

# Kolkom bylaws

## Steering committee

The Steering Committee (SC) supervises the Kolloquium Kombinatorik (Kolkom). In particular, it appoints the organizers of the next conference, and discusses the overall strategy of the conference. The SC is dedicated to representing the interests and values of the Kolkom conference and its community. It is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse composition, aiming to reflect the entire breadth of combinatorics.

The SC has two types of members:

- (1) **Elected members:** four members elected by the Kolkom community (for a duration of 4 years), one of them is designated as chair by the elected members every 2 years
- (2) **Rotating members:** local organizers of the previous, current and next Kolkom conferences (3 members in total).

Of the four elected members, two are replaced every two years by the Kolkom community in a two-phase process. In the first phase, the community nominates a pool of candidates for the second phase. In the second phase, each member of the community can vote for up to four candidates from the pool. The two candidates with the highest number of votes join the SC. In case of ties the chair of the SC makes a decision. The election is carried out such that votes are secret (but not anonymous). Re-election into the SC is possible.

The initial SC consists of the following nine individuals, who handle all business until the first official elections take place during or after Kolkom 2026 in Berlin:

Stefan Felsner, Stefan Glock, Felix Joos, Lukas Kühne, Torsten Mütze, Alexander Pott, Dieter Rautenbach, Christoph Spiegel, Eckhard Steffen

At that time, the SC is officially elected for the first time, with the additional constraint that two elected members serve only for 2 years (so that there are always four elected members).

## Conference organization

The Kolkom conference is organized by a team of 2-3 organizers, one of which acts as a local organizer. Applications for the next event (location / dates) are made informally to the SC approx. 1.5 years before, and decisions are made by the SC.

## Website

The website is maintained by an individual or group appointed by the SC.

This document has been discussed and approved by the SC and takes effect in May 2026. Any change to this document must be discussed within the SC and approved by at least 2/3 of the members of the SC.