

Statutes of the association "Orienthelfer"

§1 NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE

The association is called "Orienthelfer".

It should be entered in the register of associations and will then carry the suffix "e.V.".

The registered office of the association is Munich.

§2 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year is the calendar year.

§3 PURPOSE

The purpose of the association is to provide charitable support to children, orphans, widows, and all other victims of violence and displacement in need of help from the so-called MENA region (Middle East & North Africa, which includes Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, Palestinian territories and Israel, Algeria, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Djibouti, Mauritania, Sudan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates, but not Iran), regardless of gender, age, religion, or descent.

The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular through the collection of monetary and in-kind donations, which are delivered in accordance with the purpose of the association, as well as through other support services (e.g., assistance with rebuilding destroyed houses, establishing contacts with authorities, doctors, and medical facilities, financing and organizing medical care on site or outside the crisis area, or similar).

The association is independent of all scientific, ideological, political, and religious groups and tendencies, as well as of individual and group social and economic interests.

The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable/beneficent purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-Privileged Purposes" of the Tax Code.

The association acts selflessly; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

Funds of the association may only be used for the purposes stipulated in the statutes.

Members do not receive benefits from the association's funds. No person may be favored by expenditures that are unrelated to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§4 MEMBERSHIP

Any natural person can become a member of the association.

Admission is decided by the board at its discretion upon written application; it is not necessary to notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection. An appeal to the general meeting is not possible. In the case of minors, the application for admission must be submitted by the legal representatives.

Membership becomes effective upon written notification of the acceptance decision.

Upon the proposal of the board, the general meeting may admit honorary members for life.

Withdrawal from the association is possible at any time with a notice period of one month. It must be declared in writing to the board.

A member can be expelled from the association if their behavior grossly violates the interests of the association or if they are in arrears with the payment of membership fees for more than three months despite a written reminder. The expulsion is decided by the general meeting upon the board's request. The board must inform the member to be expelled of its request in writing at least two weeks before the meeting. Before the resolution is passed, the member to be expelled must be given the opportunity to comment on the expulsion before and/or during the meeting.

Membership ends upon the member's death.

A member who has resigned or been expelled has no claim against the association's assets.

Members are required to pay membership fees of 24.00 Euros per year. The amount and due date of the membership fees are determined by the general assembly. If necessary, the board can waive individual membership fee obligations in whole or in part by majority vote; honorary members are always exempt from all fees.

No admission fees are charged.

§5 ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

The board is authorized to hire a managing director to assist with administrative tasks, as long as the financial situation of the association allows it. If a managing director is hired, they are a special representative within the meaning of §30 of the German Civil Code (BGB). The board decides at its discretion on the scope of the managing director's duties. The appointment of the managing director can be revoked by the board at any time.

For the management of the association's assets, the board is authorized to appoint, from among the members, a volunteer treasurer as a special representative within the meaning of §30 BGB; the appointment of the treasurer can be revoked by the board at any time.

§6 BOARD

The board within the meaning of §26 of the German Civil Code (BGB) consists of the President and the Vice President. Each board member is individually authorized to represent the association.

The board works on a voluntary basis. Any reasonable expenses incurred, however, can be reimbursed.

The board is elected by the general meeting for a period of two years; however, it remains in office until a new election has taken place.

Re-election is possible, even multiple times.

Only members of the association can become board members. When membership ends, the office as a board member also ends.

The board is authorized to employ auxiliary staff to assist with administrative tasks, as long as the financial situation of the association allows it.

§7 GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting is the highest governing body of the association. Their responsibilities include the election and dismissal of the board, the approval of the board's actions, the receipt of the board's annual reports, the resolution on amendments to the statutes of association, the resolution on the dissolution of the association, the decision on the admission of honorary members and the exclusion of members, as well as the resolution on all other tasks assigned to it by the statutes of association.

The ordinary general meeting takes place once a year. In addition, a general assembly must be convened if the interests of the association require it or if at least one-third of the members request the convening in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.

Each general assembly must be convened by the board in writing, observing a notice period of two weeks and specifying the agenda. The period begins on the day following the dispatch of the invitation. The invitation letter is considered received by the members if it was addressed to the last postal or email address of the individual member known to the association.

The general meeting of members is generally held as an in-person meeting. Written, telephone, or meetings and resolutions conducted using other means of telecommunication (e.g., video conference) are permissible if the chairperson of the board, or in their absence their deputy, determines this for the specific case.

The agenda is set by the board. Any member of the association may request in writing to the board an addition to the agenda no later than one week before the general meeting. The board decides on the request. The general meeting decides on rejected or newly submitted agenda requests during the meeting by a majority of the votes of the members present. This does not apply to motions concerning an amendment of the statute, the dissolution of the association, or changes to membership fees.

The meeting chairman is the chairperson, or in case of their absence, their deputy. If both board members are not present, a meeting chairman will be elected by the general assembly. The secretary is appointed from among the members present by the meeting chairman.

Any properly convened general assembly can make decisions regardless of the number of members present.

Decisions of the general assembly are made by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. However, a three-quarters majority of the valid votes cast is required to amend the bylaws or the purpose of the association.

A record of the decisions of the general assembly shall be kept, which must be signed by the meeting chairman and the secretary.

§8 DISSOLUTION, ALLOCATION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ASSETS

The dissolution of the association requires a majority of 4/5 of the valid votes cast. Liquidation is carried out by the board.

In the event of dissolution of the association, revocation of legal capacity, or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall be transferred to Ärzte ohne Grenzen e.V., Schwedenstraße 9, 13359 Berlin (Association Register AG Charlottenburg, Reg. No. 21575), which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

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