

Statutes of the International Association of Artists

§ 1 Name , Headquarters, Registration, Business Year

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- 1 The Association is named International Association of Artists.
- 2 The Headquarter is in Germany, IKV Internationaler Künstlerverein e.V., c/o Claire Mesnil, Weinsbergstr. 100 , 50 823 Köln, Postfach 130209 , D- 50496 Köln
- 3 It is registerd in the appropriate Lower District Court of each Headquarters.
- 4 Business year is the Calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

- 1 The Association pursues only non-business in the sense of privileges reduced taxes of the German Revenue and it does not aim for profit.
- 2 Aim of the Association is the cooperative work on international projects, workshops, exhibitions, and the promotion of contemporary art. Including the population of the country is without limitation by age, gender, rasse, and religion – always concerning the project in question.
- 3) Aim of the Association is the Opening of an International Artist and Cultural Network . This network can be used for a cultural and artist exchange on the base of a dialogue.
- 4) The Association supports artists who are worth promotion and who are financially weak, for a limited time, by not taking membership-contribution . The member's meeting desides about the admission. A jury, entiteld by the Board, will deside about worth of sponsoring.
- 5) Taking loans/credits is not in the sense of the Association, and will be excluded.

§ 3 Unselfishnes

- 1 The Association is not profit oriented. It does'nt pursue profit oriented aimes in the first place.
- 2 Means of the Association must be used only according to Statutes. Members of the Association are not allowed to get supports from finances of the Association.
- 3 Members are not allowed to take parts of the assets of the Association, neither when withdrawing from the Association nor at the dissolution of the Association.
- 4 No person should be favoured either by expenses contrary to the aim of the Association or by extremely high payments.

§ 4 Membership

- 1 Any individual and juristic person who supports the aim of the Association. can become a members of it.
- 1 Working for the Association is voluntary. Expanses will be refunded.
- 2 The Board will decide about an application for admission.
- 3 Membership will be ending by leaving the or by exclusion from the Association or by death.
- 4 Terminating the membership is possible only at the end of the calendar year. It must be applied for by a written statement to the Chairman within the time limit of two months.

- 5 In case a member heavily violated against aim and interest of the Association or, inspite of having been reminded, did not pay membership-fee for the last four months, the member can be excluded by the Board immediately. Before deciding this , the member must be given the chance for defense or comment. Within a term of one month having been informed by the Board, the member my appeal against the exclusion. The next Members' Meeting will decide about the appeal.

§ 5 Membership-fee

Members have to pay membership-fee according to an decision made by the Members' Meeting. To reach an agreement about the amount of and the due-date for fees, a simple majority of those members of the Association, who were present at the Members' Meeting and who are entitled to vote, is necessary.

§ 6 Authorities of the Association

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- a the Board
- b the Members' Meeting

§ 7 The Board

- 1 The Board consists of three elected members of the Association: the chairman/woman, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Each of them is separately entitled to act.
For relieving the Board in case of growing numbers of members, two or four more Board Members may be elected. These Board Members are not entitled to act but, for special tasks, they will stand in for the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- 1 The Board will be elected for a period of two years by the Members' Meeting. A reelection of the Board Members is possible. In a special ballot, the Chairman will be appointed by the Members' Meeting. Those Board Members presently holding the office will, after their term is over, stay in the office until successors are elected.
- 1 The Boards' duty is to direct the regular business of the Association. The Board will do this voluntarily.
 - a The Board may appoint a manager for the regular business. He will be entitled to take part in the Board Meetings with an advising voice.
 - b A Board member is allowed to receive an appropriate payment for his work as a manager.
- 1 Board Meetings will take place at least four times a year. Invitations to the Board Meetings must be sent out by e-mail / mail in writing, observing an invitation period of at least two weeks. Board Meetings can settle decisious when at least two-thirds of the Board Members are present or gave permission to a deputy to express their wills concerning the points of the agenda.
- 2 The Board will come to a decision by simple majority.
- 3 In case of urgency, decisious of the Board may be made in writing or by telephone provided all of the Board Members agree to this procedure in writing or by telephone. Decisions reached by writing or by telephone have to be fixed in writing and to be signed.

- 4 The Board, in carrying out their business, is not authorized to do business or to delegate it to members or outsiders who are not within the scope of the private liability of the person willing to do this business. This has to be stated in writing and to be signed by at least two Board Members and by the person doing the business.

§ 8 Memberships' Meeting

- 1 Memberships' Meeting must be called at least once a year.
 - 2 A special Memberships' Meeting has, by stating purpose or reasons, to be called in writing when the Association thinks it necessary or when the calling is demanded by 10 % of the members of the Association or by one of the Board Members, stating aim and reasons.
 - 3 The calling of the Members' Meeting is done by the Board in writing, sent by mail or e-mail, by observing an invitation period of at least two weeks, at the same time announcing the points of the agenda. The period begins at the day following the mailing of the invitation letter. The date of the postmark is valid. The letter of invitation is considered to be received by a member when it was sent to the latest address given by the member of Association in writing.
 - 4 Members' Meeting, being the highest deciding authority, is principally responsible for all tasks, provided special tasks – according to the Statutes – have not been assigned to another authority of the Association.
Especially the yearly statement of accounts as well as the yearly report considering the decision about approval and release of the Board, must be presented to the Members' Meeting. It will appoint two auditors who are neither members of the Board nor of a committee appointed by the Board, and who must not be employees of the Association. These two persons will audit the bookkeeping including the annual closing of accounts and will report the result to the Members' Meeting. The Members' Meeting will elect the Board after recommendation and hand-signal, also by secret voting, if demanded. Members not present at the Members' Meeting may deliver their votes by a representative or by chatroom. Members' Meeting for instance, will, too, decide about
 - 1 functions of the Association
 - 2 exemption from fees
 - 3 buying and selling of real estate
 - 4 participation in corporations
 - 5 approval of all business rules and procedures within the scope of the Association
 - 6 membership fees
 - 7 change of Statutes
 - 8 dissolving of the Association.
- 1 Every Members' Meeting called - according to Statutes - will be acknowledged as being appointed in order to settle decisions without considering the number of members of the Association who are present. Each member has one vote.

- 2 In case the Association has a platform in the chatroom with a code word for members, the vote of a member is valid, too, when going this way.
- 3 The Members' Meeting make their decisions by simple majority, provided the Statutes are not contrary to it. Should there be an equality of votes, an application is considered to be refused.

§ 9 Change of Statutes

To achieve a change of Statutes, a two-third majority of the attending members of the Association is necessary. About a change of Statutes can be voted in the Members' Meeting only when this point of the agenda had already been made clear in the invitation for attending the Members' Meeting, and when the previous as well as the newly planned text of the Statutes had been included in the invitation letter.

(2) The Board can independently change the Statutes when this is demanded by supervisory, court, or fiscal-authorities on account of formal reasons. All members of the Association must be informed in writing about these changes of Statutes immediately.

§ 10 Recording of Decisions

Decisions made in Board Meetings and Members' Meetings have to be recorded in writing and be signed by the leader of the meeting.

§ 11 Dissolving of the Association and Raising Assets

For a decision to dissolve the Association, a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members present in the Members' Meeting is necessary. The decisions can be made only after an announcing of the planning to do so was given in the invitation to the Members' Meeting.

(2) When dissolving the Association or when tax privileges concerning the aims of the Association cease, the assets of the Association will be transferred to the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe. This Organisation will have to use the property - and the monetary - value for remedial measures to benefit the needy Thirds.