

Statutes of the association One Earth - One Ocean

§1 Name, registered office

1. The association bears the name One Earth - One Ocean
2. It shall be entered in the register of associations and shall then carry the addition "e.V."
3. The registered office of the association is in 85748 Garching, Lichtenbergstr.8
4. The association is active world-wide
5. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§2 Purpose of the association

1. One Earth - One Ocean takes care of environmental problems such as plastic waste on water and land. With the help of innovative technical aids and international cooperations, possible solutions are developed and implemented. The association wants to make a cross-border contribution to the welfare of all in the sense of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the Tax Code.

2. An economic purpose of the association is excluded.

The means of the association are used only for the statutory purposes. No person will be favoured by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the corporation or by disproportionately high remuneration.

3. The association is party political, trade union and denominationally neutral.

§3 Membership

1. Any natural person and if necessary also a legal entity can become a member of the association.
2. The association consists of personal and legal members.
3. The personal membership can be acquired only by natural persons.
4. Natural and legal persons can become full members.
5. The executive committee decides on the written application for membership at its own discretion. In the case of minors, the application for admission must be made by the legal representative. The board has to confirm each membership application in writing. If the application is rejected, the Board is not obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons. One person may also acquire several memberships. The admission of personal members requires a unanimous decision of the entire executive committee or the approval of the 3/4 majority of all personal members in the general meeting.

§ 4 Duration and termination

1. Membership in the association is unlimited in time. Resignation is permitted at any time. It must be declared in writing to the board. Already paid membership fees will not be refunded.
2. A member can be expelled from the association, if behaviour is grossly contrary to the interests of the association. An important reason exists in particular
 - a) in the event of violations of the Articles of Association,
 - b) if the due membership fee is not paid on time,
 - c) damage to the reputation or interests of the club,
 - d) in the case of a final conviction, a custodial sentence; in the case of legal persons, entities and groups, a custodial sentence may also be imposed where their reputation is adversely affected by criminal misconduct,
 - e) and in case of acquisition of membership due to incorrect information in the application for membership.

The member can appeal the decision of the general meeting against the decision of the executive board within one month of receiving it. The membership is suspended until the decision of the next general meeting. In the case of exclusion, the obligation to pay the full membership fee for the current year remains.

3. The exclusion is decided by the general meeting. A simple majority (more than 50% of the votes) is sufficient.
4. Personal members can only be excluded by the general meeting with a 3/4 majority.
5. Membership ends with the death of the member - in the case of legal entities with their expiration.
6. The resigned or expelled member has no claim against the assets of the association.
7. The members have to pay annual dues (monetary dues). The amount is determined by the general meeting. There is no admission fee.

§ 5 Dues

Members are charged annual dues and, if applicable, fees, the amount and due date of which are determined by the general meeting in a dues schedule. The fees fixed by the general meeting are to be paid by the member for the association free of charge. Founding members may be exempted from the obligation to pay dues. The same applies to members who make a profit for the association. The executive board decides on individual cases at its own discretion.

§ 6 Rights and duties

1. The personal members have seat and vote in the general meeting and the right to use the services of the association.
2. The legal members have the rights and duties of the personal members, but no seat and no vote in the general meeting.
3. All personal members have the right to use the name of the association for the duration of their membership.

§ 7 Bodies of the association

Bodies of the association are

- a) the general meeting
- b) the executive board

§ 8 Executive Board

1. The executive board leads the business of the association and takes decisions, as far as these are not left to the general meeting of the members.
2. The executive board of the association consists of the 1st chairman, the 2nd chairman, the treasurer and the secretary. Should it be necessary, further board members can be appointed.
3. The association is represented judicially and extrajudicially by the 1st and 2nd chairman. Each member is entitled to represent the association alone (executive board according to §26 BGB). In the internal relationship it should be valid that the 2nd chairman may become active only with the prevention of the 1st chairman. The executive board is released from the restrictions of § 181 BGB.
4. The executive board decides in meetings, which are to be called with a period of two weeks. The executive board has a quorum if two members of the executive board are present. The executive board can make its decisions by obtaining written statements. In urgent cases the telephone or telegraphic statement of the members of the board is sufficient.
5. A simple majority of the votes cast decides on the passing of a resolution. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman of the Board shall be decisive.
6. The executive board is elected by the general meeting for a period of two years, calculated after the election. However, it remains in office until the new election of the executive board. Only personal members of the association can be elected as board members. With termination of the membership in the association also the office of the executive board member ends. The appointment of the executive board can be revoked by the general meeting.
7. The executive board receives an appropriate remuneration for its activity. The determination of the remuneration is incumbent on the general meeting.

§ 9 General Meeting

1. The general meeting is responsible for the passing of resolutions via
 - a) election of the executive board and its dismissal
 - b) the remuneration of the executive board
 - c) the annual reports
 - d) the presentation of the accounts
 - e) the amendment of the articles of association
 - f) the admission of personal members and (where appropriate) exclusion of members.
2. The ordinary general meeting shall take place once a year. An extraordinary general meeting is to be called by the executive board, if the interest of the association requires it or if 1/4 of the personal members request this in writing under indication of the reason.
3. Each general meeting is called by the executive committee in writing under observance of an invitation period of 3 weeks and under indication of the agenda.
4. The chairman of the meeting shall be the 1st chairman and, if he is prevented from attending, the 2nd chairman. If both are prevented, a chairman of the meeting is elected by the general meeting - this also applies to the secretary, if he should not be present.
5. Every convened general meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present. The general meeting shall pass its resolutions by a simple majority of the votes of the members present and entitled to vote; in the event of a tie, the vote of the chairman of the board shall be decisive. A 3/4 majority is required for changes to the statutes, changes to the purpose of the association and the dissolution of the association. The executive board must take minutes of resolutions passed by the general meeting, which must be signed by the chairman of the executive board and the secretary.
6. All personal members may submit motions for inclusion in the agenda. They may only be placed on the agenda if they have been submitted in writing at least one week before the general meeting and if they are not motions which would result in an amendment to the articles of association or similarly significant effects. This period does not apply to executive board members.
7. All persons entitled to vote according to the statutes and invited guests have access to the general meeting.

§ 10 Liquidation

If the Association is dissolved or if its purpose ceases to apply, the entire assets shall be transferred to a suitable institution to be determined by the general meeting, subject to the condition that the assets received be used exclusively and directly for charitable purposes. The approval of the responsible tax office must be obtained.

§ 11 Severability Clause

Should individual provisions of these articles of association be or become invalid, this shall not affect the validity of the other section of the articles of association. In such a case, the members are obliged to replace the invalid provision with a legally valid one that comes as close as possible to the purpose pursued by the invalid provision.

§ 12 Editorial amendment of the Articles of Association

The executive board is authorized to make the editorial changes to the articles of association that are necessary or otherwise deemed appropriate for changing the entry in the register of associations at the local court.

§ 13 Entry into force of the Articles of Association

This version of the statutes comes into force immediately after their entry in the register of associations.

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