

# Dance & History - Association Statutes

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## §1 (Name, Registered Office)

1. The association bears the name "Dance & History."
2. It shall be entered in the register of associations and shall then bear the suffix "e.V.".
3. The registered office of the association is Herrsching.

## §2 (Purpose)

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
2. The purpose of the association is to promote science, art, and culture, as well as public and vocational education in the field of historical dance. One focus is the research of dance practice and dance history of past centuries, as well as the communication of the current state of knowledge to the public.
3. The purpose of the association is also to raise funds within the meaning of § 58 No. 1 of the German Tax Code for the above-mentioned purposes. 4. The purpose of the statutes shall be realized in particular through:
  - Organization and promotion of scholarly conferences
  - Organization and promotion of research projects
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  - Awarding study scholarships, research grants, subsidies for participation in subject-related conferences and congresses, and prizes for special scientific achievements. Criteria are established for the awarding of these grants to ensure that they serve the non-profit

objectives and are openly accessible. The criteria are set out in a separate guideline and reviewed regularly.

- Organization and promotion of continuing education events for dance teachers, dancers, choreographers, musicians, etc. (lectures, courses, etc.)
- Provision of informational material
- Production and promotion of relevant publications
- Organization and promotion of concerts and performances that include historical dance
- Implementation and promotion of measures suitable for conveying to the public an image of historical dance that corresponds to the current state of research and for raising public awareness of historical dance.

The association's objectives are also to be achieved through the above measures at the international level.

### §3 (Financial year)

The financial year is the calendar year.

### §4 (Non-profit status)

1. The association is selflessly active and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
2. The association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the statutes. Members do not receive any payments from the association's funds.
3. No person may benefit from expenses that are not related to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

### §5 (Membership)

1. Natural persons aged 18 and over and legal entities may become members of the association.
2. The executive committee shall decide on admission after receiving a written application.
3. Membership shall end upon resignation, expulsion, removal from the membership list, or death of the member (in the case of legal entities, upon their dissolution).

4. Resignation from the association is possible with one month's notice to the end of the fiscal year. It must be declared in writing to the executive committee.
5. A member may be expelled from the association if their conduct grossly violates the statutes or the interests of the association. The general meeting decides on expulsion by a two-thirds majority.
6. Removal from the membership list is possible upon resolution of the executive committee if the member has not fulfilled their membership fee obligations for more than two months despite reminders, or if they have moved to an unknown address, or their whereabouts have been unknown for more than one year.
7. Members who have resigned, been removed from the membership list, or been expelled have no claim to the association's assets.

#### §6 (Membership fees)

1. An annual fee is charged to members.
2. The fee is due at the beginning of the respective financial year.
3. The amount of the membership fees is determined by the general meeting.

#### §7 (Administration)

1. Members are obliged to notify the association of any changes of address that are relevant to the collection of membership fees.
2. Invitations to meetings and other correspondence shall be sent by letter or email.
3. Invitations shall be deemed to have been received if they have been sent to the last postal address or email address notified to the association.
4. The executive committee and other bodies shall regularly pass resolutions at meetings.
5. With the exception of the general meeting, resolutions of the bodies and committees may also be passed electronically or by telephone. Resolutions shall be effective if at least half of the respective members have participated in the vote.

#### §8 (Organs of the Association)

The organs of the Association are:

- a) the General Meeting
- b) the Executive Board
- c) the Advisory Board

#### §9 (Executive Board)

1. The Executive Board of the Association consists of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, a Treasurer, and up to three assessors.
2. The Chair and the Deputy Chair represent the association externally in accordance with § 26 BGB (German Civil Code). Both are individually authorized to represent the association.
3. The Executive Board is responsible for conducting the association's business in accordance with the Articles of Association and implementing the resolutions of the General Meeting.
4. Minutes of the Executive Board's resolutions shall be taken and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.
5. The Executive Board is elected by the General Meeting for a term of four years; however, it remains in office until a new election has taken place.
6. If a position on the Executive Board is vacant, the Executive Board may appoint another member to the Executive Board for the remainder of the term of office (co-optation). The Executive Board may also entrust one of its members with the exercise of two offices by way of personal union.
7. The General Meeting may also elect one of the members of the Executive Board to two positions on the Executive Board by way of personal union during the election of the Executive Board.

#### §10 (Advisory Board)

1. An advisory board may be established by resolution of the general meeting.
2. The board appoints a maximum of seven persons as members of the advisory board for a term of four years. These persons do not have to be members of the association. The advisory board elects a chairperson from among its members for a term of four years.

3. The task of the advisory board is to advise the executive board in the fulfillment of its duties, in particular with regard to the use of funds and project design. In addition, the advisory board may submit its own proposals to the general meeting.
4. The advisory board shall comment on the association's projects at least once a year.

#### §11 (Cash auditor)

1. The general meeting elects a cash auditor for a term of four years. This person may not be a member of the executive committee.
2. The cash auditor is entitled to review the entire management of the association, including its financial management, at any time and to inspect all books and documents for this purpose.
3. The cash auditor is obliged to carry out such an audit at the end of each financial year.

#### §12 (General Meeting)

1. The regular general meeting takes place once a year. In addition, a general meeting must be convened if at least one-third of the members request it in writing, stating the purpose and reasons. The executive committee also has the right to convene an extraordinary general meeting.
2. Each general meeting must be convened by the executive committee in writing or by email, giving four weeks' notice and stating the agenda. The notice period begins on the day following the dispatch of the invitation letter. The invitation letter is deemed to have been received by the members if it was sent to the address or email address known to the association.
3. The agenda shall be amended if a member requests this in writing at least one week before the scheduled date. The amendment shall be announced at the beginning of the meeting.
4. The tasks of the general meeting are:
  - To receive the annual report of the executive committee,
  - To discharge the members of the executive committee,
  - To elect the members of the executive committee and the cash auditor on a regular basis,
  - To discuss topics proposed by the executive committee,

- To initiate its own plans and initiatives.

5. The chairperson shall preside over the meeting and, in his/her absence, the deputy chairperson. If neither of them is present, a chairperson shall be elected by the general meeting. If the secretary is not present, he or she shall also be appointed by the general meeting.

6. Every duly convened general meeting shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

7. Motions to dismiss the executive committee, amend the articles of association, or dissolve the association that have not already been sent to the members with the invitation to the general meeting can only be decided upon at the next general meeting.

8. Minutes of the resolutions of the general meeting shall be taken and signed by the chairperson and the secretary.

### § 13 (Resolutions and voting rights)

1. Each member has one vote at general meetings and board meetings. Voting rights may only be transferred in writing. No member may be transferred more than one additional vote. The transfer of voting rights must be notified to the chair of the meeting before the general meeting. Legal entities exercise their voting rights through a representative, who must be named in writing to the board.

2. Unless otherwise specified in the bylaws, resolutions and elections are decided by a simple majority of the valid votes cast.

3. When voting on motions, a tie vote means rejection of the motion.

4. Resolutions involving amendments to the Articles of Association, including changes to the purpose of the Association, require a majority of three quarters of the votes cast.

5. The method of voting shall be determined by the chairperson of the meeting. A secret ballot shall be held if requested by one third of the members present who are entitled to vote.

6. Before an election, the general meeting shall appoint an election officer.

7. Elections shall generally be conducted in writing and individually for each office. Block voting may be conducted upon request. The number of assessors in the new executive committee to be elected shall be determined by the general meeting prior to the election.

8. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes. If only one

nomination has been made, the candidate shall be elected if he or she receives a majority of the votes cast. If a majority is not achieved, a second ballot shall be held. Nominations may again be made for this further ballot.

#### §14 (Dissolution, disposition of the association's assets)

1. A majority of 3/4 of the valid votes cast is required to dissolve the association.
2. In the event of dissolution of the association or discontinuation of its tax-privileged purposes, the association's assets shall fall to a legal entity under public law or another tax-privileged corporation for use in the arts and culture.

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