

ARTICLES
OF RAINBOW ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF BLIND
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN

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Chapter 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1

Rainbow Association of Parents and Friends of the Blind and Visually Impaired Children, hereinafter referred to as the Association is a voluntary, self-governing, stable union performing its actions in the Republic of Poland operating in the field of health protection and promotion, education, social welfare and charity, in particular acting for blind and visually impaired children and adults with multiple disabilities and for their families. The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association may operate outside borders of the Republic of Poland for the proper implementation of its objectives.

§ 2

The registered office for the Association is Warsaw.

§ 3

The Association operates on the basis of the Associations Act and these Articles of Association. The Association conducts its public benefit activities based on the Public Benefit and Volunteer Work Act.

The Association may conduct business complementary to public benefit activities according to general principles set out in separate regulations. The surplus of revenues over costs shall be used on statutory public benefit objectives.

§ 4

The national Association has its legal personality. The Association may create organizational units - branches. A branch may obtain its legal personality prior to an approval of the General Assembly of the Association.

§ 5

The Association may be a member of national and international organizations with convergent objectives.

§ 6

The Association may appoint other organizations to achieve its statutory objectives within the limits permitted by law.

§ 7

The Association may use its banner, organizational badges and longitudinal as well as round seal with its name, address and REGON, NIP and NCR numbers.

Members of the Association bodies acting on behalf of and for the Association may use a seal with their own names and functions in the body of the Association.

Chapter 2

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

§ 8

The objectives of the Association are as follows:

- 1) public welfare activities for blind and visually impaired children and adults, in particular those with multiple disabilities,
- 2) bringing comprehensive, specialized and professional assistance to blind and visually impaired children and adults, in particular blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities,
- 3) bringing comprehensive assistance, care and social assistance to families raising blind and visually impaired children and adults, and equalizing life chances of these families, including assistance and support in achieving greater self-reliance, life independence and a better quality of life,
- 4) charity for children and adults who are blind and visually impaired, in particular with multiple disabilities as well as for their families,
- 5) health care, treatment and rehabilitation of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired with multiple disabilities and children threatened with loss of vision or vision problems,
- 6) health promotion, health education, shaping healthy behaviors and attitudes, especially in areas related to sight, blurred vision, enhanced vision and improvement of the quality of life of blind and visually impaired people,
- 7) science and education, educational activities, education of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities,
- 8) popularization of knowledge about diagnosis, treatment, therapy, education, rehabilitation, health care and comprehensive assistance to children and adults with impaired vision, including educational and training activities in relation to parents and professionals working with people with disabilities,
- 9) preparation and training of competent personnel working in the area of health, education, social services and assistance to the disabled, including persons who support children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities in treatment, education, therapy and rehabilitation,
- 10) prevention of visual deterioration and formation of (deepening) additional visual-coexisting disabilities,
- 11) supporting psycho-physical and social development of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities in all performance areas, from diagnosing disabilities to the stage of achieving maximum possible self-reliance and independent living,
- 12) assistance to blind and visually impaired children taking education in public and integration educational institutions, in teaching and adapting them to the environment of fit peers and taking measures to integrate both environments,
- 13) assistance to blind and visually impaired children leaving therapeutic, healing and educational

institutions,

- 14) promotion of employment and professional activation of blind and visually impaired adults who are unemployed or at risk of losing their jobs,
- 15) promoting, supporting development and promotion of culture and art of blind and visually impaired people, including those with multiple disabilities,
- 16) supporting and promoting development of physical culture and sport for blind and visually impaired people, including those with multiple disabilities,
- 17) protecting rights and undertaking activities for the observance of the rights of the disabled, including blind and visually impaired people, in particular those with multiple disabilities,
- 18) forming social awareness, public opinion and popularizing knowledge about specific needs, opportunities and a social situation of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities, especially children and adults with multiple disabilities and their families. Understanding, acceptance and other pro-social attitudes towards this group of people with disabilities and their families,
- 19) representing interests of disabled, blind and visually impaired people and their families,
- 20) business expertise, initiating research in the field of evaluation and treatment of vision, education, rehabilitation, health care of blind and visually impaired children and adults, in particular those with multiple disabilities,

§ 9

The objectives set out in the preceding clause shall be accomplished by:

- 1) setting up and running treatment and rehabilitation centers for children and the disabled, especially blind and visually impaired people, including those with multiple disabilities, including centers providing round-the-clock care,
- 2) conducting non-public health care facilities, specialist clinics, diagnostic clinics especially for blind and visually impaired children and adults with multiple disabilities,
- 3) setting up and running private educational institutions, including private schools, kindergartens, rehabilitation and training centers, school and educational centers, early childhood development support centers, psychological counseling centers and other specialized outpatient clinics, as well as setting up and running various types of private schools teaching in professions connected to treatment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities, including blind and visually impaired people,
- 4) setting up and running therapy centers, including therapy centers, occupational therapy workshops and environmental self-help homes, provision of therapeutic, revalidation, educational, and health services (treatment, diagnostic and rehabilitation services) and other forms of assistance above all to children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities, including the provision of household services, also for children and those who are not looked after health treatment in rehabilitation and educational programs,
- 5) transport of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities to treatment, welfare, educational and children and adults therapeutic centers run on their behalf,
- 6) initiating and conducting various forms of assistance, self-help, counseling, exchange of experience and information for families of people and children with disabilities, including children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities. Initiating, organizing and conducting local environmental support groups for families and self-help groups,
- 7) providing comprehensive assistance to blind and visually impaired children or those at risk of vision loss and their families in organizing treatment and rehabilitation in domestic and overseas medical centers,
- 8) financial and material aid to families of blind and visually impaired children in a difficult life and material status and the aid to their orphaned children,
- 9) preparation of reports on a social situation of blind and visually impaired children and adults and their families,

- 10) meetings, training sessions, trips, pilgrimages, talks, lectures and discussions,
- 11) organizing national and international conferences, symposia, seminars, courses and training sessions with professionals from various fields of medicine, rehabilitation, education and therapy and organizing national and international conferences, symposia, seminars, courses and training sessions concerning non-governmental organizations, in particular associations and foundations whose tasks include helping people with disabilities and their families;
- 12) *deleted,*
- 13) promoting therapies, education, rehabilitation of the disabled including blind and visually impaired children, in particular people with multiple disabilities, based on own experience,
- 14) conducting various forms of education, psychoeducation, therapy, psychological assistance and rehabilitation as well as preventive care for families of adults and children with disabilities, including blind and visually impaired, in particular people with multiple disabilities,
- 15) consulting for blind and visually impaired people in terms of acquiring vocational skills and job placement for blind and visually impaired people,
- 16) organizing rehabilitation, training, specialist and general rehabilitation camps and other forms of leisure, recreation and rehabilitation for adults and children with disabilities, including blind and visually impaired people, in particular those with multiple disabilities and their families,
- 17) organizing sports events, recreational activities and conducting other forms of physical rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired children and adults, in particular people with multiple disabilities and their families,
- 18) organizing exhibitions, competitions and other cultural events associated with art of the disabled, including blind, visually impaired and those with multiple disabilities. Promotion and dissemination of knowledge about their work,
- 19) organizing charity concerts, auctions, festivals and other integration events,
- 20) cooperation with other organizations and institutions in the implementation of their statutory objectives,
- 21) (inter alia informational, training) support of other NGOs working for the disabled, especially for the blind and visually impaired,
- 22) media relations to disseminate knowledge about the needs of blind and visually impaired people and their life and social status,
- 23) collecting funds and assets to conduct statutory activities,

§ 10

1. In terms of its objectives and ways of statutory objectives' implementation the Association may conduct paid or unpaid activities for public benefit.
2. The Association may conduct paid activities for public benefit regarding:
 - 1) health care, treatment and rehabilitation of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired with multiple disabilities and children threatened with loss of vision or vision problems,
 - 2) science and education, educational activities, education of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities,
 - 3) dissemination of knowledge about diagnosis, treatment, therapy, education, rehabilitation, health care and comprehensive support also for children and people with impaired vision, including educational and training activities, also in relation to parents and professionals working with the disabled,
 - 4) preparation and training of competent personnel working in the area of health, education, social services and assistance to the disabled, especially personnel helping children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities, in treatment, education, therapy and rehabilitation including setting up and running various kinds of private schools related to treatment and rehabilitation professions,
 - 5) supporting psycho-physical and social development of blind and visually impaired children and adults, including those with multiple disabilities in all areas of their functioning, from

diagnosing disabilities to achieving their maximum possible self-reliance and independent living,

- 6) assistance to blind and visually impaired children taking education in public and integration educational institutions in teaching and adapting them to the environment of fit peers and taking measures to integrate both environments,
- 7) business expertise, initiating research in the field of evaluation and treatment of vision, education, rehabilitation, health care of blind and visually impaired children and adults, in particular those with multiple disabilities,
- 8) setting up and running treatment and rehabilitation centers for the disabled, especially blind and visually impaired children and adults with multiple disabilities, including centers that provide round-the-clock care,
- 9) running non-public health care facilities, specialist clinics and diagnostic clinics especially for blind and visually impaired children and adults with multiple disabilities,
- 10) setting up and running non-public educational institutions, including private schools, kindergartens, education and rehabilitation centers as well as school and education centers, early development support institutions, psychological and pedagogical counseling centers and other specialist clinics,
- 11) setting up and running therapy centers, including therapy centers, occupational therapy workshops, environmental self-help homes, provision of therapeutic, revalidation, educational and health services (treatment, diagnostic and rehabilitation services) and other forms of assistance especially for blind and visually impaired children and adults with multiple disabilities, including the provision of life care services, also for children and adults who are not looked after by treatment, rehabilitation and educational centers,
- 12) transport of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities to treatment, welfare, educational and therapeutic centers run on their behalf,
- 13) providing comprehensive assistance to blind and visually impaired children or those at risk of vision loss and their families in organizing treatment and rehabilitation in domestic and overseas medical centers,
- 14) preparation of reports on a social situation of blind and visually impaired children and adults and their families,
- 15) organizing national and international conferences, symposia, seminars, courses and training sessions with professionals from various fields of medicine, rehabilitation, education and therapy and organizing national and international conferences, symposia, seminars, courses and training sessions on the principles of non-governmental organizations, in particular associations and foundations whose tasks include helping the disabled and their families,
- 16) *deleted*,
- 17) conducting various forms of education, psychoeducation, therapy and psychological assistance and rehabilitation and preventive care for families of adults and children with disabilities and blind and visually impaired people, in particular those with multiple disabilities,
- 18) organizing rehabilitation, training, specialist and general rehabilitation camps and other forms of leisure, recreation and rehabilitation for adults and children with disabilities, including blind and visually impaired people, in particular those with multiple disabilities and their families,

3. The Association may conduct its statutory unpaid activities for public benefit regarding:

- 1) charity for children and adults who are blind and visually impaired, in particular with multiple disabilities as well as for their families,
- 2) health promotion, health education, shaping healthy behaviors and attitudes, especially in areas related to sight, blurred vision, enhanced vision and improvement of the quality of life of blind and visually impaired people,
- 3) promotion of employment and professional activation of blind and visually impaired people who are unemployed or at risk of losing their jobs,
- 4) promoting, supporting development and promotion of culture and art of the blind and visually

- impaired people, including those with multiple disabilities,
- 5) supporting and promoting development of physical culture and sport for blind and visually impaired people, including those with multiple disabilities,
 - 6) protecting rights and undertaking activities for the observance of the rights of the disabled, including blind and visually impaired people, in particular those with multiple disabilities,
 - 7) forming social awareness, public opinion and popularizing knowledge about specific needs, opportunities and a social situation of children and adults, especially blind and visually impaired people with multiple disabilities, especially children and adults with multiple disabilities and their families. Understanding, acceptance and other pro-social attitudes towards this group of people with disabilities and their families,
 - 8) representing interests of disabled, blind and visually impaired people and their families,

§ 11

In realizing these objectives the Association uses voluntary work of its members and volunteers. To conduct its affairs the Association may, however, hire employees, also among its members.

Chapter 2 A

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

§ 11a

The Association may carry out economic activities. Business activities of the Association are as follows:

- 1) PKD (code list of classification of business activities in Poland) 32.4 Manufacture of games and toys,
- 2) PKD 47.6 Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores,
- 3) PKD 47.7 Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores,
- 4) PKD 47.9 Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets,
- 5) PKD 56.10 Restaurants and other permanent catering facilities,
- 6) PKD 56.2 Preparing food for external recipients (catering) and other food service activities,
- 7) PKD 58.1 Publishing of books, periodicals and other publishing activities, with the exception of software,
- 8) PKD 68.2 Rental and operating of own or leased real estate.

Chapter 3

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

§ 12

Members of the Association are divided into:

- 1) ordinary members,
- 2) friend - members,
- 3) supporting members,
- 4) honorary members.

§ 13

1. An ordinary member of the Association may be a natural person - a parent of a blind and visually impaired child, in particular with multiple disabilities, legal guardian of a blind or visually impaired child or a person, in particular with multiple disabilities, adult siblings of a blind or visually impaired child or an adult, in particular with multiple disabilities or a blind or visually impaired adult especially with multiple disabilities having their legal capacity - who identifies with the objectives of the Association set out in the Articles of Association. Ordinary members are adopted with a resolution by the National Board of the Association upon a written application of the candidate for

admission to ordinary members.

2. An ordinary member shall:
 - 1) take an active part in initiatives, activities and work of the Association,
 - 2) regularly participate in meetings of the Association,
 - 3) regularly pay membership contributions.
3. An ordinary member is entitled to:
 - 1) take part in voting at the meeting of the (Branch) General Assembly,
 - 2) actively and passively vote (to elect and be elected to the Association),
 - 3) submit applications to relevant authorities of the Association,
 - 4) receive information about initiatives and activities of the Association,
 - 5) participate in initiatives of the Association,
 - 6) use facilities, equipment and publications collected by the Association for the statutory activity,
 - 7) use any Association's assistance according to internal regulations of providing aid adopted by the Board,
 - 8) wear badges.

§ 14

1. A natural person who identifies with the objectives contained in the Articles of the Association and has provided aid or other benefit for the Association can be a friend - member. Friend - members are adopted with a resolution by the National Board of the Association upon a written application of the candidate for admission to friend - members concurred with a recommendation of two ordinary members.
2. A friend - member shall:
 - 1) participate in initiatives, activities and work of the Association,
 - 2) participate in meetings of the Association,
 - 3) regularly pay friend membership contributions.
3. A friend - member is entitled to:
 - 1) take part in voting at the meeting of the (Branch) General Assembly,
 - 2) actively and passively vote (to elect and be elected to the Association),
 - 3) submit applications to relevant authorities of the Association,
 - 4) receive information about initiatives and activities of the Association,
 - 5) participate in initiatives of the Association,
 - 6) use facilities, equipment and publications collected by the Association for the statutory activity,
 - 7) use any Association's assistance according to internal regulations of providing aid adopted by the Board,
 - 8) wear badges.

§ 15

1. A natural person who identifies with the objectives contained in the Articles of the Association and has provided aid or other benefit for the Association as well as he or she has committed to pay regular contributions can be a supporting member. Supporting members are adopted with a resolution by the National Board of the Association upon a written application of the candidate for admission to supporting members.
2. A supporting member shall:
 - 1) provide moral support to principles and initiatives of the Association,
 - 2) pay regular contributions to the Association pursuant to the undertaking,
 - 3) regularly pay supporting membership contributions.
3. A supporting member is entitled to:
 - 1) submit applications to relevant authorities of the Association,
 - 2) receive information about initiatives and activities of the Association,

- 3) participate in initiatives of the Association,
- 4) use facilities, equipment and publications collected by the Association for the statutory activity,
- 5) use any Association's assistance according to internal regulations of providing aid adopted by the Board,
- 6) wear badges.

§ 16

1. A legal person who identifies with the objectives contained in the Articles of the Association and wants to pay contributions or provide other form of support can be a supporting member. The National Board shall make a decision in this respect.
2. Clauses 2 and 3 of § 15 shall apply accordingly.

§ 17

1. A natural person who above all has contributed to the development of the Association or achievement of its objectives may be an honorary member. The General Assembly at the request of the National Board of the Association may appoint an honorary membership.
2. An honorary member has the right to participate in meetings of the General Assembly in an advisory capacity and may wear badges.
3. An honorary member shall be exempt from the obligations of other members. Provisions of § 19 shall apply accordingly.

§ 18

1. A minor under 16 who has the consent of their legal representatives with neither the right to vote at meetings of the (Branch) General Assembly nor to exercise passive or active voting rights to the Association's authorities may be a supporting member.
2. A minor between 16 and 18 without the right to exercise passive or active voting rights to the Association's authorities may be a supporting member.
3. Foreigners not having residence in the Republic of Poland may also be members of the Association.

§ 19

All members of the Association shall follow the Articles of Association, regulations as well as resolutions and decisions of the Association, as well as preserve the reputation of the Association.

§ 20

Penalties for breach of the Articles of Association, regulations, resolutions and decisions of the Association are: admonition, reprimand, an undertaking to perform additional work for the Association, suspension of membership rights and remove from among the members of the Association.

§ 21

Membership shall terminate for the following reasons:

- 1) voluntary withdrawal,
- 2) exclusion from membership by the Member's Arbitration Board,
- 3) removal from the list of members pursuant to a resolution approved by the National Board for non-payment of membership fees for a year, despite a reminder,
- 4) conviction by final judgment of a common court for willful misconduct.
- 5) death of the member.

§ 22

Detailed procedures of the acceptance and loss of membership in the Association not regulated in the

Articles of Association and the Rules of the Association's competent authority may be regulated with regulations adopted by the National Board.

§ 23

The Board may, on an individual, reasoned request of a member release them from the obligation to pay contributions or replace contributions with other equivalent benefits.

Chapter 4

GOVERNANCE OF ASSOCIATION

1. General provisions

§ 24

1. Resolutions of all authorities are passed by an absolute majority of votes (more votes 'for' than 'against'), unless the Articles of Association provide otherwise.
2. Unless the Articles of Association provide otherwise, resolutions are valid and effective if at least 1/3 of entitled people attended the meeting and if all entitled people were duly notified of the meeting. Quorum is not applicable at the meeting of the General Assembly convened for the second time.
3. Resolutions are adopted by open vote, unless the competent Association's authorities decide otherwise. In personal matters resolutions are adopted by secret ballot.
4. Clause 2 sentence 2 shall apply in situations referred to in § 31 clause 6.

§ 25

1. Subject to the provisions of clause 2, declarations of intent on behalf of the Association are submitted by the President or Vice President.
2. Financial obligations on behalf of the Association shall be made jointly by the President and the Treasurer or a Vice-President and the Treasurer, or the President and a Vice President.
3. Subject to the provisions of clause 4, declarations of intent on behalf of an Association branch having its legal personality are submitted by the President or Vice President of the Branch.
4. Financial obligations on behalf of the Association Branch with its legal personality shall be made jointly by the President and the Treasurer or a Vice-President and the Treasurer, or the President and a Vice President of the Branch Board.

§ 26

All elected authorities hold office for a term of three years. Members of the Association's collective bodies shall be appointed for a common term. The mandate of an Association collective body's member appointed before the end of the body term shall expire simultaneously with mandates of other members of the authority concerned. The mandate of an Association collective body's member shall also expire due to their death, resignation or cancellation from the body.

§ 27

1. In the case of mandate expiry of National (Branch) Board members during the term of office of the Management Board, it has the right to select up to a half of the composition.
2. First persons on the list of candidates for members of the Board during the last General Assembly to elect the Board, who have not been elected, are candidates for Board vacancies.
3. If the (Branch) General Assembly does not approve a decision referred to in clause 1 at the next meeting, this will void the mandate of a Board member upon adoption of the resolution not to approve them and will cause elections of a new Board member. In the case referred to in the preceding sentence, the General Assembly passing a resolution to approve the Management Board member or members shall adopt a resolution on the election of a new Board member or members, even if the resolution on the elections has not been included in the General Assembly

agenda.

4. The term of an elected Board member to the vacancy expires at the end of a term of the member previously occupying the place.
5. Vacancies in other elected Association bodies are filled according to the rules set forth in § 26 and § 27 clause 1, 2 and 3 of these Articles of Association.

§ 28

1. Until an appointment of the Branch authorities, their tasks and competences are carried out by their respective national authorities.
2. When there are no Branch authorities, their tasks and competences are carried out by their respective national authorities.
3. To powers and tasks of Branch authorities not covered in Chapter 4.3, the provisions of Chapter 4.2 shall apply.
4. If the Branch has its legal personality, the requirements of § 33 shall also apply to the Branch Audit Committee.

§ 29

1. Detailed terms and conditions of appointment, conducting meetings and detailed procedure for elections, as well as other issues identified in the Articles of Association can be regulated by general Rules for meeting conduct.
2. General Rules for meeting conduct adopted by the Association General Assembly may regulate the Association General Assembly and the Branch General Assembly.
3. The functioning of the National Board, the National Audit Committee, Member's Arbitration Board, the Branch Board and the Branch Audit Committee may be regulated by regulations adopted by the General Assembly.
4. In the event of discrepancies or doubt between provisions of regulations or any other internal association act with the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail.

National Association authorities

§ 30

National authorities of the Association consist of:

- 1) General Assembly,
- 2) National Board,
- 3) National Audit Committee,
- 4) Member's Arbitration Board.

General Assembly

§ 31

1. The General Assembly is the highest Association authority and shall meet at least once a year, not later than the end of June.
2. The General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. The Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the initiative of the National Board, the National Audit Committee or at the request of at least 1/4 of the total number of Association members. The Extraordinary General Assembly is convened by the National Board within 30 days of submission of the request and deliberates on matters for which it was convened.
4. The Board shall notify members at least 21 days before the date in a manner specified in the regulations on a date, place and proposed agenda of the General Assembly.
5. If there are more than 300 members in the Association, then delegates gather at the General Assembly meeting. Branches are represented by: President of the Branch Board and delegates

elected by the General Assembly of the Branch at a number set by the National Board in proportion to the number of members. A term of a delegate appointed by the Branch General Assembly lasts one year.

6. The General Assembly may:
 - 1) elect the President, the Treasurer and other members of the National Board, the Chairman and members of the National Audit Committee, the Chairman and members of the Member's Arbitration Board,
 - 2) dismiss the National Board by a 2/3 majority vote,
 - 3) consider reports on activities and grant a vote of acceptance to members of the National Board,
 - 4) consider reports of the National Audit Committee,
 - 5) determine the direction of the program and action plans and approve action plans of the national Association,
 - 6) adopt amendments to the Articles of Association by a 2/3 majority of votes cast at the Meeting,
 - 7) dissolve the Association by a 2/3 majority of votes cast at the Meeting,
 - 8) confer an honorary membership,
 - 9) consider appeals against decisions of the Member's Arbitration Board,
 - 10) consider other proposals of the Board and other authorities and requests of individual members of the Association,
 - 11) adopt regulations referred to in the Articles of Association,
 - 12) approve an organizational structure of the Association.
7. Resolutions of the General Assembly are binding for all members of the Association.

National Board

§ 32

1. The National Board consists of 7 or 9 members elected by the General Assembly. Ordinary members represent at least half of the Board members. A President is selected only from ordinary members. Membership in the Board cannot be combined with membership in the National Audit Committee or the Member's Arbitration Board. A person convicted for an offense prosecuted by indictment or a fiscal offense cannot be a member of the National Board.
2. The Board consists of, in particular, the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
3. The Board may in particular:
 - 1) represent the national Association,
 - 2) manage the work of the national Association,
 - 3) convene the General Assembly, present the draft agenda, submit motions and draft resolutions for the General Assembly,
 - 4) prepare the general program of the national Association,
 - 5) accept new members,
 - 6) dismiss members of the Association,
 - 7) manage assets and funds of the Association,
 - 8) determine the amount of membership fees for different categories of members, establish branch contributions for the national Association.
 - 10) appoint and determine the operating area of the Branch when in a given region the number of members of the Association exceeds 30.
4. The Board shall deal with all matters not reserved in the Articles of Association for other authorities of the Association.
5. Board meetings are held as need arises but not less frequently than once a month.
6. Every year the Board submits a report on its activities to the National Audit Committee and

the General Assembly. If neither the report is approved nor the fulfillment of duties is acknowledged, then the entire Board shall resign.

National Audit Committee

§ 33

1. The National Audit Committee consists of 3 or 5 members elected by the General Assembly. Membership in the Committee cannot be combined with membership in the National Board, Branch Board, Branch Audit Committee or the Member's Arbitration Board.
2. A person convicted for an offense prosecuted by indictment or a fiscal offense cannot be a member of the Audit Committee.
3. Members of the Audit Committee may neither be members of the National Board nor remain with them in consanguinity, affinity, subordination, marriage or cohabitation. The Audit Committee members may receive reimbursement of reasonable costs for performing their functions in the body.
4. The Committee President shall supervise the work of the Committee. The President of the Committee or a member authorized by him or her participates in the Board meetings in an advisory capacity.
5. For validity of resolutions it is required at least 2/3 of the Committee members to be present during the voting.
6. The Audit Committee shall have the following powers and authorities:
 - 1) current control of the Association's activities, with particular emphasis on financial activities,
 - 2) submitting follow-up statements to the Board,
 - 3) submitting proposals regarding approval of the performance of duties,
 - 4) convening the General Assembly as laid down in the general Rules for meeting conduct,
 - 5) initiating convening an extraordinary General Assembly.
7. The Committee shall submit an annual report on its activities at the meeting of the General Assembly.

Member's Arbitration Board

§ 34

1. Member's Arbitration Board consists of 3 members elected by the General Assembly. Membership in the Member's Arbitration Board cannot be combined with membership in the National Board, Branch Board, Branch Audit Committee or the National Audit Committee.
2. The Chief Judge shall supervise the work of Member's Arbitration Board.
3. At least 2/3 of the members of the adjudication panel shall be present for the validity of its judgments.
4. The Member's Arbitration Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
 - 1) examining complaints of non-compliance with the Articles of Association, resolutions and decisions of the Association,
 - 2) resolving disputes arising between members of the Association,
 - 3) deciding on penalties for violation of the Articles of Association, regulations, resolutions and decisions of the Association,
 - 4) convening meetings following the complaint of the Audit Committee or 1/4 of the Association's members regarding a refusal or failure to convene the General Assembly by the Board of the Association,
5. The judgment of the Member's Arbitration Board in cases referred to in clause 4 point 3, may be appealed to the General Assembly.
6. Upon termination of the term of office, the Member's Arbitration Board shall submit a report on its activities at the meeting of the General Assembly.
7. The Member's Arbitration Board in areas of its competence conducts its procedures in

accordance with the Articles of Association.

Program Committee

§ 35 – deleted

Association's governing bodies of the Branch

§ 36

Association's governing bodies of the Branch consist of:

- 1) General Assembly of the Branch,
- 2) Branch Board,
- 3) Branch Audit Committee.

§ 37

1. General Assembly of the Branch is the highest Branch authority of the Association and meets at least once a year, not later than the end of May.
2. General Assembly of the Branch shall have the following powers and authorities:
 - 1) elect members of the Branch Board as well as the Branch Audit Committee,
 - 2) dismiss the Branch Board by a 2/3 majority vote,
 - 3) consider reports on activities and grant a vote of acceptance to members of the Branch Board,
 - 4) consider reports on activities of the Branch Audit Committee,
 - 5) to approve the general program of the Association Branch,
3. Resolutions of the General Assembly of the Branch are binding on all members of the Branch Association.

§ 38

1. The Branch Board consists of 5 or 7 ordinary members elected by the General Assembly of the Branch. Membership in the Branch Board cannot be combined with membership in the Branch Audit Committee or the Member's Arbitration Board.
2. The Board consists of, in particular, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and the Treasurer.
3. The Board may in particular:
 - 1) manage the work of the Association in the Branch,
 - 2) represent the Association in the Branch,
 - 3) convene the General Assembly of the Branch,
 - 4) prepare the general action plan of the Branch,
4. The Board shall submit an annual report on its activities to the Branch Audit Committee and at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Branch. If neither the report is approved nor the fulfillment of duties is acknowledged, then the entire Board shall resign.

§ 39

1. Branch Audit Committee consists of 3 members elected by the General Assembly of the Branch. Membership in the Committee cannot be combined with membership in the Branch Board, the National Audit Committee or the Member's Arbitration Board.
2. The Committee's President shall supervise the work of the Committee.
3. For validity of resolutions it is required at least 2/3 of the Committee members to be present during the voting.
4. Branch Audit Committee shall have the following powers and authorities:
 - 1) ongoing control of the Association in the Branch with emphasis on financial activities,
 - 2) submitting proposals regarding approval of the performance of duties of the Branch Board,
 - 3) convening the General Assembly of the Branch in the situations specified in the general Rules for meeting conduct.

5. The Committee shall submit an annual report on its activities at the meeting of the General Assembly and to the National Audit Committee.

Chapter 5

PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION

§ 40

Assets of the Association include real estate, movables and funds. Membership contributions, donations, legacies, income from own business, income from the assets of the Association and public funding form assets of the Association.

§ 41

1. The Association can neither lend money nor establish pledge over the assets of the Association in relation to its members, members of its bodies or employees and people to whom members, members of bodies and employees of the Association are married, cohabitant or consanguinity or affinity in a straight line relationship or affinity in the collateral line to the second degree, or are related by adoption, custody or guardianship (relatives).
2. The Association may not transfer assets of the Association to its members, members of the bodies or employees and their relatives in a manner other than in relation to third parties, in particular if such transfer is free of charge or on preferential terms.
3. The Association may not use assets of the Association for its members, members of the bodies or employees and their relatives in a manner other than in relation to third parties, unless such use directly stems from the statutory aims.
4. The Association cannot buy goods or services from entities connected with members of the Association, members of its bodies or employees and their relatives in a manner other than in relation to third parties or at prices higher than market prices.

§ 42

The Association may receive grants and subsidies according to the principles set out in separate regulations.

§ 43

An association with the status of public benefit organization may carry out statutory paid public benefit activities according to the principles laid down in the Act referred to in § 3 in sentence 2 of the Articles of Association and may carry out an economic activity. The excess of revenues over costs of paid public benefit activity and economic activity shall be used only for statutory purposes in the field of public benefit activities.

Chapter 6

REPORTING

§ 44

1. The Association keeps its accounting and financial reporting in accordance with applicable law.
2. A financial year coincides with a calendar year.
3. The Association shall make public reports on their activities in a manner prescribed by law.

Chapter 7

LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

§ 45

1. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution of the General Assembly subject to the provisions laid down by law. The General Assembly when adopting a resolution shall determine the manner of liquidation and the purpose of the Association's assets.
2. In the case the resolution referred to in clause 1 has not specified the Association assets' purpose, the Annual Assembly may appoint a Liquidation Committee consisting of 3-5 ordinary members. The Liquidation Committee shall indicate objectives set out in the Articles of Association for which assets should be used. If there is no Liquidation Committee, the Board responsible for liquidations shall determine the destiny of assets.

§ 46

1. The national Association shall not be liable for liabilities of the Branch Association with its legal personality.
2. The Association Branch with its legal personality is not liable for liabilities of the national Association, in particular those arising prior to the foundation of the Branch.
3. The Branch Association can be solved with a resolution of the General Assembly of the Branch.
4. In the event of dissolution of the Branch Association having its legal personality, its property passes to the national Association.