

Articles of Association

Friends' Association for the Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention

I Name, Seat, and Purpose

Art 1

Name and Seat

^{1.1} An association by the name of „Friends' Association for the Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention“ exists according to Liechtenstein law. The seat of this association is Vaduz.

Art 2

Purpose

^{2.1} The association's purpose is to provide support for the Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention (YPAC) project, especially through:

- a) substantive and financial support in organizing and executing sessions of the youth parliament;
- b) preservation and transfer of knowledge;
- c) build-up and maintenance of a network (of former participants).
- d) substantive and financial support of YPAC participants for attending events outside of YPAC (e.g. Alpweek, ...) with the purpose of spreading YPAC ideas and resolutions.

II Membership

Art 3

Active and Passive Members, Benefactors and Honorary Members

^{3.1} The association has active members, passive members, honorary members, and benefactors.

^{3.2} Active members of the association are the partner schools of the youth parliament (see Appendix 1).

^{3.3} Passive members of the association can be all participants of the youth parliament as well as participants of previous sessions of the youth parliament.

^{3.4} Benefactors can be all natural and legal persons who provide financial and substantive support to the association. Benefactors that donate more than CHF 200, can be put on the benefactors' list of the association (homepage) on request.

^{3.5} The association's assembly resolves on the acceptance of further active and passive members. It may also appoint honorary members.

^{3.6} Passive and honorary members as well as benefactors have no right to vote and no right whatsoever to the association's assets.

Art 4

Resignation and Exclusion

^{4.1} Voluntary resignation is possible at any time by a written declaration to the board. Duties for contributions terminate at the end of the association's year.

^{4.2} Members who act counter to the interests of the association or fail to comply with their financial duties may be excluded from the association by the association's assembly. The exclusion must be notified to the member concerned.

^{4.3} Members who have resigned or been excluded lose all claims to the association's funds.

Art 5

Duties

^{5.1} All members support the aims of the association according to their capabilities.

^{5.2} Each partner school sends at least one representative of the participating delegation to the preparatory meeting of the youth parliament.

^{5.3} Each partner school is responsible for organizing and executing a session of the youth parliament according to the scheduled rotation (see appendix 2).

^{5.4} Each active and passive member pays a membership fee. Honorary members are exempted from the duty to pay the membership fee.

Art 6

Rights

^{6.1} Each active member may attend the youth parliament with a delegation every year.

^{6.2} All active members have the right to submit a petition to the association's assembly.

III Finances

Art 7

Fund Raising

^{7.1} Funds required for the fulfilment of the association's purpose are raised by

- a) membership fees;
- b) contributions from public bodies and authorities;
- c) voluntary contributions and donations.

Art 8

Membership Fees

^{8.1} Membership fees of active and passive members are determined by the association's assembly.

Art 9

Liabilities

^{9.1} Only the association's assets shall be liable for the association's obligations (Art. 253 (1) PGR).

Art 10

Closing of Accounts

^{10.1} The association's financial year coincides with the school year in Liechtenstein and commences on August 1st.

IV Organisation

Art 11

Bodies

^{11.1} Bodies of the association are:

- a) the association's assembly;
- b) the board;

- c) the auditing board;
- d) the delegations.

Art 12

The Association's Assembly

^{12.1} The association's assembly is the supreme body of the association. It consists of all active members and takes place at least once in a year. Passive and honorary members may take part at the association's assembly, but they have no right to vote.

^{12.2} The organizers of the preparatory meeting convene the association's assembly after consultation with the board at least three weeks in advance.

^{12.3} The board may convene an extra-ordinary association's assembly. The board has to convene an extra-ordinary association's assembly on request of one-fifth of all members.

^{12.4} Each association's assembly duly convened is quorate.

^{12.5} Each active member has two votes. Resolutions are taken by a simple majority of the present or validly represented votes cast. The provisions of Art. 16f are reserved.

^{12.6} The association's assembly is directed by the board.

^{12.7} The association's assembly has, in particular, the following competencies:

- a) Approval of the annul report, budget, annual financial statement and report of the auditing board;
- b) election of the vote counter;
- c) election and removal of the board;
- d) election and removal of the auditing board;
- e) determination of the membership fees;
- f) dealing with submitted business and petitions;
- g) passing resolutions on amending the articles of association and dissolving the association;
- h) acceptance and exclusion of members;
- i) supervision of the activities of the board and the auditing board.

Art 13

Board

^{13.1} The Board is elected by the association's assembly each year. It consists of at least three active members (president, actuary, and cashier) and constitutes itself. Re-election is permitted.

^{13.2} The board has the following competencies:

- a) presiding over the association's assembly;
- b) representing the association towards third parties;
- c) taking care of the members and benefactors or delegation of this task to active members;
- d) executing all other business of the association.

Art 14

Auditing Board

^{14.1} The auditing board is elected by the association's assembly. It consists of two people, checks the accounts, and reports to the association's assembly.

Art 15 Delegations

^{15.1} Each active member forms a delegation consisting of at least one teacher and passive members (participants).

^{15.2} The delegations have the following competencies:

- a) regular delegation meetings;
- b) electing school delegates for the youth parliament;
- c) providing for the preparation of the participants;
- d) search for sponsors and benefactors;
- e) information about the youth parliament and the association's activities;
- f) organizing and executing sessions of the youth parliament with all partner schools in the scheduled rotation (see appendix 2);
- g) updating mail addresses of persons who participated in former sessions.

VI Amendments to the Articles of Association

Art 16

^{16.1} The articles of association may be annually amended in the association's assembly upon petition of the board or the members. To make amendments the consent of two thirds of the participants attending the assembly is necessary. A resolution to change the association's purpose requires the consent of three-quarters of all votes.

VII Dissolution of the Association

Art 17

^{17.1} The association can be dissolved, if two thirds of the members attending a duly convened association's assembly at which at least 10% of the members are present vote for the dissolution.

VIII Final Provisions

Art 18

Notifications

^{18.1} Notifications to members of the association and members of the board are made in writing via letter, facsimile or email, unless otherwise required by mandatory law. Notifications to third parties may be made in any legally permitted form.

Art. 19

Coming into Effect

^{19.1} These Articles of Association were adopted on the Association's Assembly on 10. 11. 2017 and put into effect immediately. They replace the articles of association of 18. 11. 2014.

Appendix 1: Members

- 1 Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck**
- 2 II. gimnazija Maribor**
- 3 Fachoberschule für Tourismus und Biotechnologie mit Landesschwerpunkt Ernährung Marie Curie Meran**
- 4 Karolinen Gymnasium Rosenheim**
- 5 Kantonsschule Trogen**
- 6 Liechtensteinisches Gymnasium Vaduz**
- 7 Gymnasium Sonthofen**
- 8 Lycée Frison Roche, Chamonix**
- 9 Gimnazija in srednja šola Rudolfa Maistra, Kamnik**
- 10 Liceo G. B. Brocchi, Bassano del Grappa**

Appendix 2: Rotation of the Annual Organization of the Youth Parliament

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