

Statutes of THE ! association

The Horse Education association

Art. 1: Name & domicile

THE ! association is the name of an educational association according to Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code domiciled in Zürich. It is non-profit, politically independent and non-denominational.

The main objective of the association is the promotion and dissemination of «The Horse Concept» (see Art. 2 and 3).

Art. 2: Definition of terms

The name **THE ! association** (THE = abbr. for «The Horse Education») encompasses all groups, communities and activities involved in the promotion, development and dissemination of «The Horse Concept».

«The Horse Concept» encompasses the realization of a spectrum of educational projects from simple to complex crosscultural and multilingual schemes with sustainable impacts on a personal as well as on a societal level; its distinguishing features include the development and application of collaborative teaching and learning methods using various new media technologies and tools, and the involvement of experts from different fields of science, economy and politics, among others.

Art. 3: Aim and Purpose

The main purpose of the association is the promotion and dissemination of «The Horse Concept». Our aim is to make «The Horse Education» available for teachers and students worldwide. Both the young learners and the teachers will be able to apply and test expert knowledge, competences and tools in the context of a project.

The purpose of the association is to:

1. promote and disseminate the concept through practical, relevant collaborations across generations and regions, involving learners, teachers, experts as well as other interested participants.
2. promote, develop and make available web-based tools, resources and infrastructure, including their operation and maintenance as well as the provision of necessary funds.
3. promote sustainable thinking and action, collaboration, social fairness and in general, the idea of a healthy environment, both in Switzerland and globally according to the current UN Sustainable Development Goals.
4. promote participation and engagement in public life in order to make evidence-based decisions therein.

Art. 4: Membership

Every person as well as every living creature (e.g. the humpback whale Migaloo, who migrates between the East Coast of Australia and Antarctic waters) and every natural feature (e.g. the Whanganui River, North Island, New Zealand) can become a regular or honorary member of the association if proposed by the Board or another member with the intention of representing and promoting the objectives and ideals of the association. The Board decides on the admission of new members and can refuse a proposal without stating a reason. Membership is personal and non-transmissible.

Art. 5: Termination of membership

Membership ends with expiry, resignation, exclusion or death. Resignation is possible at any time (by letter or email). Full membership has to be paid for the current year.

Members who breach the interests or regulations of the association can be excluded from the association with reasonable justification. This member can challenge the exclusion at a regular or an extraordinary meeting (see Art. 8 re. convening a meeting). The member has to inform the Board by email or letter within 30 days of receiving the exclusion decision that she will apply the right to appeal. The member has to be present at the meeting either physically or online (therefore counting to the quorum), but must refrain from voting. In this case the member will only be excluded after a corresponding decision at the general meeting.

Art. 6: Funds

The association's sources of income are membership fees, revenues from events, subsidies, grants, income from service agreements as well as donations and contributions of any kind. Membership fees are determined at the annual general meeting. Moreover, projects may be planned that require future external funding. The financial year follows the calendar year.

Art. 7: Bodies

Bodies of the association are:

- the General Assembly
- the Board
- the Auditors

The Board may create an Advisory Board as additional body.

Art. 8: General Assembly

The highest body of the association is the General Assembly. It will meet at least once per year; participants may attend in person or via accepted online media. The convocation of an extraordinary meeting can be requested by the Board or one-fifth of the members, who must provide a reason for the meeting. Invitation is usually via email, stating the agenda items and is also to be communicated via the association's website.

Art. 9: Implementing the General Assembly

The General Assembly has the following tasks and competences:

- Approval of the the President's annual report, the annual financial statement and the Auditor's report
- The ratification of the Board
- The election of the Board
- Resolutions and decisions re. proposals by the Board and members
- Determining the membership fee
- Changes in the Statutes
- Proposing motions

Every member has only one vote. Resolutions are decided by simple majority. Changes in the statutes require a majority of two-thirds. The association can only be dissolved by a majority of three-quarters. In case of the association's dissolution the General Assembly decides by simple majority upon further use of its assets. In the event of dissolution the association's assets will be donated to other non-profit organizations.

Proposals for agenda items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Motions during the meeting itself are to be granted if over half of those present agree to their inclusion.

Art. 10: The Board

The Board runs the association's regular business and represents the association externally. The Board constitutes itself. The term of office is two years, re-election of board members is permitted. Each member of the Board has signatory authority.

Art. 11: Liability

The association's assets alone are liable for its debts. There is no personal liability of members.

Art. 12: Non-profit status

The association's status is non-profit.

Art. 13: Coming into effect

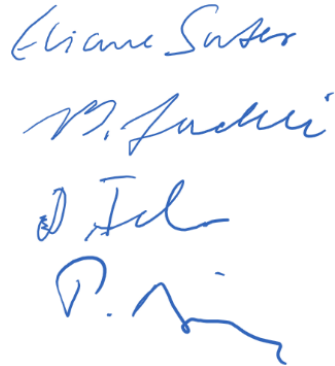
These Statutes have been adopted at the founding assembly on September 9, 2018 and have come into effect as of this date.

Zürich, September 9, 2018

signature of President signature of keeper of the minutes

Eliane Suter

Dominik Fehr



The image shows four handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Eliane Suter', the second is 'M. Fuchri', the third is 'D. Fehr', and the fourth is 'P. Fehr'.

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