

Statutes of the Association/Club „Sambodha-Mandira"

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§ 1 Name, Seat, Fiscal Year

- (1) The association bears the name "Sambodha-Mandira". It is to be entered in the register of associations of the district court Munich. After completion of entry, the Name will be: „Sambodha-Mandira e.V.“.
- (2) The association has its seat in Fürstenfeldbruck.
- (3) The fiscal year of the association is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the association

- (1) The association pursues community purposes exclusively and directly.
- (2) The purpose of the association is to promote spiritual growth, research and development in terms of meditation.
- (3) The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular through seminars, workshops, lectures, congresses, establishing and maintaining meeting places, promotion of education and training projects at home and abroad, cooperation with suitable persons, organizations, institutions and public bodies at home and abroad, support for scientific and spiritual events and projects, information and education work online and offline.

§ 2a - Altruistic activity

The association is altruistically active; It pursues primarily ideological purposes and no purposes of economic viability.

§ 3 - Acquisition of membership

- (1) Any natural and legal person can become a club member (The masculine is used in the Articles of Incorporation and is representative of all other genders). The admission takes place through entry in the list of members, after the Executive Board of the association has approved the request of the new member.
- (2) Prerequisite for the acquisition of membership is a written application (also by email), which should be addressed to the executive board. In individual cases, the board may substitute the written form requirement for acquiring membership with alternatives.
- (3) The Board decides on the application for admission at its own discretion. If the application is rejected, it is not obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons.

§ 4 - Termination of membership

- (1) Membership termination is carried out through a written declaration to the board.
- (2) Termination can only be declared at the end of a fiscal year with a notice period of three months.
- (3) A member may be removed from the membership list by decision of the board if he/she is behind with the payment of membership fees or sharing of costs, despite having received two written reminders. The removal may only be decided upon if two months have elapsed after the second reminder has been sent and the threat of termination has been stated in this reminder. The decision of the board regarding the termination should be communicated to the member.
- (4) If a member culpably violates the interests of the club in a crude manner, he/she can be excluded from the association by decision of the board. Before the decision is taken, the board must give the member the opportunity to make an oral or written statement.

§ 5 – Membership fees

- (1) Upon admission to the association an admission fee is to be paid. In addition, members will be charged annual or monthly contributions.
- (2) The amount and due date of admission fees, annual or monthly contributions and sharing of costs are determined by the Executive Board.
- (3) In appropriate cases, the Executive Board may, in whole or in part, waive or defer fees, contributions and sharing of costs.

§ 6 - Rights and obligations of the members

- (1) The members are entitled to use the facilities of the association as well as participate in the events of the association, partly also for a fee.
- (2) A distinction is made between the "normal club member" – in future referred to as "member", the "promoting/ supporting member" – referred to as "promoting/ supporting member" and the honorary member. The rights and obligations mentioned under point 1 in this section apply to members, sponsoring members and honorary members. However, only the "normal" club member has the right to vote at general meetings. The sponsoring members and honorary members are not necessarily invited to attend meetings and have no vote when participating.

§ 7 - Organs of the association

Organs of the association are the Executive Board, the Advisory Council, the Spiritual Father and the General Members' Meeting.

§ 8 – The Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board of the association consists of the chairman, the first deputy chairman, the second deputy chairman and further three to five members who actively take care of the interests of the association.

(2) Chairmanship of the Board is represented by the chairman, the first deputy chairman and the second deputy chairman. They represent the association judicially and out of court. Two chairmen of the Board of Management represent the company jointly.

(3) The Chairmanship of the Board is elected by the Executive Board for four years. A reelection is possible. The Spiritual Father has power of veto for designation and election of the chairman, the first deputy chairman and the second deputy chairman.

§ 9 - Responsibilities of the Executive Board

The executive board is responsible for all affairs of the association, as far as they are not delegated through the statutes to another organ of the association. It has the following tasks in particular:

1. Management, leadership and administration of the company.
2. Preparation and convening of the general members' meeting as well as drawing up of the agenda.
3. Preparation of the budget, accounting, preparation of the annual report; Decisions regarding the admission of members.

§ 10 - Election and term of office of the Executive Board

The executive board is nominated by the spiritual father and will be confirmed during the general meeting by normal majority of the members. If the members of the executive board are not confirmed by the members during the meeting the spiritual father will make new nominations. The call of the executive board members will be confirmed every 4 years. The spiritual father has the right to recall a board member. The term of office of the executive board ends when a successor takes over the function/office.

§ 11 - Meetings and decisions/ resolutions of the Executive Board

(1) The executive board manages the affairs of the association. Its responsibilities include all transactions that have not been assigned to the General Members' Meeting in accordance with the statutes. The association is represented by the chairman.

(2) The Executive Board decides by resolution during board meetings which are held at least once a year. An invitation will be sent out by the chairman with a notice period of two weeks. For the quorum of the board, the presence of two-thirds of the board is required. Resolutions at board meetings are passed by two-thirds majority of the board members. The Executive Board can transfer the quorum to the three members of the Chairmanship of the Board. Decisions of the Chairmanship of the Board with the chairman, the first deputy chairman and the second deputy chairman are passed by consensus.

(3) The resolutions of the Executive Board will be forwarded in written form to the spiritual father. If there is no written rejection within a time period of 4 weeks by the spiritual father, the executive board resolutions are considered approved by the spiritual father. If there is a rejection through the spiritual father there will be at least one meeting with discussion within 4 weeks between at least two-thirds of the executive board members and the spiritual father. In the following of the meeting with the spiritual father within 14 days there will be a second executive board members meeting which at least four-fifth of the

board members have to attend. The resolutions of this executive board members meeting have to be in consensus. In case of a repeated rejection through the spiritual father within 14 days, the resolutions are made by the spiritual father without final agreement.

(4) The board is authorized to represent the association in legal matters. In its actions, it always must be guided by the goals of the association.

(5) The board has the right to change the statutes of the association.

§ 12 – Advisory Council

The executive board is assisted by an advisory council, which preferably consists of experts and scientists and is appointed by the board to advise on the planning and execution of work.

§ 13 – Spiritual Father

(1) The spiritual father of the association imparts the knowledge in the solar tradition and supports the association in achieving its purpose in terms of § 2 of these statutes.

(2) The spiritual father and director of the association is Aaravindha Himadra. The spiritual director is responsible in particular for the spiritual support of the members of the association. His duties include ensuring the purity of teaching and tradition. He also advises the board in the affairs of the association. The board should seek the advice of the spiritual director in all important decisions. The spiritual director has the right to revoke individual resolutions of the board and supervises the development of the association.

(3) If the spiritual director sees the purpose of the association endangered through the management of the board, with an invitation period of 6 weeks he may convene a board meeting with the aim of realigning the actions of the board with the purpose of the association. If necessary, he may then express mistrust of the board and appoint a new board. The invitation is made by simple letter or by email. Insofar as a board member conveys their e-mail address to the association, this is considered as approval of the invitation to the board meeting by e-mail. For invitations with a simple letter, the invitation is considered as received upon delivery to the post office. With invitation by email, the invitation is considered as received when the email is sent out using the electronic “send” function.

Aaravindha Himadra is spiritual director of the association for life, or until a declaration of resignation is written. He appoints the successor, also testamentary if necessary. The successor must resign from all other offices and duties in the association and can become an honorary member of the association.

§ 14 – General Members’ Meeting

In the general members’ meeting, each adult member has one vote. Another member may be authorized in writing to exercise the voting right. The authorization must be issued separately at each general meeting; a member may not represent more than three foreign votes.

§ 15 - Convening of the General Members’ Meeting

The ordinary General Members’ Meeting should take place at least every two years. It is convened in writing by the Executive Board (also by e-mail) subject to a notice period of two weeks. The period begins with the day following the dispatch of the letter of invitation. The letter of invitation is deemed to

have been sent to the member if it is addressed to the last address (also email address) communicated in writing by the member to the association. The agenda and meeting place are determined by the board.

§ 16 – Extraordinary General Members’ Meeting

An extraordinary general members’ meeting shall be convened by the Board if the interest of the association so requires, or if 1/10 of the members so request in writing stating the purpose and reasons.

§ 17 - Resolution of the General Members’ Meeting

- (1) The general meeting is led by the chairman. If the chairperson is not present, the meeting will be led by a board member. At a general meeting at least one member of the board must be present.
- (2) Each duly convened general members’ meeting is quorate through the presence of one member of the Executive Board and regardless of the number of members present.
- (3) The general meeting generally passes resolutions by a simple majority of the valid votes cast; Abstentions are therefore not considered.
- (4) In elections, the candidate is elected who receives more than half of the valid votes cast. If no one has received more than half of the valid votes cast, a runoff vote will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. In this case, the one who has received the most votes is elected. If the number of votes is the same, the lot which is drawn by the chairman decides.
- (5) Resolutions of the general meeting must be recorded in the minutes and signed by the respective secretary. The chairman of the general meeting appoints the respective secretary.
- (6) The general meeting elects a cash auditor for a period of two years. The auditor may not be a member of the board. Re-election is permitted. If no auditor who can be elected is present at the general meeting, the board of directors appoints the auditor.

§ 18 - Dissolution /Dissolving of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the association can, with the consent of the board and the spiritual father, be resolved by a simple majority of the votes cast in a general meeting. The assets available after termination of the liquidation will be determined in accordance with proposals of the Executive Board in this general members’ meeting.
- (2) Unless the members decide otherwise during the general meeting, the chairman is the liquidator authorized to represent.
- (3) The above conditions apply accordingly if the association is dissolved for another reason or loses its legal capacity.

§ 19 – Transitional Provisions

- (1) After entry in the register of associations and in subsequent years, each of the next ordinary members' meetings should adopt the statutes of the association in a version void of superfluous transitional provisions.

(2) The first fiscal year (§ 1.3) is a shortened fiscal year, which begins with the signing of the statutes by the founding members and ends on 31 December of the same year.

(3) Insofar as is permissible, the liability of the person acting for the association before its legal capacity and all its members is limited to the assets of the association; the executive committee is to arrange in writing a corresponding contractual provision in all legal relationships with members or third parties to be entered before the registration of the association.

(4) Until the registration of the association, the executive board has the authority to change the statutes of the association, including the name of the association editorially and, with the exception of the purpose of the statutes, to adapt the requirements of the registry court or the tax authorities.

The board must report on this at the latest during the next ordinary general meeting and should already inform the undersigned founding members in advance of the amended statutes; this next general meeting should be convened in this case with reference to the amended provisions and subsequently formally approve the edited and revised version.

(5) In urgent cases, the Executive Board may allow the founding members signing this statute to vote again by written circulation procedure until the registration, if registration obstacles cannot be remedied otherwise within a reasonable time.

The prescribed majorities of the verbal procedures for the respective resolutions in the statutes of the association shall apply, with the proviso that the Executive Board must ensure that each founding member has received the proposed resolution and has had sufficient opportunity to respond.

These written voting documents must be kept for inspection by the founding members until the end of the next ordinary general meeting. Rules on summons and deadlines as well as the requirements of the agenda do not apply to the circulation procedure specified in Statute 1 and not to the first founding meeting of the association.

(6) On August 28, 2019, the association Sambodha-Mandira e.V. was entered in the register of associations of the district court of Munich - registration court (VR 208295). On July 12, 2020, the first general meeting of the association took place in Caux (Switzerland).

§ 20 - The above statutes were established in the founding assembly on August 9th, 2019.

Munich, August 14th 2019

As founding members:

Stefan Neumeier (Akshaya)

Dr. Zoran Stankovic (Ashankara)

Kristina Zöllner (Darshini)

Sebastian Ascher (Karune)

Gabriele Reichenberger (Majjula)

Dr. Rudolf Schönberger (Rinaesh)

Jürgen Dirr (Roshanra)