

## **Statutes IDZ | International Design Center Berlin e. V.**

### **§ 1 Name, seat and financial year**

- (1) The Organisation bears the name IDZ - International Design Center Berlin e.V.
- (2) The Organisation has its headquarters in Berlin.
- (3) The financial year is the calendar year.

### **§ 2 Purpose**

- (1) The Organisation supports education, culture and art. The purpose of the Organisation is the maintenance in Berlin of an international centre of design. This shall work towards good product design, greater awareness of the aesthetic, sociological, technological and economic contexts, and the pursuit of an international debate on all issues surrounding environmental design. These activities are to be pursued in an interexchange of ideas with science and art, business and industry, and the consuming public. The purpose of these Articles of Association is fulfilled through events such as exhibitions, design projects, workshops, conferences, symposia, advanced training, information events, lectures and discussions.
- (2) The Organisation is non-profit and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

### **§ 3 Non-profit status**

- (1) The Organisation pursues exclusively and directly non-profit-making activities within the meaning of the Chapter 'Tax-Exempt Objectives' of the Regulation of Taxation (Abgabenordnung).
- (2) Existing funds and resources may only be used for purposes that comply with these Articles of Association. Members do not receive contributions from the funds of the Organisation. The Organisation does not use funds either for direct or indirect support or promotion of political parties. No person may benefit from expenditures that are not related to the purpose of the Organisation, or through inappropriately high allowances.
- (3) The Organisation exclusively and directly pursues tax-privileged, statutory ends.

### **§ 4 Memberships**

- (1) Members of the Organisation can be natural and legal persons.
- (2) The Board shall decide on membership requests, which must be in writing. If the Board declines an application, the applicant has until six weeks after receipt of the notice of rejection to request an application decision at the Meeting of Members.
- (3) Withdrawal from the Organisation is possible only at the end of a fiscal year and with a notice period of three months. Retiring members are not entitled to any organisation assets.
- (4) Upon a proposal submitted by the Board, the Meeting of Members shall have the right to appoint as IDZ members persons who have rendered eminent services to the field of design.

(5) Upon a proposal submitted by the Board, the Meeting of Members may elect eminent persons as honorary members for life. Honorary members shall have full voting rights at all Meetings of Members; they will be invited to meetings of the Board without the right to vote on amendments. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees.

#### **§ 5 Membership fees**

Organisation members shall pay a membership fee. The amount shall be decided by the Meeting of Members. This amount can be staggered. Corresponding members may be exempted from their obligation to contribute. The membership fee is payable in January of each year.

#### **§ 6 Organisation bodies**

The bodies of the organisation are the Meeting of Members, the Board and the Managing Director.

#### **§ 7 Meeting of Members**

(1) Each member has one vote.

(2) The Meeting of Members is specifically responsible for:

1. the election, discharge and deselection of members of the Board
2. approval of the annual report
3. passing of resolution on contributions
4. amendments to the Articles of Association
5. the dissolution of the Organisation.

(3) The Meeting of Members shall meet at least once a year. Meetings of Members are convened by the Board. The Board shall convene a Meeting of Members within two months if one third of members, a third of the members of the Board or the Managing Director so requires. Invitations to Meetings of Members should be sent or posted with the agenda at least two weeks in advance in text form.

(4) Representation is permitted upon written authority, but for not more than one other member. Resolutions require a majority of votes cast; amendments and the dissolution of the Organisation require a majority of two thirds of votes cast.

(5) A transcript shall be made of the Meeting of Members, which must be signed by a member of the Board and the recording clerk.

#### **§ 8 The Board**

(1) The Board comprises up to ten members elected by the Meeting of Members and additionally by the Managing Director/s appointed in accordance with §9. There is also the possibility of co-option of up to two public administration representatives through a resolution by the Meeting of Members. The term of office of the Board is three years; the term of office of the Managing Director/s as member of the Board appointed in accordance with §9 is five years, but will automatically end upon termination of the man-

agement contract. The members of the Board – with the exception of the Managing Director/s appointed in accordance with §9 – shall remain in office until the new election.

(2) The Board shall elect a Chairman and his/her Deputy from among its members.

(3) The Governing Board of the Organisation within the meaning of §26 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch – BGB) are the Chairman of the Board, the Deputy Chairman and the Managing Director/s appointed in accordance with §9. Each of them is authorised to represent the Organisation. Approval (in writing or text form) from a Managing Director is required for transactions over a value of 500 Euros.

(4) The Board is responsible for all matters that are not assigned to the Meeting of Members or the Managing Director/s.

(5) The Chairman of the Board shall conclude a management contract with each Managing Director.

### **§ 9 Management**

The Board shall appoint up to three Managing Directors for day-to-day management of the Organisation according to §30 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch – BGB). Each Managing Director reports to the Chairman of the Board.

### **§ 10 Advisory Board**

(1) The Board may appoint an Advisory Board or specialised committee for all matters relating to programmes and work. The Board shall report to the Meeting of Members on the appointment, composition, working methods and results of the above-mentioned bodies.

(2) The Advisory Board shall comprise no more than ten people, none of whom may be members of the Organisation. These shall be appointed by the Board. The term of office shall not exceed three years. A re-election is permissible. Each Managing Director appointed in accordance with § 9 is ex officio a member of the Advisory Board.

(3) The Advisory Board is chaired by a member of the Board which has been chosen by the Board, who in the case of absence shall be represented by a Managing Director.

(4) The Managing Directors shall prepare the meetings of the Advisory Board.

### **§ 11 Minutes**

Minutes shall be produced and kept of the meetings of the General Assembly, Board and Advisory Board, as well as of specialised committees.

## **§12 Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Organisation or loss of tax-privileged purposes, assets will be transferred to the Berlin state government, which must use them directly and exclusively for tax-privileged purposes.

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