

Articles of Association of the “Förderverein” of CJD Braunschweig e.V.

§ 1 Name, headquarters, financial year

1. The Association bears the name "Förderverein des CJD Braunschweig e.V." [Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands/the Association of Friends of CJD Braunschweig].
2. The registered office of the Association are in Braunschweig, Germany.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose/objectives

1. The Association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes as defined in "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code (AO). The purpose/objectives of the Association is to promote the interests of schools in the CJD [Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands/ the Christian Association of Youth Villages in Germany], specifically the Dr. Wilhelm-Meyer-Gymnasium [grammar school/high school], the Hans-Georg-Karg-Schule, the Musische Akademie and the International School, and of their students/pupils, by providing personal, material and financial support. The board is obliged to realize this purpose through the actual management of the Association.
2. The purpose of the Association is the promotion of education for individuals as well as national education and vocational training.
3. The purpose of the Articles of Association is fulfilled by raising funds for the realization of the tax-privileged purposes of other bodies or corporations (Section 58 No. 1 AO [German Tax Law]), namely the Dr. Wilhelm-Meyer-Gymnasium [high school/grammar school], the Hans-Georg-Karg-Schule, the Musische Akademie, the International School and their students by providing personal, material and financial means.

§ 3 Charitable and non-profit status

1. The Association shall act altruistically; it shall not primarily pursue its own economic goals.
2. Funds of the Association may only be used for the purposes set out in the Articles. The Association's members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds.

3. No person may benefit from payments that are not in accordance with the objectives of the Association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

1. Any individual and any legal entity prepared to acknowledge and promote the aims of the Association may become a member of the Association.

2. A member can join the Association by submitting a written declaration to the Association or its board of directors or by paying the membership subscription.

3. Membership terminates on death, notice of leaving or exclusion. Termination may be declared only at the end of a calendar month.

4. Exclusion results from a decision of the board of directors. It is permitted if the member has acted against the interests of the Association or, despite a warning, has been in arrears with a membership subscription fee for more than three months.

5. An excluded member may, within three weeks of the pronouncement of exclusion, enter an appeal, the outcome of which will be conclusively determined at the next general meeting of the members.

§ 5 Membership subscription fee

The membership subscription fee is determined annually at the annual general meeting. Former students/pupils who become members of the Association on leaving the school are not required to pay a subscription fee for the first five years of membership.

§ 6 General meeting of members

1. The general meeting of members is the Association's highest decision-making body. It is convened by the board of directors within the first three months of each year by means of written invitation with a notice period of two weeks. The agenda is to be enclosed with the invitation.

2. An extraordinary general meeting must be convened by the board of directors if at least one quarter of the Association's members demand this in writing, stating the purpose and reasons. The board of directors may decide to call an extraordinary general meeting upon important grounds. Two weeks' notice must be given of an extraordinary general meeting.

3. The general meeting is quorate regardless of the number of members present. Votings for resolutions are made on the basis of a simple majority of those present.

4. Resolutions on the following matters are reserved to the general meeting:

a. The appointment, discharge and dismissal of the board of directors.

The board is elected for two years on the basis of a simple majority.

It manages the business of the Association until the next election.

The election of the chairman must take place before that of the other members of the board and in a separate ballot.

b. The adoption of the annual accounts and the amount of the annual subscription fee

c. Election of the cash auditor

d. Dissolution of the Association and amendment of the Articles of Association and the purpose/objectives of the Association; in such cases, however, in deviation from paragraph 3 hereinabove, with a majority of three fourth of the members present.

e. Decision on objections of excluded members.

5. Decisions of the general meeting of members are to be recorded in minutes, which are to be signed by two members of the board.

§ 7 Board of directors

1. The board should consist of 5 persons, namely the Chairman, two/three deputy Chairs and the Treasurer.

The board conducts its business on an unpaid basis.

2. The Association is represented, in legal proceedings, in out-of-court agreements and in dealings with third parties, by two members of the board.

§ 8 Dissolution

1. On dissolution through liquidation of the Association, the Association's assets are to be transferred to the then current management of the Jugenddorf-Christophorusschule, to be used for the purposes/objectives defined in Section 2, paragraph 1 of the Articles of Association.

2. If the objectives of the Association are no longer applicable, the Association's assets are to be transferred to the Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands [Christian Association of Youth Villages in Germany].

[This document is a translation. The German version is authoritative.]