



Association Films for the Earth
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Statutes non-profit Association Films for the Earth

Art. 1 Name, seat, characteristics

1.1 Under the name "Films for the Earth", an association exists in accordance with the provisions of the Swiss law Article 60 ff. ZGB with headquarters in Winterthur.

1.2 The association is non-profit, denominationally and politically neutral and is managed sustainably.

Art. 2 Object

Films for the Earth is an international competence centre for environmental documentaries. Films for the Earth wants to reach as many people as possible with selected films, pass on knowledge about sustainability and inspire action.

The focus is on films that illustrate the influence of humans on the planet Earth, show solutions and/or awaken appreciation for life.

Films for the Earth has the aim of contributing to the preservation of the natural basis of life.

Art. 3 Membership

3.1 Members may be natural or legal persons, as well as bodies of public law.

3.2 Members of the Association have the following rights: a) to submit motions to the General Assembly of Members b) to elect and be elected c) to vote at the General Assembly of Members.

3.3 Membership expires in the case of natural persons by resignation, non-payment of the membership fee, expulsion or death. In the case of legal entities and corporate bodies by resignation, non-payment of the membership fee, exclusion or dissolution.

3.4 The Executive Board may waive the membership fee for members.

Art. 4 Admission

Admission to the association is possible at any time. The membership fee is due for the entire year, regardless of the date of joining. The board decides on the admission of new members. The application for admission must be submitted in writing via the form.

Art. 5 Withdrawal and exclusion

5.1 A member can leave at any time until 4 weeks before the end of the calendar year at the latest. The letter of resignation must be submitted in writing to Earth Movies no later than 4 weeks before the end of the calendar year. The withdrawing member is not entitled to a refund of the membership fee already paid in for the current year.

5.2 A member can be expelled from the association at any time without giving a reason. The board of directors has to decide on the exclusion. The member has no possibility of appeal.

5.3 The members have the right to resign from the association in accordance with Art. 5 up to 10 days after the ordinary general meeting as well as up to 10 days after a possible extraordinary general meeting, which changes the duties of the members (in particular increase of the membership fee). In this case, the membership fee for the current year is due from the beginning of the year to the end on the basis of the membership fee valid before the respective general meeting. If the member misses this deadline, the (new) membership fee is due for the entire following year.

Art. 6 Means

6.1 The funds of the association consist of sponsoring, private and public contributions, membership fees, voluntary contributions of all kinds and other amounts.

6.2 The club year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

Art. 7 Liability

The association's assets are solely liable for the liabilities of the association. Any personal liability of the members for the obligations of the association is excluded.

Art. 8 Executive bodies

The bodies of the association are:

- a) the General Assembly as supreme body
- b) the Board of Directors
- c) the auditor (s).

Art. 9 General Assembly

9.1 The highest organ of the association is the general meeting. The ordinary general meeting has to take place within six months after the end of the association year.

9.2 The members are invited to the general meeting at least two weeks in advance, together with the agenda, by the executive committee in writing (or by email). Requests by members for the inclusion of a business transaction on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the President no later than 10 days before the meeting of members.

9.3 The General Assembly of Members has the following powers:

- a) Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the ordinary and extraordinary general meeting;
- b) Acceptance of the annual financial statements and the audit report and discharge of the Management Board;
- c) Determination of the membership fees;
- d) Election of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the auditors;
- e) Amendments to the Articles of Association;
- f) Resolutions on applications from members
- g) Resolutions on motions of the Executive Board

9.4 The simple majority of the members present shall apply to votes. Excluded are the amendments to the statutes, which require a two-thirds majority of the present members. Abstentions are not counted. In the event of a tie, the president, or in the absence of the president the actuary, has the casting vote.

9.5 Each member has one vote at the general meeting.

Art. 10 Board of Directors

10.1 The Executive Board consists of the President and at least two to a maximum of six other Executive Board members.

10.2 The members of the Executive Board are volunteers. Adequate compensation may be paid for special performance by individual members of the Management Board.

10.3 The president and the other members of the board are elected by the general meeting and constitute themselves and regulate the authority to sign. The presence of the majority of the members of the Board of Management is required for resolutions of the Board of Management. The Board of Directors decides by a simple majority of the votes cast; in the event of a tie, the President's casting vote shall apply.

10.4 The Board of Directors has the following tasks:

- a) appoints the managing director and delegates operational management to him/her;
- b) convenes general meetings

(c) it shall approve the budget before the beginning of the calendar year;

d) submits a proposal to the General Assembly of Members

10.5 The term of office of the Executive Board is two years. Re-election is permitted.

10.6 The President has the following duties:

a) he leads and represents the association internally and externally. b) he leads the general meeting.

c) he shall chair the Executive Board and convene the meetings of the Executive Board.

d) he manages the management board

e) initiates projects for the strategic development of the association.

Art. 11 Dissolution, liquidation

11.1 The dissolution of the association can be decided by the general meeting with 2/3 majority of all members.

11.2 Any funds available shall be transferred to one or more Swiss, tax-exempt, non-profit-making organisations with the same or similar purpose. These organizations are appointed by the members at the resolution meeting.

11.3 Excluded is a distribution of the association's assets among the members.

Art. 12 Coming into effect

These statutes were approved at the general meeting on 4 June 2010 and amended and enacted at the general meeting on 12 May 2017.

President: Michael Zeugin

Member of the Board: Chris Huggenberg

Member of the Board: Kai Pulfer (Director)