

STATUTES OF THE ZENITH INSTITUTE ASSOCIATION

Article 1 Name and headquarter of the association

There is an association under the name Zenith Institute in accordance with Art 60 – 79 of the Swiss Civil Law Book, ZBG. The headquarter of the association is in Zurich.

Article 2 Objectives of the association

The Zenith Institute association pursues the following objectives:

- a) The implementation of a summer meditation camp in the tradition of the universal Sufisms according to Hazrat Inayat Khan.
- b) The implementation, promotion and organization of conferences, courses, meetings, seminars and studies based on the contemplative practices of the various religions. The deepening of these contemplative practices in the fields of psychology, the arts, psychotherapy, the sciences, medicine and various other healing techniques.
- c) The promotion of understanding and peace between all religions and spiritual traditions.
- d) The Zenith Institute Association is a non-profit and non-profit organization.

Article 3 Members

- a) Active members of the Zenith Institute Association are natural persons who support the goals and activities mentioned in Article 2 in their area.
The association charges a membership fee, the amount of which is set by the general assembly. The board decides on admission as a member. The application for admission must be submitted to the board in writing. Resignation from the association is made by notification to the board or to the secretariat and is possible at any time. The board decides on any exclusion of members. The member concerned can appeal against this decision of the board at the general assembly. The general assembly decides on the appeal with a 2/3 majority of the members present.
- b) There is the possibility of supporting the association financially as a donator, in the form of a fixed donation contribution or additional recurring donations. Pure donation members are not active members according to point a).

Article 4 Activities of the association

The activities of the association relate to the realization and implementation of the objectives set out in article 2.

Article 5 Resources of the association

The resources of the association consist of:

- a) membership fees, which are set by the annual general meeting.
- b) income from registrations for the various events and sale of materials and documents for the seminars.
- c) various income: donations, gifts and legacies.

Article 6 Expenses of the association

The expenses of the association consist of:

- a) all expenses incurred that are necessary to achieve the objectives and activities set out in Articles 2 and 4.
- b) support from other associations with the same or similar objectives with the decision of the board and approval by the general meeting.

Article 7 The bodies of the association

- a) The general meeting of active members
- b) The board
- c) The auditors

Article 8 The general meeting

The general meeting is the highest organ of the association. The general meeting is convened by the board or if 1/5 of the members request it in writing. The invitation, stating the agenda items, must be in the possession of the members at least 14 days before the date of the general meeting. The general meeting must be held at least once per financial year.

The general meeting decides by a simple majority on the following points:

- Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting
- Annual report of the board and management
- Acceptance of the annual financial statements
- Discharge of the board
- Election of the president (every four years)
- Election of the other board members (every four years)
- Election of the auditors (every four years)

The general meeting decides by a 2/3 majority of the members present on:

- Amendments to the statutes
- Appeals regarding the exclusion of members
- the possible dissolution of the association

The general meeting can take decisions regardless of the number of members present. The decisions of the general meeting can also be obtained by correspondence.

Article 9 Board

The board consists of at least 3 members:

- a president
- a treasurer
- and a secretary.

The board constitutes itself.

The board decides on all matters that are not exclusively assigned to other organs of the association.

Article 10 Auditors

The general meeting appoints two auditors. They can be re-elected.

Article 11 Management / Team / Working groups

The board can appoint a management to carry out the activities. The management is supported by a team and working groups.

The board can set up working groups to support the management tasks and the activities of the association. The board can convene a coordination meeting of the representatives of the working groups, which coordinates the activities and makes decisions for the board.

Article 12 Legal obligation

The Zenith Institute association is legally binding through the signature of a board member.

Article 13 Dissolution of the association

The Zenith Institute association can be dissolved at any time by resolution of the general meeting. In the event of dissolution, the remaining assets of the association will be transferred to the Hope Project in New Delhi, India or to an organization with similar goals.

The Zenith Institute association is dissolved by law: in the event of insolvency or if the board can no longer be appointed in accordance with the statutes.

Article 14 Liability

The board members and members of the association are released from any personal financial liability. Only the assets of the Zenith Institute are liable for the liabilities of the Zenith Institute.

Article 15 Legal regulation

For all matters not regulated by these statutes, the corresponding articles of the Swiss Civil Law Book ZGB apply.

Article 16 Entry into force

These statutes replace the version of the statutes dated August 26, 2018 and were adopted by the extraordinary general meeting on January 19, 2025. They come into force on February 1, 2025.

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for the board

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