

Statutes of the Association

“Welten verbinden” (Connect Worlds)
having its registered office in Bassersdorf

1. Name and registered office

An association within the sense of Art. 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code (ZBG) is registered under the name of “Verein Welten verbinden (Connect Worlds Association)” with its registered office in Bassersdorf.

2. Purpose

- 1) The Association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes. The Association pursues neither employment nor self-help purposes and not commercial purposes and strives for no gain.
- 2) The purpose of the Association is to promote an international outlook and the notion of friendship between peoples, to support tolerance in all areas of culture and interdisciplinary cooperation with science to improve the living conditions of people and the protection of natural environment and to focus on the sustained ongoing development of our societies on an international scale.

Furthermore, the association seeks to promote youth services and vocational counselling.

3. Activities

- 1) The Association pursues its aims through the initiation and implementation of events and projects, in particular lectures, conferences and workshops that bring together people for an interdisciplinary and international exchange.
- 2) The Association contributes to the formation of new perspectives on key social issues of our world and towards ensuring that sustainable concepts for international reconciliation and the further development of our societies are developed.
- 3) Furthermore, the association achieves its goal through the development and provision of interactive applications, in particular in the electronic field, through which young people are able to find their way from their world into professional life and their place in society.

4. Membership

Any natural person or legal entity may become a member of the Association.

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Any natural person or legal entity wishing to particularly promote and support the goals and objectives of the Association may become a supporting member of the Association.

A natural person who has promoted the objectives of the Association in an outstanding manner may be appointed an honorary member.

Applications for admission as a member should be addressed to the President of the Association; the Executive Board decides on the admission.

5. Termination of membership

Membership is terminated

- a) in the case of natural persons - by voluntary withdrawal, striking from the list of members or death
- b) in the case of legal persons - by voluntary withdrawal, striking from the list of members or liquidation.

6. Withdrawal and striking from the list of members

A member may withdraw from the Association subject to a notice period of three months before the expiry of the calendar year. The notice of withdrawal must be addressed by registered letter the President at least four weeks before the regular General Meeting.

A member can be excluded at any time from the Association without stating reasons. The Executive Board decides on the exclusion of a member; the member affected may file an appeal against the exclusion to the General Meeting.

7. Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Association are:

- a) the General Meeting
- b) the Executive Board

8. The General Meeting

The supreme body of the Association is the General Meeting. A regular General Meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the year if possible.

The members of the Association shall be convened in writing to the General Meeting subject to a notice period of two weeks and including the agenda.

The General Meeting has the following indefeasible duties:

- a) Election or dismissal of the Executive Board and the auditors
- b) Establishment and modification of the statutes
- c) Adoption of the annual financial statement and the auditor's report
- d) Resolution on the annual budget
- e) Fixing the membership fee
- f) Treatment of member appeal against exclusion

Each member shall have one vote in the General Meeting; resolutions are adopted with simple majority. Passive members shall be invited to the General Meeting, but have no voting right.

9. The Executive Board

The Executive Board is composed of the President and the Deputy President. The Executive Board is elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years.

The Executive Board represents the Association vis-à-vis third parties and manages the day-to-day business of the Association.

The members of the Board are volunteers and are only entitled to reimbursement of their actual expenses and cash expenditure. Adequate compensation can be adjusted for special achievements of individual Board members.

10. The auditor

The General Meeting shall elect an auditor every two years; the auditor shall review the bookkeeping and perform a random spot check at least once a year.

11. Signature

The members of the Executive Board are each individually authorised to enter binding commitments on behalf of the Association.

12. Liability

Only the assets of the Association shall be liable for the debts of the Association. Personal liability of the members of the Association is excluded.

13. Amendment of the statutes

The present statutes may be amended if the proposed amendment is adopted with three quarters of the votes of the attending members.

14. Liquidation of the Association

The General Meeting may resolve to liquidate the Association with a qualified majority if three quarters of all members take part in the General Meeting.

If less than three quarters of all members take part in the General Meeting, a

second meeting shall be held within one month. The Association can then be dissolved in the second General Meeting by simple majority even if less than three quarters all members attend.

In the event of a liquidation of the Association will be transferred to an institution which has the same or a similar exclusively charitable purpose.

15. Entry into effect

These statutes have been adopted in the ongoing meeting of 31 August 2013 and became effective on this date.

President

Vice President/Secretary

Dr. Christina Zech

Professor Dr. h. c. André Ruff