

## **Statutes of the association "Künstlerhaus Meinersen eV"**

As amended on April 1, 2014

## **I. Section: General**

### **§ 1 Name, registered office**

- (1) The association bears the name "Künstlerhaus Meinersen".
- (2) The association is based in Meinersen in the district of Gifhorn.

### **§ 2 Purpose, tasks, non-profit status**

- (1) The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the "tax-privileged purposes" section of the tax code.
- (2) The purpose of the association is to promote art.

The purpose of the statute is realized in particular by the following measures:

- through content and organizational preparation and implementation of a scholarship program and corresponding supporting events  
Artist House Meinersen;
- by providing art, in particular through suitable events;
- by renting and running the Meinersen artists' house.;
- by establishing connections and cooperation with industry, commerce, art schools, local authorities and regional associations in the field of art and culture.

- (3) Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. The members do not receive payments from the association. No person may be favored by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration. The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

### **§3 Fiscal year**

The financial year is the calendar year.

### **§4 Membership**

- (1) Any natural or legal person who is willing to support the purposes of the association can become a member. The Executive Board decides on the admission of a member after a written application.
- (2) Membership fees are set out in the membership fee statute.
- (3) A distinction is made between "institutional members" and "members" according to a scale of contributions set out in the contribution statutes.

## **§ 5 Rights and duties of the members**

- (1) Every member is obliged to promote the association's purposes to the best of their ability.
- (2) Every member has the right to contact the board in association matters in order to actively contribute to the organization of the association.
- (3) Every member has the same right to vote at the general assembly.
- (4) Institutional members exercise the right to vote through the representative sent to the general assembly.

## **§6 Termination of Membership**

- (1) Membership ends through death, expulsion or withdrawal from the association, in the case of legal entities also upon their dissolution.
- (2) The resignation takes place by means of a written declaration to the board of directors. It can only be declared at the end of a calendar year, with a notice period of three months.
- (3) A member can be expelled from the association by resolution of the board if
  - a) has culpably violated the interests of the association in a gross manner,
  - b) despite two written reminders with the payment ofMembership dues for the two previous years are in arrears. Before the resolution is passed, the Executive Board must give the opportunity to comment orally or in writing. The member can appeal against the decision at the general assembly. The vocation is within one  
to be submitted to the Executive Board one month after notification of the decision.  
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The board of directors must convene a general meeting within one month after the appeal has been lodged, which will then decide on the exclusion.

## **§ 7 Sponsors**

- (1) A sponsor is any natural or legal person or group of people who makes financial resources available to the association for its tasks without any conditions, or who agrees to volunteer work in the association.

## **II. Bodies of the association**

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1. the general meeting,
2. the board,
3. the artistic advisory board.

### **§ 9 General Assembly**

(1) In the General Assembly, each member has one vote. To exercise the vote another member can be authorized in writing to vote. The authorization is to be granted separately for each general assembly; however, a member may not represent more than three foreign votes.

(2) The General Assembly has the task, in particular,

- to elect the members of the board of directors,
- to approve the budget for the next financial year,
- to elect the auditors
- to receive the report of the auditors and decide
- to receive the report of the board of directors,
- to relieve the board of directors
- to enact the contribution statute and
- to decide on amendments to the Articles of Association.

(3) The ordinary general meeting should take place at least once a year. It is convened by the board of directors with a notice period of four weeks by written notification stating the agenda.

(4) The Executive Board can also issue an extraordinary one for important reasons convene a general meeting. It is to be convened if at least one third of the members request this in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons.

### **§ 10 Resolution of the General Assembly**

- (1) The General Assembly is chaired by the 1st Chairman, or if he is unable to do so, by the 2nd Chairman.
- (2) The general meeting has a quorum if at least a quarter of the association members are present. If there is no quorum, the board is obliged to hold a second within four weeks. convene a general assembly with the same agenda; this is quorate regardless of the number of members present. This is to be pointed out in the invitation.

- (3) Motions for the purpose of deliberation in the General Assembly are dem must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least seven days in advance. If motions do not receive the majority of the votes, they are considered rejected.
- (4) The General Assembly passes its resolutions with a simple majority of the "yes" votes. A majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast is required to change the statutes, and nine-tenths to dissolve the association.
- (5) All votes and elections are open. Secret ballots and elections must be held when requested by a member.
- (6) Minutes are to be taken of the resolutions of the general assembly. This must be signed by the secretary to be appointed by the board.

### **§ 11 Board of Directors**

- (1) The board of the association consists of one representative each from the municipality of Meinersen, the joint municipality of Meinersen, the district of Gifhorn, the Sparkasse Gifhorn-Wolfsburg and the Braunschweig University of Art (HBK).
- (2) The general meeting determines the number of board members.
- (3) The other members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly.
- (4) Non-members can also be represented on the board.
- (5) The general assembly elects the first member of the board of directors. chairperson and the vice-chairperson, with at least one of the two chairpersons being a representative of the institutional members.
- (6) The Board of Directors is elected for a period of two years. However, he remains in office until a new board is elected.
- (7) The managing director is a member of the board of directors with an advisory vote; he is to be heard at his request on the subject of each negotiation point.

### **§ 12 Tasks of the board**

- (1) The board of directors manages the work of the association in accordance with the resolutions of the general assembly. He is responsible for all matters that are not assigned to another body by the articles of association. He is responsible in particular
  - passing resolutions on the admission and exclusion of members,
  - the resolution on the administration of the association's assets,
  - the preparation and execution of the general meeting,
  - proper management,
  - the appointment of the members of the artistic advisory board,
  - the planning and organization of exhibitions and other activities, - the appointment of the managing director.

- (2) The association is represented in and out of court by the 1st chairman or by the 2nd chairman and another member of the board.

### **§ 13 Meetings and resolutions of the board**

- (1) The board of directors decides in meetings, which are held by the 1st chairman, in his absence by the 2nd chairman, be convened with a notice period of 14 days, stating the agenda.
- (2) The Board of Directors has a quorum if at least three of its members are present. The decision-making process is decided by the majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, the vote of the first chairman decides, in his absence that of the second chairman.
- (3) Written resolutions require the approval of all board members.
- (4) Minutes are to be taken of the resolutions of the board of directors, which are to be signed by the secretary.

### **§ 14 Managing Directors**

- (1) The board of directors appoints an honorary managing director. He is responsible to the board for the fulfillment of the tasks of the association.
- (2) The managing director is responsible for the day-to-day business of the association.

### **§ 15 Artistic Advisory Board**

- (1) The board of directors elects up to seven people to the artistic advisory board whose qualifications make them particularly suitable for promoting the purpose of the association. They are elected for a period of two years, but remain in office until a new election is held.
- (2) The first chairman of the board is automatically a member of the artistic advisory board. If he is unable to do so, he will commission another member of the Management Board to carry out this task.
- (3) The task of the artistic advisory board is the professional supervision of the entire cultural work of the association and the selection of the scholarship holders.
- (4) The respective scholarship provider presents its candidates to the artistic advisory board and participates in the selection of the scholarship holders with an equal number of votes. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman of the Management Board applies.
- (5) The artistic advisory board has a quorum if three members are present. It makes its decisions with a simple majority.
- (6) Resolutions of the artistic advisory board that have economic effects require a corresponding resolution of the board of directors in order to be effective.

### **III. Final Provisions**

#### **§ 16 Audit**

The annual accounts to be submitted by the managing director are checked by two auditors to be elected by the general assembly. The Auditors may not also belong to the board of directors. The result of the examination is to be put in writing under the report and signed by the examiners.

#### **§ 17 Dissolution of the association**

If the association is dissolved or dissolved or if tax-privileged purposes no longer apply, the association's assets pass to the municipality of Meinersen, which must use them directly and exclusively for non-profit, charitable but primarily cultural purposes.

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