

Jörg Weise Association
for the Promotion of
International Understanding

Transcription of the
Constitution

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The ***Jörg Weise Association for the Promotion of International Understanding*** is registered as a non-profit making association at the Leverkusen District Court Number 1339 (Federal Republic of Germany)

§ 1

Name registered office

The Association has the name

Jörg Weise Association for the Promotion of
International Understanding

(Förderverein für internationale Kommunikation e. V.,
Jörg Weise Association)

The Association has its registered office in Leverkusen and is listed in the Register of Associations.

The business year corresponds to the calendar year.

§ 2

Aim non-profit making status

The aim of the Association is to promote friendship and understanding between people of different countries, in particular through grants, language courses, meetings, etc..

The Association has no political or religious affiliations.

The Association does not pursue economic interests but is exclusively a non-profit making organization, as defined in the paragraph "Tax-privileged activities" of the tax regulations of The Federal Republic of Germany. Its activities are altruistic and it does not work primarily for its own economic gain. The Association's funds can only be used for the purposes defined in the Constitution. Members cannot receive gifts from the Association's funds. No person can receive money from the Association's funds if it is to be used for purposes other than those of the Association or if the amount is disproportionately large.

§ 3

Membership

Any individual can become a member of the Association.

Membership is obtained by application to the Committee and is effective from the first of the month following acceptance of the application.

Membership ends upon the death of the member. Each member has the right to terminate his membership by giving three months' written notice to the Committee.

The Committee can decide to exclude a member who has persistently acted against the aims of the Association. The member must be informed of any such decision. This decision must be declared in writing by the Committee.

The member can appeal against the decision to exclude him by requesting a General Meeting within a month after receipt of the Committee's written decision.

Exclusion becomes effective on the first of the month following the Committee's decision or on the first of the month following an unsuccessful appeal to the General Meeting.

Membership is divided into ordinary members, honorary members, sponsoring members and guest members.

§ 4

Subscription

Each member must pay a regular annual subscription as specified in the Internal Rules.

§ 5

Committee

The General Committee is made up of:

1. the Chairman
2. the First Deputy Chairman
3. the Second Deputy Chairman
4. the Secretary
5. the Treasurer

The Committee or "Vorstand" within the meaning of paragraph 26 of the BGB (German Civil Code), consists only of the Chairman and the two Deputy Chairmen. The Association is represented by any two of these acting jointly. Together they form the Executive Committee.

All the members of the Committee form the General Committee and have the same rights as the Executive Committee but for the power of representation.

The executive Committee is bound by the decisions of the General Committee which, in turn, is bound by the decisions of the General Meeting.

The Committee is elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years and remains in office until new elections are held. Re-election is permitted.

In the event of death or resignation of a Committee-member during his term of office, the General meeting can co-opt a new member for the period up to the next General Meeting.

Positions within the Association are honorary. No payment is made. Under the internal rules expenses can be reimbursed.

§ 6

Internal Rules

The Internal Rules are decided and approved by the General Meeting. They cover matters such as the amount of the subscription to be paid by each member, the extent to which the Committee may act on behalf of the Association, rules governing various aspects of the Association's internal organization and the detailed guidelines of the Association.

§ 7

General Meeting

- a) An ordinary General Meeting is held at least once every two years. All members must receive a written invitation and a copy of the agenda from the Committee two months in advance.

The General Meeting is competent to pass resolutions irrespective of the number of members attending. Resolutions are passed by simple majority.

Abstention is permitted. If there are more abstentions than votes either for or against, the motion is postponed. Only ordinary and honorary members are entitled to vote.

Each member can, in writing, authorize another member to represent him/her at the General Meeting. No member can represent more than five others.

- b) The Committee must call an extraordinary General Meeting if so requested in writing by at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the ordinary members and if a reason is given.

The General Committee also may call an extraordinary General Meeting if there is an important reason to do so. The members must be informed of the reason in the invitation to the meeting.

The extraordinary General Meeting also passes resolutions by a simple majority.

§ 8

Changes to the Aims

The agreement of $\frac{3}{4}$ of all the ordinary and honorary members of the Association is required to alter the aims of the Association. Any member who is not present must state his agreement in writing.

§ 9

Minutes

Minutes must be taken at each Committee meeting and at each General Meeting. They must be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the recorder of the minutes.

The Chairman of the Association will usually act as Chairman of meetings. The Secretary of the Association will usually record the minutes. The meeting may appoint others to these positions and this must be recorded in the minutes.

§ 10

Auditor

The General Meeting appoints at least one auditor for a period of two years. The auditor checks the accounts and oversees the use of the Association's funds. The auditor cannot be a member of the Committee. The auditor must prepare written reports for each General Meeting which must be read out at the meeting and then submitted to the recorder of the minutes for appending to the minutes.

§ 11

Amendments to the Constitution Dissolution of the Association

An amendment to the Constitution – with respect to § 8 – can only be decided by the General Meeting if it is contained in the agenda, and it requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of those present.

For the dissolution of the Association the provisions of § 8 are to be applied.

Upon the dissolution of the Association or the cessation of its aims, the assets of the Association pass to the City of Leverkusen to be used exclusively for non-profit making purposes as defined in § 2 of the Constitution.

The Association can then be wound up by the serving Committee in accordance with paragraph 48 of the BGB (German Civil Code). The final General Meeting can appoint liquidators.