

Association Statutes

English Translation

Association **Visual Impact Projects** based in Wildegg

1. Name and registered office

An association exists under the name "**Visual Impact Projects**" within the meaning of Art. 60 ff. ZGB with its registered office in Wildegg. It is politically independent and denominationally neutral.

2. Purpose

The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes. It is not profit-oriented.

The aim of the association is to promote greater comprehension of socio-political, social and cultural contexts through creative visual projects including photography, video and audio. The focus is on impactful storytelling that communicates complex topics in an engaging way and thus contributes to an empowered and responsible global community. The association works internationally and is committed to achieving sustainable social impact through innovative and creative approaches.

3. Means

The association has the following funds at its disposal to pursue its purpose:

- Donations and grants of all kinds
- Patronage contributions
- Membership fees
- Income from own events
- subsidies
- Income from service agreements

The membership fees are set annually by the General Meeting.

Active members pay a higher fee than passive members. Honorary members and current members of the Board of Directors are exempt from paying membership fees.

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

4. Membership

Natural and legal persons who are interested in the purpose of the association can become members.

Active members with voting rights are natural persons who use the services and facilities of the association.

Passive members with voting rights can be natural or legal persons who support the association ideally and financially.

Persons who have made a special contribution to the Association may be awarded honorary membership by the General Meeting at the proposal of the Board of Directors. They have no voting rights.

Members may join the association at any time; applications for admission must be addressed to the Board of Directors; the Board of Directors makes the final decision on admission.

5. Expiry of membership

Membership expires

- in the case of natural persons, by resignation, exclusion or death.
- in the case of legal entities, by resignation, exclusion or dissolution of the legal entity.

6. Resignation and exclusion

Members may resign from the Association at any time by notifying the Executive Board. A member may be expelled from the Association at any time for violating the Articles of Association or infringing the objectives of the Association. The Board of Directors makes the decision to expel.

7. Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Association are

- a) the General Meeting
- b) the Board of Directors
- c) the auditors

8. The General Assembly

The supreme body of the association is the General Assembly. An ordinary General Meeting takes place annually by the end of June at the latest. Members are invited to the General Meeting in writing two weeks in advance, together with the agenda.

The General Assembly has the following inalienable duties:

- a) Election or removal of the Board of Directors and the auditors
- b) Determination and amendment of the Articles of Association
- c) Acceptance of the annual accounts and the auditors' report
- d) Deciding on the annual budget
- e) Determination of the membership fee
- f) Handling of exclusion appeals

Each member has one vote at the General Meeting; resolutions are passed by a simple majority. Passive members are invited to the General Meeting but have no voting rights.

9. The Board

The Board of Directors consists of at least 2 persons.

The Board of Directors represents the association externally and manages day-to-day business. It issues regulations.

It can set up working groups (specialist groups).

It may employ or commission persons to achieve the Association's objectives in return for appropriate compensation.

The Board of Directors constitutes itself.

10. The Auditors

The General Meeting elects auditors annually, who check the

accounts and carry out a spot check at least once a year.

11. Signatory Authority

The Board of Directors regulates the signing authority collectively in twos.

12. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the association's debts. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

13. Data Protection

The association only collects personal data from members that is necessary to fulfill the purpose of the association. The Executive Board shall ensure that the data is secured in a manner commensurate with the risk.

14. Dissolution of the association

The Association may be dissolved by resolution of an ordinary or extraordinary General Meeting with a majority of 3/4 of the members present, provided that at least half of the members participate.

If less than half of all members attend the meeting, a second meeting must be held within one month. At this meeting, the association can also be dissolved by a simple majority if less than three quarters of the members are present.

If the association is dissolved, the association's assets shall be transferred to a tax-exempt organization in Switzerland that pursues the same or a similar purpose. The distribution of the Association's assets among the members is excluded.

15. Entry into force

These statutes were adopted at the inaugural meeting on 20.10.2024 and came into force on this date.

Date, place: Wildegg, 20.10.2024

The Chairman:

The Clerk:

Mathias Braschler

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