

# Articles of Association

## Sec. 1

### **Name, Registered Office, Financial Year**

1. The association shall bear the name 'Association of Friends Durgamayi Ma Ashram e.V.' (Förderverein Durgamayi Ma Ashram e.V.)
2. It has its registered office at  
König-Wilhelm-Str. 35, 89073 Ulm  
and is entered in the register of associations.
3. The financial year shall be the calendar year.

## Sec. 2

### **Purpose of the Association**

1. The purpose of the association is to provide financial support to Durgamayi Ma Ashram e.V.
2. The purpose of the articles of association is, in particular, to raise funds through contributions, donations and events that serve to promote the supported cause.

## Sec. 3

### **Non-Profit Status**

The association shall only pursue directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section 'Tax-advantaged Purposes' of the German Tax Code.

The association shall be non-profit-making. It shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

The association's funds may only be used for the purposes specified in the Articles of Association. Members do not receive any payments from the association's funds in their capacity as members. No person may be favored by way of expenses that are not related to the association's purpose or by way of a disproportionately high remuneration.

## Sec 4

### **Acquisition of membership**

1. Natural and legal entities may become members of the association.
2. The application for membership shall be submitted in writing to the executive committee. Minors require the written consent of their legal representative.
3. The executive board shall decide on the application. If the application is rejected, the executive board shall not be obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons for the rejection.

## **Sec. 5**

### **Termination of membership**

Membership shall end

- a) upon the death of a member
- b) upon written notice of resignation to the executive board.  
Resignation shall be declared no later than 1st November with effect from the end of the same calendar year.
- c) Exclusion for good cause (e.g. due to non-payment of membership fees or conduct that causes damage to the association), shall be decided by the executive board.

## **Sec. 6**

### **Contributions**

The general meeting shall decide whether and what contributions shall be due.  
If it is decided that a contribution is due, the latter shall be paid in the first three months of the financial year.

## **Sec. 7**

### **Bodies of the Association**

The bodies of the association are

- a) the general meeting of members
- b) the executive board

## **Sec 8**

### **General Meeting**

1. The ordinary general meeting must be convened by the Executive Board within the first six months of a financial year. Other general meetings shall be convened as required.
2.
  - a) The general meeting shall generally take place as an in-person meeting. Meetings and voting by members conducted in writing, by telephone or by other means of telecommunication (e.g. video conference) or as a combination with the aforementioned methods are permissible if the executive committee determines so in a specific case. The Executive Board may also enable voting members not participating in the general meeting to cast their votes before the general meeting in writing by mail or email.
  - b) The meeting shall be convened in writing by email or mail at least two weeks before the meeting. The agenda shall be communicated in writing by email or mail at least five days before the meeting.
  - c) Motions for the agenda or motions to amend the Articles of Association must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing by email or post at least eight days before the meeting.

3. The meetings shall be chaired by the Chair or, if he/she is unable to attend, by the Deputy Chair.
4. Each member shall have one vote at the meeting.
5. The general meeting shall be quorate regardless of the number of members present.
6. Voting shall be by open ballot, unless the general meeting decides to hold a secret ballot.
7. The resolutions of the general meeting shall be adopted by a simple majority (= more than 50%) of the votes cast, unless the statutes specify a different majority. Abstentions shall not be counted. If none of the candidates achieves the required majority in elections, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes.
8. The general meeting is responsible in particular for:
  - a) Receiving the annual report of the executive committee.
  - b) Setting the annual membership fee (see § 6).
  - c) Electing and dismissing the members of the Executive Board.
  - d) Electing two cash auditors.
  - e) Discharging the Executive Board.
  - f) Resolving on amendments to the Articles of Association.  
This requires a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast.  
Any change to the purpose of the association requires the approval of all association members present.
  - g) Passing resolutions on the dissolution of the association (see § 11).
9. The Executive Committee shall convene a general meeting upon written request of at least 10% of the members. The request shall state the purpose and reasons for the meeting. Paragraph 2 shall apply accordingly to the convening of the meeting.

## **Sec. 9**

### **Certification of Resolutions**

Minutes shall be taken of every general meeting and signed by a member of the executive board.

## **Sec. 10**

### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consist of the

- a) Chairperson
- b) Deputy Chairperson
- c) Treasurer

The association shall be represented by the chairperson and deputy chairperson in accordance with Sec. 26 BGB (German Civil Code). Each shall be authorised to represent the association alone. The members of the executive board shall be elected at the general meeting for a term of one year and remain in office until a new executive board is elected.

The decisions of the executive board shall be made by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

## **Sec. 11**

### **Dissolution**

A majority of three-quarters of the votes cast shall be required to dissolve the association. In the event of dissolution, the association's assets shall be used for charitable purposes after consultation with the tax office. Unless the meeting decides otherwise the chairperson and deputy chairperson shall be the jointly authorised liquidators.

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