

§1 Name and Seat

(1) The name of the association is "Bildung und Solidarität e.V."

(2) The seat of the association is Leipzig.

(3) The association shall be registered in the register of associations and recognized by the responsible tax office as non-profit and particularly worthy of support.

§2 Aims of the Association

(1) The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in the sense of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code, in particular through charitable activities in nature conservation, in youth care, in international youth exchange, for the promotion of international understanding and in educational work.

(2) The general goal of the association is to be active in the sense of the Child and Youth Welfare Act (§1 Paragraph 3 SGB Achtes Buch) and to conduct and support lively youth work primarily with the thematic focus on nature conservation and environmental protection as well as intercultural education. The association achieves this goal primarily through:

- supraregional events for young people to become active;
- carrying out intercultural and ecological youth education work and
- Publications on topics of youth, environmental and educational work;
- Establishment and maintenance of facilities for youth and educational work;
- Construction and maintenance of a traditional sailing ship for youth and educational work;
- Implementation of international exchange programs for international understanding
- Providing internships and similar employment opportunities for trainees.

(3) The Association shall act selflessly; it shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Articles of Association. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. No person may be favoured by expenditures, which are foreign to the purpose of the association, or by disproportionately high remunerations.

§3 Members

(1) The following may belong to the Association as members

a. cooperating members without obligation to contribute, if they actively participate in the board or in the youth project workshops;

b. Supporting members with a minimum contribution of 10,- Euro per year.

(2) Collaborating members can only be natural persons, supporting members can also be legal entities.

(3) Application for admission to the Association must be made in writing to the Executive Board. In the case of minors, the application for membership must be submitted by their legal representatives. The Executive Board shall decide on the admission of a member at its own discretion. It does not have to give reasons for a rejection of the application to the applicant.

(4) Membership ends with death or, in the case of legal entities, with their extinction, resignation or exclusion of the member. A resignation is possible at any time with a notice period of 4 weeks to the end of a calendar month and takes place by written notice to the executive committee.

(5) A member can be excluded from the association by resolution of the general meeting if he or she

- a) culpably damages the reputation or the interests of the association in a serious way or
- b) repeatedly takes positions that are hostile to humanity, sexist, racist or other discriminatory, or acts accordingly, or
- c) as a supporting member is in arrears with the payment of the minimum membership fee and, despite a written reminder, does not pay the arrears within one month.

In the case of an exclusion according to letter a), the member shall be given the opportunity to comment on the reasons for the exclusion at the general meeting. These are to be communicated to him at least two weeks before.

§4 Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are the board and the general meeting.

§5 The Board

(1) The board consists of three spokespersons of the association.

(2) Each spokesperson represents the Association alone in and out of court. All employment contracts must be signed by at least two spokespersons.

(3) The members of the Executive Board may be paid a remuneration. The General Meeting shall decide on the amount of the remuneration.

§ 6 Tasks of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Association is responsible for representing the Association according to § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) and for managing its business. In particular, it has the following tasks:

- a) the convening and preparation of the General Meetings, including the drawing up of the agenda,
- b) the execution of resolutions of the general meeting,
- c) the administration of the Association's assets and the preparation of the annual report,
- d) the admission of new members.

§ 7 Appointment of the Executive Board

(1) The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years. Only members of the Association may be members of the Executive Board; membership in the Association also ends membership in the Executive Board. Re-election or early dismissal of a member by the General Meeting is permissible. A member shall remain in office after the expiry of the regular term of office until the election of his successor.

(2) If a member leaves the Executive Board prematurely, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall be entitled to elect a member of the Association to the Executive Board until the election of the successor by the General Meeting.

§ 8 Consultation and Resolutions of the Board of Management

(1) The Executive Board shall meet as required. The meetings shall be convened by a member of the Executive Board. A notice period of one week shall be observed. The Executive Board shall constitute a quorum if at least two members are present. Resolutions may only be passed unanimously; the convening of a General Meeting may also be passed by a majority.

(2) The resolutions of the Executive Board shall be recorded in the minutes. The minutes shall be signed by all members of the Board present.

§ 9 The General Meeting

(1) The general meeting is the assembly of all cooperating members of the association. Each cooperating member is entitled to vote.

(2) The General Meeting shall be held at least once a year. The invitation is sent in writing at least four weeks before the meeting, stating the agenda, by circular letter (e-mail is sufficient) from the Board to the members. Each participating member of the association can apply for an addition to the agenda in writing to the board at least one week before the general meeting. The board decides on the request. The General Meeting decides on motions to the agenda which have not been included by the Board or which are put forward for the first time at the General Meeting by a majority of the votes of the members present; this does not apply to motions which have as their object an amendment to the Articles of Association, changes to the membership fees or the dissolution of the Association.

(3) Duties of the meeting include:

- a. Receipt of accountability and budget report by the Board;
- b. Discharge of the board and the two auditors;
- c. Elections of the board and two cash auditors;
- d. Resolution on the exclusion of members;
- e. Resolution on the amount of the minimum membership fee;
- f. Adoption of resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association.

(4) If requested by 10% or more of the cooperating members, the board has to call an extraordinary general meeting.

§ 10 Adoption of Resolutions by the General Meeting

(1) The General Meeting shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Board or, if he/she is unable to do so, by a chairperson to be elected by the General Meeting.

(2) The General Meeting shall constitute a quorum if at least one third of all cooperating members of the Association are present. If no quorum is present, the Executive Board is obliged to convene a second General Meeting with the same agenda within four weeks.

This second meeting shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present. This must be pointed out in the invitation.

(3) The General Meeting shall pass resolutions by open vote with the majority of the votes of the members present. If, in the case of elections, no candidate can obtain the majority of the votes of the members present, the candidate who has obtained the majority of the valid votes cast shall be elected; a run-off election shall be held between several candidates. In elections, equal positions may be filled in one ballot. Resolutions to amend the Articles of Association shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present; resolutions to amend the purpose of the Association or to dissolve the Association shall require a majority of three-quarters of the members present.

(4) Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the General Meeting and the resolutions passed, and shall be signed by the keeper of the minutes and the chairman of the meeting.

§ 11 Application for funding

(1) Communities pursuing the activities listed under §2 may apply for support for specific projects. The written application must state both the exact objective of the project, the structure and working methods of the community, the total funding guaranteed by the applicant and the share to be borne by the association Bildung und Solidarität e.V..

(2) The board of directors decides on the application.

(3) The applying community must provide proof of use.

§ 12 Dissolution of the Association, termination for other reasons, discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes

(1) In the event of dissolution of the Association, the members of the Board of Directors shall be jointly authorized liquidators, unless the General Meeting appoints other persons.

(2) In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Association or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the Association shall fall to BÖE: Bildung, Ökologie, Erleben e.V., which shall use them directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes in youth work in accordance with the objectives of these Articles of Association.

(3) The above provisions shall apply accordingly if the legal capacity of the association has been withdrawn.

§ 13 General and entry into force

(1) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

(2) These Statutes were adopted by the General Meeting on December 6 in Leipzig and shall enter into force on the same day. It shall become effective upon entry in the Register of Associations.