and guidelines that are marked mandatory by this (these) third party (parties).

Article 17 The dance instructors (The instruction)

1. As a rule, all dance instructors are Members of the Association, although individuals with former-Member status and non-Members are permitted to be part of the instruction team provided they are expressly authorised to be so by the Board.
2. To the dance instructors fall the duties of:
 - a. Determining, by mutual agreement with the Board, the repertoire to be instructed;
 - b. Giving dance instruction in the broadest sense of the word;
 - c. Providing advice to the vice-preses regarding the artistic aspects of performances, such as the cast and the programme;
 - d. Managing, maintaining and renewing the instruction binders containing the dance descriptions, dance schematics and sheet music. In doing so, they must ensure that a complete set of binders is kept in at least three different locations, one of which must be the central storage location.
 - e. Managing, maintaining and renewing the sound equipment and/or its parts, as well as the sound carriers and digital audio files. In doing so, they must ensure that the complete audio archive is kept in at least three different locations, one of which must be the central storage location of the Association.
3. The dance instructors are held accountable to the Board and the GMA for all (financial) actions they perform on behalf of or concerning the Association.
4. The dance instructors are responsible for their own composition and division of labour, as well as the design of the classes and courses they teach.
5. The dance instructors are, as a rule, appointed for an indefinite period of time; they may decide for themselves when they vacate their position, but are responsible for their own succession. They may select and train their successors as they see fit, taking care that this is done in a timely and adequate fashion.
6. Fully employed dance instructors may bear the title “Maître/Maîtresse des danses”.

Article 18 The committees

1. The Association has both standing committees and temporary committees. The standing committees are relieved of their duties by the incumbent Board during the annual meeting and get reinstalled after the installation of the new Board, unless otherwise provided in

these Regulations. The temporary committees may be established as needed by the incumbent Board, but shall always be immediately relieved of their duties as soon as they are fulfilled.

2. If there is a desire among the Members of the GMA and/or the Board to form a committee not mentioned in Article 19 of these Regulations, this is permitted. At the time of installation of the committee, its composition, duties, obligations and term of office must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is ratified. As soon as such a committee assumes the character of a permanent or temporary committee as referred to in Paragraph 1 of this article, it should be included in the list of committees as set forth in Article 19 of these Regulations. Additionally, an article defining the committee's duties and any relevant particularities should be inserted into these Regulations. Such an amendment will be made in accordance with Article 41 of these Regulations.
3. Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, each standing committee shall consist of at least two Members. Individuals with Member status within the Association other than "Member" and non-Members shall be permitted to serve on committees, provided they are expressly authorised to do so by the Board. Each standing committee shall appoint a committee head from among its members, who shall be responsible for coordinating the (financial) activities of their committee and convening the committee members for meetings whenever they deem it necessary. He must also participate in the joint committee head meetings as referred to in Article 11(b) of these Regulations.
4. The Board oversees the activities of the committees. Each standing committee is held accountable to the Board and the GMA for all (financial) actions it performs on behalf of or concerning the Association. They shall, at minimum, provide interim and annual activity reports at the gma's for which the relevant item(s) is (are) on the agenda, although the Board is authorised to impose additional requirements at its discretion. In principle, temporary committees need not comply with this, unless it is found that they have acted in violation of these Regulations, in which case the Board and/or the GMA may still require such accountability.
5. Each standing committee is required to keep written records of its meetings and experiences in the form of notes, minutes and a playbook (Dutch: *draaiboek*).
6. Each standing committee is required to keep track of its budget, income and expenses in a transaction statement for which the quaestor(-trix) will provide a template. Also, each committee that sells tickets and/or products is required to meticulously track and settle all transactions and other financial actions necessary to do so.
7. Every committee that wishes to sell anything online through the Association's web shop or website, must, in a thorough and timely fashion, provide all media and information to the WebCo that it deems necessary to facilitate such activities.
8. Every committee that occupies space in the storage location(s) of the Association is obligated to keep its possessions therein in good condition and to store them exclusively in the designated place(s). It is also obligated to keep an inventory list and make it available to the quaestor(-trix).

Article 19 List of standing and temporary committees

1. The standing committees are:
 - a. The archive committee (ArchiveCo);
 - b. The balancé committee (BalancéCo);
 - c. The dance-literature-study committee (DLS);
 - d. The gala committee (GalaCo);
 - e. The introduction and recruitment committee (IntroCo);
 - f. The treasury supervision committee (TSC);
 - g. The costuming committee (CostumingCo);
 - h. The lustrum committee (LusCo);
 - i. The media and PR committee (MediaCo);
 - j. The merchandise committee (MerchCo);
 - k. The showcase committee (ShowCo);
 - l. The social activities committee (SissiSie);
 - m. The web committee (WebCo).
2. The temporary committees are:
 - a. The committee of recommendation;
 - b. The inaugural committee;
 - c. The voting committee.

Article 20 The archive committee (ArchiveCo)

1. To the archive committee fall the duties of:
 - a. Managing, organising and describing, c.q. taking inventory of the dynamic Association archive. The dynamic archives includes everything that has not yet been transferred to the Catholic Documentation Center (KDC Nijmegen) in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this article;
 - b. Conducting or promoting research into the history of the Association, as well as stimulating interest in it among Members, for example through publications in the Balancé.
2. Archive documents older than seven years must be transferred to the KDC in five-year installments (starting on October 1, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven), always in the month of October preceding the change of Board. This collection is known as the static Association archive.
3. The static archive can only be accessed through a referral letter from the abactis. The dynamic archive is accessible to Members under the supervision of a member of the archive committee. Non-Members require written permission from the abactis at all times.

- e. Sharing necessary information from the web shop with the relevant committees and the quaestor(-trix).
2. All members of the web committee must sign a confidentiality agreement that must at least state that these members will handle any personal information with care and that they will never share this information with third parties without any legal grounds, even after they have left the committee.

Article 33 The committee of recommendation

1. The committee of recommendation shall be appointed only in each year preceding a lustrum year and shall always exist only until it has completed its inquiries and the resulting recommendations have been put to a vote as referred to in Paragraph 6 of this article. At the moment of appointment the GMA may choose to discuss any parameters within which the upcoming inquiries should be made.
2. To the committee of recommendation fall the duties of:
 - a. Conducting an inquiry into (former) Members who are nominated as Honorary Member or Marquis(e) d'Honneur in accordance with all provisions of this article;
 - b. Conducting an inquiry into Honorary Members who are nominated for promotion to Marquis(e) d'Honneur in accordance with all provisions of this article;
 - c. Conducting their inquiry into any candidate in a most objective manner, insofar as all possible;
 - d. Adequately protecting the exact findings of their inquiries and destroying them as soon as the gma as referred to in Paragraph 6 of this article has taken place.
3. The committee shall consist of three members, namely: the abactis, a member of the archive committee and a senior Member. None of them may be nominated for Honorary Membership as referred to in Paragraph 2 of this article.
4. The committee is obligated to inquire after all (former) Members and Honorary Members nominated by (Honorary) Members and Reunionists. It is also authorised to nominate and inquire after all other (former) Members and Honorary Members on its own initiative.
5. Any inquiry should, at minimum, include: making inquiries with members of the nominee's year group, the Board, the nominee's committee and carré colleagues, as well as consulting relevant written documentation. Following their inquiry, the committee of recommendation may choose which status to recommend or discommend for each candidate: that of honorary member or that of Marquis(e) d'Honneur.
6. Based on the inquiry, the committee makes a recommendation to the Board, which the Board must present to the GMA to be voted on. The agenda for this gma will show the point "Voting on honorary memberships" but may not in any way mention the names of any candidates. Every candidate retains their right to attend this gma, but they must leave the room when they are being discussed. As a consequence, a candidate may vote on the proposed status of another candidate, but they cannot vote on that of their own.
7. During the gma as referred to in Paragraph 6 of this article every candidate will be discussed individually and in turn. For every candidate the committee of recommendation will present a clear list of their achievements (and possible burdensome factors), as well as their own,

well-motivated, positive or negative recommendation. After this presentation is complete, the GMA will vote on the candidate in question before moving on to the next. Any vote must be taken by written ballot and will be decided by an absolute majority of votes cast (minus one in the case that the currently considered candidate is himself present at the gma).

Article 34 The inaugural committee

1. The inaugural committee is always appointed for the duration of a gma.
2. The committee consists of the praeses and one or two Members, Reunionists, Honorary Members or Marquis(e(s)) d'Honneur appointed by the Board at a gma.
3. To the inaugural committee fall the duties of:
 - a. Escorting and accompanying aspiring members during that portion of the general meeting in which their admission will be discussed or their induction will take place, all in accordance with the current "statute protocollair";
 - b. Escorting and accompanying aspiring Reunionists, Honorary Members and Marquis(e(s)) d'Honneur during that portion of the general meeting in which their admission will be discussed or their induction will take place, all in accordance with the current "statute protocollair".

Article 35 The voting committee

1. The voting committee is always appointed for the duration of a gma.
2. The committee consists of one Board member and one regular Member.
3. To the voting committee fall the duties of:
 - a. When voting by written ballot, collecting the votes cast and checking them (and any corresponding authorisations) for validity, as well as tallying the votes and announcing the results of the vote.
 - b. When voting by show of hands, checking the votes cast (and any corresponding authorisations) for validity, as well as tallying the votes and announcing the results.

Article 36 General members assembly - regular

The agenda of a regular gma should at least include, in order:

- a. Opening;
- b. Approving the agenda;
- c. Approving the minutes of the previous gma;
- d. Interim financial reports by the quaestor(-trix) and TSC;
- e. Interim committee reports;
- f. Any Other Business (AOB);
- g. Final questions;
- h. Closing.

Article 37 General members assembly - the annual meeting

1. The agenda of the annual meeting should at least include, in order:
 - a. Opening;
 - b. Approving the agenda;
 - c. Approving the minutes of the previous gma;
 - d. Annual financial report by the quaestor(-trix);
 - e. Annual financial report and recommendation by the TSC;
 - f. Annual committee reports;
 - g. Discharge of the committees;
 - h. Election and installation of the new TSC;
 - i. Board elections;
 - j. Annual report by the praeses;
 - k. Transfer to and inauguration of the Board;
 - l. Inaugural address by the praeses;
 - m. Presentation of the budget for the coming financial year;
 - n. Installation of the committees;
 - o. Any Other Business (AOB);
 - p. Final questions;
 - q. Closing.

Article 38 General members assembly - inaugural

1. The agenda of an inaugural gma should at least include, in order:
 - a. Opening;
 - b. Approving the agenda;
 - c. Installation of the inaugural committee;
 - d. Inauguration of the aspiring members;
 - e. Discharge of the inaugural committee;
 - f. Final questions;
 - g. Closing.
2. Aspiring members may also be inaugurated during a regular gma if so desired. In such a case, the following items shall be inserted, in consecutive order, between items e and f of the agenda as provided in Article 35 of these Regulations:
 - i. Installation of the inaugural committee;
 - ii. Inauguration of the aspiring members;
 - iii. Discharge of the inaugural committee;
3. When aspiring members are inaugurated during the annual meeting, the above items may be inserted, in consecutive order, anywhere between items c and m at the Board's own discretion.
4. Aspiring members cannot be inaugurated during an extra gma or a special gma.

Article 39 General members assembly - extra

1. The agenda of an extra gma will exclusively include:
 - a. Opening;
 - b. Approving the agenda;
 - c. Approving the minutes of the previous gma;
 - d. Exceptional issues;
 - e. Final questions;
 - f. Closing.
2. An extra gma cannot take the place of a regular gma.

Article 40 General members assembly - special

1. The agenda of a special gma will exclusively include:
 - a. Opening;
 - b. Special post received;
 - c. Address by the praeses;
 - d. Installation of the inaugural committee;
 - e. Inauguration of the aspiring Reunionists, Honorary Members and/or Marquis(e(s)) d'Honneur;
 - f. Discharge of the inaugural committee;
 - g. *Cercle des questions ridicules*;
 - h. Closing.
2. A special gma is only held in a lustrum year, during the ball.

Article 41 Final provisions

The Board may issue further rules regarding all those matters not covered by these Regulations.

Article 42 Amendment of the House Regulations

1. Amendment of these Regulations can only take place following a decision of the General Members Assembly convened with the express notification that amendment of these regulations will be proposed.
2. Those who have issued the notice convening the General Members Assembly to discuss a proposal to amend these Regulations must make a copy of that proposal, in which the proposed amendment(s) is (are) included verbatim, available for inspection by the Members in a place suitable for that purpose. They must do so at least fourteen days before the day of the meeting, and this copy must remain available until after the day on which the meeting was held.

3. A resolution to amend these Regulations may only be passed at a general members assembly at which at least two-thirds of the total number of Members of the Association who are qualified to vote are present, and by an absolute majority of the number of votes cast.
4. If the number of attendees required in Paragraph 3 of this Article is not met, it may be resolved to amend these Regulations at any subsequent gma regardless of the number of Members present at the meeting, with an absolute majority of the number of votes cast.

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