

# Bylaws of the Association

## **World Beyond Fear Alliance** (Allianz für eine Welt jenseits der Angst)

### **§ 1: Name, registered office and field of activity**

The name of the Association shall be **World Beyond Fear Alliance**. It is established for an indefinite period and has its seat in Innsbruck.

The activities of the Association are globally oriented.

The establishment of branches is intended.

### **§ 2: Purpose**

The activity of the Association is not profit-oriented. The Association is not political.

The purpose of the Association is the research, mediation and active application of methods to promote the personal and collective growth, freedom and inner peace of every human being for the benefit of all, as well as the support of projects that serve this goal. The work of the Association is directed at all people regardless of their social status, ethnicity, gender, religion, beliefs or other ideological or material criteria.

The Association acts according to the following values:

- *Excellence* \_ We think and act freely, boldly and courageously. We believe in a world beyond fear and actively shape it globally with our community and partners.
- *Responsibility* \_ We take full responsibility for all our actions. Step by step we create a free and livable future for all beings.
- *Curiosity* \_ We live a culture of perpetual research and discovery. We value innovation, transparency and efficiency in the realisation of all our projects.
- *Authenticity* \_ We welcome diversity and openness. We encourage each being in its uniqueness. We learn from each other and grow together!

- *Connectedness* \_ We always choose what is common over what is divisive.

### § 3: Means to achieve the purpose of the Association

1. The purpose of the Association shall be achieved by the non-material and material means specified in paragraphs 2 and 3.
2. The non-material means are
  - a. the development of a global community of members, donors and sponsors
  - b. the organisation and realisation of events such as conferences, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, etc. as well as the realisation and support of research projects
  - c. the mediation of offers of help via therapists, coaches, energetics, doctors, spiritual teachers, healers and all other partners and projects to fulfil the purpose of the Association
3. The necessary material means shall be raised through
  - a. membership fees and subscriptions
  - b. income from events
  - c. income from social media offers
  - d. donations and sponsorships
  - e. legacies and other donations

### § 4: Types of membership

1. The members of the **World Beyond Fear Alliance** are divided into *ordinary*, *charity* and *sponsoring members*.
2. *Ordinary members* are founding members, board members and those who support the Association by regularly paying a fixed membership fee. Ordinary members have access to all activities of the Association.
3. *Charity members* are passive members and make voluntary donations. 100% of this income flows transparently and exclusively into the financing of the Association's aid and research activities.
4. *Sponsoring members* are members who support the development and maintenance of the Association and its global community. The basis for this are individual sponsorship contracts.

## **§ 5: Acquisition of membership**

1. All physical persons as well as legal entities and partnerships with legal capacity may become members of the Association.
2. The Executive Board shall decide on the admission of ordinary and sponsoring members. Admission may be refused without a given reason.
3. Until the formation of the Association, the provisional admission of ordinary and sponsoring members shall be effected by the founders of the Association or, in the case of an already appointed Executive Board, by the latter. This membership shall only become effective with the formation of the Association. If a board is not appointed until after the Association has come into being, the (definitive) admission of ordinary and sponsoring members shall also be effected by the founders of the Association until then.
4. Charity members are automatically admitted with the active financial support of the Association through a single or multiple voluntary donation.
5. Membership cannot be transferred.

## **§ 6: Termination of membership**

1. Membership shall expire by voluntary resignation, by exclusion and by death, in the case of legal persons and partnerships with legal capacity also by loss of legal personality.
2. Resignation may be effected at the end of each quarter.
3. The Executive Board may expel a member if he/she is more than six months in arrears with the payment of membership fees despite two written reminders with a reasonable grace period. This shall not affect the obligation to pay the membership fees that have fallen due.
4. The exclusion of a member from the Association may also be ordered by the Executive Board for gross violation of other membership obligations and for dishonourable conduct.

## **§ 7: Rights and duties of members**

1. Ordinary members are entitled to participate in all events of the Association and to use the facilities of the Association. Only ordinary members shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and the right to vote and stand for election.
2. Every member shall be entitled to request the Executive Board to hand over the bylaws.
3. At least one tenth of the ordinary members may request the Executive Board to convene a General Assembly.

4. At each General Assembly, the Executive Board shall inform the members about the activities and financial management of the Association. If at least one tenth of the members so request, stating their reasons, the Executive Board shall also provide such information to the members concerned within four weeks.
5. The ordinary members shall be informed by the Executive Board of the audited accounts (presentation of accounts). If this is done at the General Assembly, the auditors shall be involved.
6. Members are obliged to promote the interests of the Association in accordance with their values and to the best of their ability and to refrain from doing anything that could damage the reputation and purpose of the Association. They shall observe the bylaws of the Association and the resolutions of the organs of the Association. Ordinary members are obliged to pay the membership fee and membership dues on time in the amount decided by the General Assembly.

## **§ 8: Organs of the Association**

The organs of the Association are the General Assembly (§§ 9 and 10), the Executive Board (§§ 11 to 13), the Auditors (§ 14) and the Arbitral Tribunal (§ 15).

## **§ 9: General Assembly**

1. The general assembly is the "general meeting of members" in the sense of the Association Act 2002. An ordinary General Assembly takes place every three years.
2. The General Assembly can be held live on site or online.
3. An extraordinary General Assembly takes place upon
  - a. resolution of the Board or the ordinary General Assembly
  - b. written request of at least one tenth of the members
  - c. request of the auditors (§ 21 para. 5 first sentence VereinsG)
  - d. resolution of the auditor(s) (§ 21 section 5 second sentence VereinsG, § 11 section 2 third sentence of these bylaws)
  - e. resolution of a court-appointed curator (§ 11 subsection 2 last sentence of these bylaws)within four weeks.
4. All members must be invited to both the ordinary and the extraordinary General Assembly in writing or by e-mail (to the e-mail address provided by the member to the Association) at least two weeks before the date of the meeting. The convocation of the General Assembly shall include the agenda. The General Assembly shall be convened by the

Executive Board (par. 1 and par. 2 lit. a - c), by the auditor(s) (par. 2 lit. d) or by a court-appointed trustee (par. 2 lit. e).

5. Motions to the General Assembly shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing, by fax or by e-mail at least three days before the date of the General Assembly.
6. Valid resolutions - with the exception of those concerning a motion to convene an extraordinary General Assembly - may only be passed on the agenda.
7. All members are entitled to participate in the General Assembly. Only ordinary members are entitled to vote. Each member has one vote. The transfer of the right to vote to another member by means of a written proxy is permissible.
8. The General Assembly shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present.
9. Elections and resolutions in the General Assembly are generally carried out by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Resolutions to amend the bylaws of the Association or to dissolve the Association shall, however, require a qualified majority of two thirds of the valid votes cast.
10. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Secretary-General or, if he/she is unable to do so, by his/her deputy. If he/she is also prevented, the oldest member of the Board present shall chair the meeting.

## **§ 10: Tasks of the General Assembly**

1. Adoption of resolutions on the budget
2. Receipt and approval of the statement of accounts and the financial statement with the involvement of the auditors
3. Election and dismissal of the members of the Executive Board and the auditors
4. Approval of legal transactions between auditors and the Association
5. Discharge of the Executive Board
6. Determination of the amount of the membership fee and the membership dues for ordinary members
7. Resolution on the voluntary dissolution of the Association
8. To deliberate and pass resolutions on other matters on the agenda.

## **§ 11: Executive Board**

1. The Executive Board shall consist of at least two members, namely the Secretary-General and the Treasurer.
2. The Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly. In the event of the resignation of an elected member, the Executive Board shall have the right to co-opt another eligible member to take his/her place, subject to subsequent approval by the next General Assembly. In the event that the Executive Board should cease to exist at all or for an unforeseeably long period of time without being replaced by a co-opted member, each auditor shall be obliged to immediately convene an extraordinary General Assembly for the purpose of electing a new Executive Board. Should the auditors also be unable to act, any ordinary member who recognises the emergency situation shall immediately apply to the competent court for the appointment of a curator, who shall immediately convene an extraordinary General Assembly.
3. The term of office of the Executive Board shall be five years; re-election is possible. Each function in the Executive Board shall be exercised personally.
4. The Board shall be convened in writing or orally by the Secretary-General or, if he/she is prevented from doing so, by his/her deputy. If the deputy is also prevented from attending for an unforeseeable period of time, any other member of the Executive Board may convene the Executive Board.
5. The Board shall constitute a quorum if all its members have been invited and at least half of them are present.
6. The Board shall pass its resolutions by a simple majority of votes; in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
7. The chair shall be taken by the Secretary-General or, if he/she is prevented from attending, by his/her deputy. If he/she is also prevented, the chair shall be taken by the oldest member of the Executive Board present or by a member of the Executive Board appointed by a majority of the other members of the Executive Board.
8. Apart from death or expiry of the term of office (paragraph 3), the function of a member of the Executive Committee shall expire through dismissal (paragraph 9) and resignation (paragraph 10).
9. The members of the Executive Board may resign in writing at any time. The declaration of resignation shall be addressed to the Executive Board or, in the event of the resignation of the entire Executive Board, to the General Assembly. The resignation shall only become effective with the election or co-option (para. 2) of a successor.

## **§ 12: Tasks of the Executive Board**

The Executive Board is responsible for the management of the Association. It is the "governing body" in the sense of the Association Act 2002. It is responsible for all tasks that are not assigned to another body of the Association by the Articles of Association. The following matters in particular fall within its scope of action:

1. Establishment of an accounting system in accordance with the requirements of the Association with continuous recording of income/expenditure and keeping a list of assets as a minimum requirement
2. Preparation of the annual budget, the statement of accounts and the financial statement
3. Preparation and convening of the General Assembly in the cases of § 9 para. 1 and para. 2 lit. a - c of these Statutes
4. To inform the members of the Association about the activities of the Association, the management of the Association and the audited accounts.
5. Adoption of resolutions on amendments to the bylaw of the Association
6. Administration of the assets of the Association
7. Admission and exclusion of ordinary and sponsoring members of the Association
8. Admission and dismissal of employees of the Association

## **§ 13: Special duties of individual members of the Executive Board**

1. The Secretary-General shall manage the day-to-day business of the Association. The Secretary shall assist the Secretary-General in the conduct of the business of the Association.
2. The Secretary-General shall represent the Association externally. Written documents of the Association shall be valid only if signed by the Secretary-General, in financial matters by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer. Legal transactions between members of the Executive Committee and the Association require the consent of another member of the Executive Committee.
3. Legal authorisations to represent the Association externally or to sign on its behalf may only be granted by the members of the Executive Committee named in paragraph 2.
4. In case of imminent danger, the Secretary-General shall be entitled to issue orders on his/her own responsibility, even in matters that fall within the scope of the General Assembly or the Executive Board; however, in the internal relationship, these shall require the subsequent approval of the competent body of the Association.

5. The Secretary-General shall chair the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee.
7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper financial management of the Association.
8. If he/she is prevented from attending the General Assembly, the Secretary or the Treasurer shall be replaced by their deputies.

## **§ 14: Auditors**

1. Two auditors shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of 2 years. Re-election is possible. The auditors may not belong to any body - with the exception of the General Assembly - whose activities are the subject of the audit.
2. The Auditors shall be responsible for the ongoing control of the business and the financial management of the Association with regard to the correctness of the accounts and the use of the funds in accordance with the bylaws. The Executive Board shall submit the necessary documents to the auditors and provide them with the required information. The auditors shall report to the Executive Board on the results of the audit.
3. Legal transactions between auditors and the Association require the approval of the General Assembly. In all other respects, the provisions of § 11 (8) to (10) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Auditors.
4. The auditor can be voted out of office by the extraordinary General Assembly.

## **§ 15: Court of Arbitration**

1. The internal arbitration court of the Association is appointed to settle all disputes arising from the Association relationship. It is a "conciliation body" in the sense of the Association Act 2002 and not an arbitration court according to §§ 577 ff ZPO.
2. The arbitration court is composed of three ordinary members of the Association. It shall be formed in such a way that one party to the dispute nominates a member as arbitrator in writing to the Executive Board. Upon request by the Executive Board within seven days, the other party to the dispute shall nominate a member of the Court of Arbitration within 14 days. After notification by the Executive Board within seven days, the nominated arbitrators shall elect a third ordinary member as chairman of the arbitral tribunal within a further 14 days. In the event of a tie, a decision shall be made by drawing lots among the nominees. The members of the Court of Arbitration may not belong to any body - with the exception of the General Assembly - whose activities are the subject of the dispute.



3. The Court of Arbitration shall reach its decision after hearing both parties and with all its members present, by a simple majority of votes. It shall decide to the best of its knowledge and belief. Its decisions shall be final within the Association.

## **§ 16: Voluntary dissolution of the Association**

1. The voluntary dissolution of the Association may only be decided at a General Assembly and only with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.
2. This General Assembly shall also decide on the liquidation of the Association, provided that the assets of the Association are available. In particular, it shall appoint a liquidator and decide to whom the liquidator shall transfer the assets of the Association remaining after the liabilities have been covered. These assets shall, as far as possible and permissible, go to an organisation pursuing the same or similar purposes as this Association, otherwise to social welfare purposes.