

articles of incorporation

Living Gaia e.V.

## **§ 1 Name and seat of the association, business year**

1. the association bears the name "Living Gaia". It shall be registered in the register of associations and shall then bear the addition "e.V.".

2 The association has its seat in Berlin.

3 The business year is the calendar year.

## **§ 2 Purpose, tasks, non-profit character of the association**

1 The "Living Gaia e.V." pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes in the sense of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.

2. purpose of the association is the promotion of education according to § 52 Abs. 2 tax code.

3. purpose of the association is in particular the promotion of educational events. The purpose of the Statutes is realised in particular by the procurement and administration of financial means for the tax-privileged purposes of educational promotion.

This is done by organising events in the field of natural healing methods and opportunities to experience nature. The promotion of the establishment and development of meeting and education places in the sense of the statute purpose is to be converted so-well on local as well as on global level.

The events serve the purpose of informing about the goals of the association and of fundraising.

4. the association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

5. means of the association may be used only for the statutory purposes. The members do not receive any contributions from the funds of the association. No person may be favoured by disproportionately high remunerations or by expenses which are alien to the purpose of the association.

### **§ 3 Acquisition of membership**

1. any natural person of full age and any legal entity may become a member of the Association.

2. the admission into the association is to be requested in writing with the executive committee. The board decides on the application for membership. If it does not want to grant the application, the next ordinary general meeting will decide on it.

3 Membership becomes effective upon payment of the admission fee.

### **§ 4 Termination of membership**

1. membership in the association ends through death, resignation or expulsion.

2. the resignation is to be declared in writing to the executive committee. The resignation can be declared only with a period of notice of two months to the end of the financial year.

3. a member can be expelled from the association by resolution of the general meeting, if he or she

a) has culpably seriously damaged the reputation or interests of the association or has repeatedly violated the duties incumbent upon it under the statutes, or

b) is more than three months in arrears with the payment of his membership fees and despite written reminder under threat of exclusion has not paid the outstanding contributions.

The member is to be given the opportunity to comment on the reasons for the exclusion at the general meeting. These must be communicated to him at least two weeks in advance.

## **§ 5 Rights and obligations of members**

1 Every member has the right to participate actively and to participate in joint events. Every member has the same right to vote and be elected in the general meeting.

2 Every member has the duty to promote the interests of "Living Gaia e.V.", in particular to regularly pay his membership fees and, as far as he is able, to support the events through his cooperation.

## **§ 6 Admission fee and membership fees**

1. an admission fee must be paid upon admission to the association. Each member has to pay a monthly membership fee in advance.

The amount of the admission fee and the membership fees is determined by the general meeting. The openness of the association for the general public has to be considered.

## **§ 7 Organs of the association**

Organs of the association are the executive committee and the general meeting.

## **§ 8 board**

1) The executive committee of the association is responsible for the representation of the association according to § 26 BGB and the management of its business. In particular, it has the following tasks:

- a) the convening and preparation of the general meetings including the preparation of the agenda;
- b) the execution of resolutions of the general meeting;
- c) the administration of the Association's assets and the preparation of the annual report;
- d) the admission of new members.

2) The executive committee consists of the chairman, his deputy and the treasurer.

3) The chairman represents the association alone. In all other respects two members of the board represent the association together.

4) The members of the board are elected individually by the general meeting for a period of two years. Members of the board can only be members of the association; membership in the association also ends membership in the board. The election or premature dismissal of a member by the general meeting is permissible. A member remains in office at the end of his regular term of office until his successor is elected. If a member leaves the Board prematurely, the remaining members shall be entitled to elect a member of the Association to the Board until the successor is elected by the General Assembly.

5. the executive committee meets as required. The meetings shall be convened by the chairman or, in his absence, by his deputy. A notice period of one week shall be observed. The executive committee has a quorum if at least two members are present. Resolutions are passed by a majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman shall be decisive; in the event of the Chairman's inability to attend, the vote of the Deputy Chairman shall be decisive.

6. the resolutions of the executive committee are to be recorded. The minutes are to be signed by the person taking the minutes as well as by the chairman, in his absence by his deputy or another member of the board.

## **§ 9 general meeting**

1 The General Assembly is responsible for decisions on the following matters:

- a) Changes of the statute;
- b) the dissolution of the association;
- c) the admission of new club members in the cases of § 3 no. 2 sentence 3, the appointment of honorary members as well as the expulsion of members from the club;
- d) the election and dismissal of members of the Executive Board;
- e) the acceptance of the annual report and the discharge of the board;
- f) the determination of the admission fee and the membership fees.

2) At least once a year, preferably in the first quarter, an ordinary general meeting shall be convened by the executive committee. The meeting shall be convened in writing with a notice period of two weeks and the agenda.

3. the agenda is set by the board. Every member of the association can apply in writing to the board for an amendment to the agenda up to one week before the general meeting at the latest. The board decides on the application. The General Assembly shall decide on motions concerning the agenda which have not been accepted by the Executive Board or which are made for the first time in the General Assembly with the majority of the votes of the members present; this shall not apply to motions which concern an amendment of the Articles of Association, the dissolution of the Association or changes to the membership fees.

4. the executive committee shall convene an extraordinary general meeting if the interests of the association so require or if a quarter of the members so request in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons. If circumstances permit, a notice period of two weeks is to be observed and the agenda is to be announced with the invitation.

5. the general meeting shall be chaired by the chairman, in his absence by his deputy, and in his absence by a chairman to be elected by the general meeting.

6. the general meeting has a quorum if at least one third of all association members are present. If there is no quorum, the executive committee is obliged to call a second general meeting with the same agenda within four weeks. This is quorate regardless of the number of members present. This is to be pointed out in the invitation.

7. the general assembly decides in open vote with the majority of the votes of the present members. If no candidate is able to win the majority of the votes of the members present at elections, the person who has received the majority of the valid votes cast shall be elected; a run-off election shall be held between several candidates. Abstentions are considered invalid votes. Decisions to amend the statutes require a majority of three quarters, decisions to dissolve the Association require the approval of nine tenths of the members present.

8 A protocol is to be drawn up on the course of the general meeting and the resolutions passed. This is to be signed by the keeper of the minutes and the chairman of the meeting.

## **§ 10 Dissolution of the association, termination for other reasons, Elimination of tax-privileged purpose**

1. in the event of the dissolution of the association, the chairman of the board and his deputy shall be jointly authorised liquidators, unless the general meeting appoints other persons.
2. in the event of the dissolution or dissolution of the association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall be transferred to the charitable "Schwarz Schilling Foundation", which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

The above provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis if the Association is dissolved for any other reason or loses its legal capacity.

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