

Statutes of the International Arab Film Festival (IAFFZ) association

1. Name and head office

Under the Name “International Arab Film Festival Zurich” (IAFFZ) exists an association pursuant to Art. 66ff ZGB based in Zurich.

2. Purpose

The IAFFZ is a politically and denominationally neutral association striving to contribute to intercultural dialog in the hopes that it will result in greater understanding of different cultures. The association was founded in Zurich with the goal to depict trends in Arabic filmmaking, using film material that did not show in “commercialized” cinema. The festival program includes short and evening-long documentaries, feature and experimental films, and animations reflecting the everyday life and the aspirations of the Arab population. Filmmakers from all over the world show the diversity of Arab cinema and provide the opportunity to discover the Arab world.

IAFFZ wants to show the Swiss population a differentiated image of the Arab world, a picture beyond the media coverage of extremism and war, showing the diverse life realities of people and encourage a constructive dialog.

In the form of a festival lasting several days every two years, a selection of outstanding, recent international movies with an Arab background are shown.

The IAFFZ is a non-profit association.

3. Financial means

In pursuit of its aim, the association disposes over paid membership fees, the amount of which is determined yearly at the association’s general assembly.

Allowances in form of financial benefits, benefits in kind or voluntary services aiding the fulfillment of the association’s purpose are accepted.

The financial resources of the association consist of:

- contributions of active and passive members
- support contributions of the public sector as well as private foundations
- donations
- proceeds of events

4. Membership

Any natural or legal person with an interest in the association’s purpose and having been elected unanimous by the board, can become an active member, entitled to vote.

Active members are those members who regularly take part in the assemblies and support the association's board during the preparatory work concerning imminent events.

Any natural or legal person with an interest in the association's purpose without making an active contribution to the association can become a passive member. Passive members are not entitled to vote.

The president can be addressed with exceptional requests, the association's board decides upon admission.

5. Termination of Membership

Membership of natural persons expires through voluntary resignation, through exclusion or upon death.

Membership of legal persons expires through voluntary resignation, through exclusion or dissolution.

6. Resignation and exclusion

Resignation of membership is possible at any given time. A withdrawal letter should be submitted to the president four weeks before the ordinary general assembly.

A member can be excluded from the association at any time without stating reasons. The association's board decides upon exclusion; the member can appeal against the decision at the next general meeting.

7. Bodies of the association

The bodies of the association are the following:

- a) the general assembly
- b) the executive board
- c) the auditors

8. The General Assembly

The supreme organ of the association is the general assembly. An ordinary general assembly is held once a year. A notice of the meeting is to be given at least two weeks in advance by the board, either by e-mail or via postal mail, together with the agenda of the meeting.

The general assembly has the following irrevocable duties:

- a) Election or deselection of the executive board and the auditors
- b) Determination and amendment of the statutes
- c) Acceptance of the annual financial statements and the auditors' report
- d) Decision on the annual budget
- e) Determination of the membership fee
- f) Deciding appeals against exclusion decisions

At the general assembly, each active member has one vote (using a voting card);

resolutions are passed by simple majority. Passive members are invited to the general assembly but have no voting right.

The executive board or $\frac{3}{4}$ of active members can call in an extraordinary general assembly at any given time. The extraordinary general assembly has the same powers as the ordinary general assembly.

9. The executive board

The executive board consists of at least two members;

- the president
- the vice president

The members of the executive board are volunteers and are only entitled to compensation for their actual expenses and cash expenditures. Appropriate compensation may be paid for special achievements of individual members of the board.

The executive board represents the association externally and conducts the current business.

The president or, in his absence, the vice-president, has sole signatory power.

The executive board is authorized to have the cash desk and the accounts kept externally. For this purpose, the board gives the treasurer an insight into the bank and postal accounts of the association. In this case, the control and liability of the external book and cash management is the responsibility of the executive board.

Board meetings are called in by the president. Two members of the board can request the convocation of a board meeting.

The regulations of the general assembly apply for elections and votes.

The board shall decide on all matters, which are not explicitly reserved to the general assembly of the association.

The executive board constitutes itself.

10. The auditors

Once a year, the general assembly elects two auditors, which control the orderly accounting of the association and undertake at least one annual audit.

11. Sole signatory power

The association shall be obligated by the sole signatory power of the president or the vice president.

12. Liability

The responsibility of the association is limited to the association's assets; the personal liability of the members is excluded.

13. Amendment of statutes

The present statutes can be amended if three quarters of the active members present agree to the amendment proposal.

14. Dissolution

The dissolution of the association can be resolved with a three-quarter majority of the present members, if all active members attend the assembly.

If less than three quarter of all members attend the general assembly, a second meeting shall be scheduled within one month. At this meeting, the dissolution of the association can be resolved by a simple majority if less than three quarter of the members are present.

In the event of dissolution of the association, the association's assets must be assigned to an institution that has aims and functions as similar as possible with those of the association, or an institution, which has been selected by the association's board.

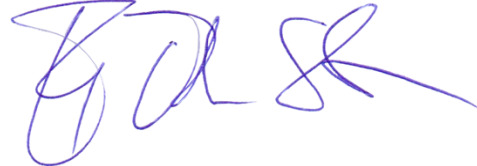
15. Entry into force

This existing statute replaces the previous statute dated July 18th, 2009 and has been adopted at the general assembly on July 6th, 2018. It came into force on that date.

the president



the secretary



Amendments decided on: July 6th, 2018