

The Statutes of the PROFIBUS Group (PI UK) (2026)

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1. Name, Place and Business Year

- With the name The PROFIBUS Group there exists a non-profit Association under the provisions of English Law.
- Place of business: Suite 183, 19 Lever Street, Manchester, M1 1AN, United Kingdom
- Business year of the Association is the calendar year. The first business year was from the date of foundation until the 31 December 1993.

2. Purposes, Tasks

- a) The purpose of the PROFIBUS Group, more commonly referred to as PI UK, is to promote the dissemination of Industrial Communication Systems for networking of field devices on behalf of PROFIBUS and PROFINET International (PI). PI UK is a Regional Association (RPA) representing PI in the UK. The Chairman of PI UK represents them on the Board of PI.
- b) The following documents collectively define how PI UK meet their legal and operational responsibilities:
 - Corporate Policy
 - GDPR Policy
 - Health and Safety Policy
 - Operational Procedures
 - RPA Agreement
- c) PIUK appoints and governs certified PI Training Centres (PITC) who have the rights to deliver PI-certified training courses
- d) PIUK also appoints and governs certified PI Competency Centres (PICC) who have the rights to deliver vendor-independent advice and support.
- e) PIUK pursues its purpose, if applicable, in co-operation with the bodies of PI, especially by:
 - Granting companies or persons the rights to use the name "PROFIBUS" and "PROFINET" for products which meet the quality requirements specified by the Association.
 - Granting support to projects concerning "PROFIBUS" and "PROFINET".
 - Keeping the public informed about the state of Engineering, the application and the further development of "PROFIBUS", "PROFINET" and other PI-related technologies.
 - Promoting the exchange of information of all interested parties for further elaboration of technical specifications.
 - Passing technical specification for the further development of "PROFIBUS", "PROFINET" and other PI-related technologies and for the elaboration of standard recommendations.

- f) The funds of the Association will only be spent on purposes that are in accordance with the statutes. Acting as members of the Association, members will not be given any allowances out of the funds of the Association. It is not allowed to favour any person by expenditure not in accordance with the purpose of the Association or by excessively high re-imburements. This does not, however, prejudice the capability of members to provide professional services to the group with the consent of the Steering Committee.

3. Membership

- a) Members of the Association can be legal entities or individuals provided that they will support the purposes of the Association as one of the following:

- Users and operators
- Designers and system houses
- Sellers of hardware, software and systems
- Scientific institutes and federations
- Specialist consultants

- b) Membership options are available for each of the groups above and offers a wide range of benefits including

Discount on UK-based certified training

- Access to experts and first-hand information (being part of the PI community)
- The opportunity to meet vendors and end-users in an environment where you can discuss issues.
- Participation in the international PROFIBUS, PROFINET and other PI-related Working Groups and have direct contact with experts.
- Vendor participation in local marketing activities
- Access to all specifications
- Selected guidelines (including Security Guidelines)
- Vendor and Senior Members only:
- Usage rights for affected patents
- Use of PI software, software tools and services (*)
- Products to be included in the PI product catalogue and vendor maps

The membership groups are as listed below:

- **User Member**
 - For users of PROFIBUS, PROFINET or IO-Link products
- **Supplier Member**
 - For distributors, integrators, consultants and trainers that supply or specify PROFIBUS, PROFINET or IO-Link products or services
- **Vendor Member**
 - Vendor membership is for manufacturers of PROFIBUS, PROFINET or IO-Link products or systems who wish to take advantage of the powerful marketing support activities offered by PI.
- **Senior Member**
 - Senior membership is for those companies that wish to play a very active role in the UK organisation by participating in the Steering Committee and taking a high-profile position in the many marketing opportunities.
- **University Member**
 - University membership is available free of charge to UK university students and academics and provides access to specific academic level information on the global website.

- c) To become a member, it is necessary to submit an application for membership, in writing. The Steering Committee will decide whether the application is to be accepted or rejected without giving any reasons.
- d) Membership ends by:
- Voluntary resignation. Resignation has to be declared by registered letter at least three months before the end of the business year.
 - Expulsion. A member that causes harm to the purposes of the Association can be expelled by the Steering Committee. The expelled member has the right to appeal to the Members Assembly in general assembly, such as at Extraordinary and Annual General Meetings. Their decision will be final.
 - Death or dissolution of the legal entity.
 - Non-payment of membership fees, a 1-month grace period will be granted, but out with this period, except by special dispensation, membership will be terminated
 - When membership terminates, members cannot claim the Association's funds or part thereof.

4. Fees

The financial means to pursue the Association's purpose are raised by:

- Membership fees and by voluntary contributions.
- Providing Training Certificates and registering successful attendees on the PI and PI UK websites.
- Table-tops at events.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will pass a fee regulation stipulating the membership fees.

5. Bodies

- PIUK's bodies are the Executive Committee, Steering Committee, the Members Assembly and Auditors, if appointed.

6. Steering Committee

- A Steering Committee quorum consists of any 4 elected members who, subject to the rules of membership and dismissal clauses below, will remain in place of 2 years.
- The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Technical officer(s) of PI UK will be elected / re-elected every 2 years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) following the support of a majority of the Steering Committee quorum.
- Every 2 years, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will elect the Steering Committee members.
- The AGM can dismiss, for due cause, a member of the Steering Committee, particularly in case of a gross breach of duty. Resolutions as to this can only be passed, if they appear on the agenda contained in the invitation to the Extraordinary General Meeting or AGM.
- The Steering Committee carries out its functions in an honorary capacity.
- The Steering Committee can dismiss one of its members for gross breach of duty, e.g. persistent non-attendance. This decision must be ratified at the next AGM.

7. Rights and Duties of the Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee oversees the management of the Association; the execution of resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the administration of the assets of the Association.

- The Chairman, together with the Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Technical Officer are responsible for ensuring that the Association is operated in a legal manner.
- The Steering Committee must call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) within 3 months of the end of the business year.
- The Chairman presides over the Steering Committee meeting and the Members Assembly. In case of his disability one of his deputies will preside (Vice Chairman or another Steering Committee Member).
- A meeting Secretary, selected from the Steering Committee and appointed on the day, must prepare the minutes of each Steering Committee meeting (SCM) and Every Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- The Treasurer via a Bookkeeper duly records all revenues and expenditures. They submit his statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- To accomplish special tasks, the Steering Committee can establish Working Groups. The leaders and the members of the Working Groups have to be appointed by the Steering Committee. The leaders of the Working Groups will report to the Steering Committee. Working Groups will be dissolved having accomplished their tasks.

8. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place once a business year.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called for, if at least a quorum of Steering Committee members requires one. This request must be sent to the Chairman / Vice Chairman in writing.
- An AGM must be called one clear month in advance; an Extraordinary General Meeting two clear weeks in advance. Members must be invited by in writing with a copy of the agenda.
- In the AGM, each member has one vote. Absent members are entitled to have a delegate represent them to whom they must have given written proxy - but still one vote per member.



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