
Little Sun Foundation

Articles of Association



§ 1 Name and Location

- (1) The name of the association shall be „Little Sun Foundation“. The association has been registered in the official register of associations and is therefore entitled to the suffix „e.V.“ (Registered association).
- (2) The location of the association will be: Christinenstraße 18/19, Haus 4, 10119 Berlin, Germany.

§ 2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the association is the execution and encouragement of education programs and international development cooperation.
 - a) Execution as well as financial and other assistance in humanitarian development projects in the context of development cooperation and education. The target area is Sub-Saharan Africa, in particular regions without access to electricity. Working with local organizations, the Little Sun Foundation will channel donations into solar powered lights for Ethiopian students, giving them a healthy alternative to the currently used, harmful kerosene lamps.
 - b) Execution of educational projects, which support the spread of information and knowledge about energy poverty, renewable energy and global development, as in industrialized countries and as in off-grid regions (Sub Saharan Africa in particular). An example would be to cooperate with local teaching staff and schools to educate children about renewable energy. The association will develop teaching content and implement education workshops in schools in cooperation with local partners all over the world.
 - c) Providing sustainable-renewable energy solutions to developing countries and regions that lack energy access.
- (2) The Little Sun Foundation is an independent entity. It is not obligated to third-party interests.

§ 3 Charitable status

The association's purpose applies exclusively and directly to charitable purposes within the meaning of "tax-privileged purposes" of the German tax code. The association is only dedicated to charitable activities and does not primarily pursue the objective of its commercial viability. Funds of the association may be used for the AOA's purpose. Members of the association do not receive grants from the association's funds. No individual can claim expenses that are not directly related to the association's AOA. No individual can receive disproportionately high salary.

§ 4 Fiscal year

The association's fiscal year accords to the calendar year.

§ 5 Membership

- (1) Every natural person and every legal entity of the private or public law can become a member of the association. The managing board has the authority to decide on membership acceptance. The application for admission has to occur in written form.
- (2) The membership ends
 - a) By death of the member.
 - b) By reception of the termination request in written form.
 - c) The termination can be requested at any time; the payment of the membership fees for the calendar year will remain unaffected.
 - d) If the member is in default with the payment of its membership fees for more than six months.
- (3) The association can accept sustaining members; the conditions are managed by the board.

§ 7 Association bodies

The bodies of the associations are:

- (1) The general meeting
- (2) The board

§ 8 The general meeting

- (1) The general meeting has to take place once a year.
- (2) The general meeting is responsible for:
 - a) Acceptance of the annual report and the treasurer's report from the board
 - b) Acceptance of the audit report and approving the actions
 - c) Election of the board and of the accountant
 - d) Resolution about changes of the AOA and the liquidation of the association.
- (3) The board has to call a general meeting immediately if required by the association's interest or at minimum a third of the members is requesting a meeting in written form indicating the purpose and reasons.
- (4) Every general meeting has to be announced by the board 3 weeks in advance to the meeting in written form. The invitation counts as duly received the moment it got send to the member's last known address. An invitation received via E-Mail sent to the last known E-Mail address is also valid. Any member can request an addition to the agenda from the board until five days before the general meeting takes place. The chairperson has to announce the supplement at the beginning of the general meeting. Proposals concerning a change of the AOA have to be announced in the invitation to the meeting in written form.

§ 9 The resolution of the general meeting

- (1) The general meeting is supervised by the chairperson, if he or she is not available by another board member. If no member of the board is present, the assembly will appoint a supervisor.

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- (2) The minutes are taken care of by the keeper of the minutes. If he or she is not present, the chairperson will appoint a keeper of the minutes.
 - (3) The form of the voting is decided by the chairperson. The voting will be executed in written form, if required by a third of the present members who are entitled to vote.
 - (4) The general meeting is not for the public. The chairperson can accept guests.
 - (5) Any duly called general meeting is quorate independent of the number of the present members.
 - (6) The general meeting makes decisions in general by a simple majority of the valid votes cast; vote abstention remains out of consideration.
Modifications of the AOA (including the association's purpose) are only valid by a voting of the majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast, the same applies to the liquidation. The elections are regulated as follows: if no candidate obtains a majority in the prime ballot, there will be a run-off between the two candidates with the highest votes.
 - (7) The general meeting's decisions have to be recorded in the minutes, signed by the chairperson and the keeper of the minutes. The following should be recorded: Location and time of the meeting, the person of the chairperson and the keeper of the minutes, the number of present members, the agenda, the single votes and the voting. Modifications of the AOA require detailed recording about the modifying articles.

§ 10 The board

- (1) The board consists of
 - a) the 1. chairperson
 - b) the 2. chairperson
 - c) the 3. chairperson
 - d) the treasurer.

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- (2) The board will be elected by the general meeting for two years. It is going to be in office until reelections are hold.
 - (3) Due to parting of a board member before the end of the election period, the by-election will take place at the following general meeting.
 - (4) The board represents the association in and out of court.
 - (5) Every board member is allowed to represent the association in and out of court.
 - (6) The Board is quorate with the present of two board members. In the event of a tied vote the chairperson's vote is determining.
 - (7) Annually the board has to inform about its activities, submit the treasurer's report of the last year and submit the planned budget for the current year.
 - (8) The board can appoint an extended board.
 - (9) The board can appoint a manager for supervising the association and employ personnel to support the manager. The association's manager and personnel cannot be part of the board.

§ 11 Management board

The association's business can be transferred by the board to one or several manager(s). Further regulations can be found in the standing orders.

§ 13 Reimbursement of expenses/ remuneration

- (1) Voluntary persons can only claim compensation for proven expenses.
- (2) The board members (if applicable the manager) can receive a (lump-sum) remuneration for their expenditure of labor or time. The remuneration volume must not be disproportionable high. The scale of proportion is the association's charitable purpose.

§ 14 Membership fees

A fee of 20 EUR per annum.

§ 15 Association funds

The funds needed to accomplish the association's purpose are gained by:

- (1) Grants and subventions of the public authorities
- (2) Associations and third-party-funds
- (3) Monetary donations and donations kind
- (4) Membership fees
- (5) Revenues of events

§ 16 Liquidation

In event of liquidation or cancellation of the association or in event of discontinuation of the tax-advantaged purpose, the association's assets go to another legal entity of the public law or another tax-advantaged public corporation which will exclusively and directly spend the assets on promoting art and culture.

§ 17 Validity

The AOA is taking effect from the resolution of the general meeting on the date of 11.08.2016 and the incorporation in the register of associations.

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