



Statutes

§ 1 Name

(1) The association is called „Association for the Quality Development of Solution Focused Consulting and Training“. It shall be entered into the registry of associations.

(2) After the registration “e.V” (registered association) will be added to the name

(3) The business year is the calendar year

§ 2 Registered Office

(1) The registered office of the association is in Obergriesbach, Germany

§ 3 Purpose of the Association

The purpose of the association is to support solution focused research, theory and practice. The purpose of the association shall be achieved in particular by:

(1) Supporting the research into solution focused theory and practice

(2) Supporting communication and knowledge exchange in the area of solution focused practice

(3) Certification of pieces of work in the area of solution focused coaching, consultancy, training and organizational development

§ 4 Status as a Charitable Organisation

The association is democratic, politically neutral, non-denominational and independent. The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable goals in the sense of the paragraph “tax deductible purposes” of the tax law. The association is not for profit. The non-profit purpose is more important than the business operations necessary for achieving the purpose of the association.

The financial means of the organisation can only be used for purposes specified in these statutes. The members do not have any claim on the assets of the association if they leave the association nor in the case of the dissolution of the association. No one shall benefit from expenditure which is alien to the purpose of the association nor from inappropriately high compensations. The members do not receive any money from the means of the associations.

§ 5 Admission as member

(1) Any individual with full legal capacity who is willing and qualified to support the association in its tasks can become member of the associations

(2) A written application to join the association is necessary for admission into the association

(3) A unanimous positive decision of the board is necessary for someone to become a member. The membership comes into effect when a written membership statement has been issued.



(4) Rejection of an application cannot be challenged. There is no right to admission as a member and no reasons need be given for a rejection.

§ 5a Partner

Companies and institutions which are willing and qualified to support the objectives of the association can become partners. They have no voting rights in the Annual general meeting.

§ 5b Circle of Friends

A circle of friends of the association can be founded.

§ 6 Ending membership

(1) Members can leave the association. To end membership a written notice has to be given 3 months before the end of the fiscal year. A statement of intent to leave the association must be received by a member of the board in time to be effective.

(2) Membership also ends with the death of the member

(3) Membership also ends with the expulsion from the association. Expulsion is only permissible when there is an important reason, particularly if the member acts against the interests and purposes of the association in an unacceptable way. An expulsion will also be effected if a member has not paid the membership fees after having been reminded. The member will be expelled three months after the first reminder if he or she has not paid by then. The board will decide about the expulsion.

§ 7 Fees

(1) There is a fee for the membership. The amount is fixed by the annual general meeting each year for the next fiscal year. The fee has to be paid in advance. For the first year of membership the full membership fee needs to be paid.

(2) The fee structure is described in more detail by the fee regulations which are to be agreed by the annual general meeting.

§ 8 Bodies of the Association

Bodies of the association are:

- The board as well as the
- Annual General Meeting

§ 9 Board

(1) Pursuant to § 26 BGB the board is comprised of the first and second president as well as the treasurer

(2) Each member of the board can represent the association individually.

(3) The annual general meeting elects the board for a period of two years. The board stays in office until the next board is elected.

(4) The position of board member ends when a board member leaves the association.

(5) The board can choose an order of business for the board.



(6) The first president has the title “president”, the other board members are “vice presidents”.

(7) The board is comprised of:

- the board which has the right to represent the association pursuant § 9
- section 1
- the heads of departments elected by the relevant department if they exist
- up to four other board members

§ 10 Limits of representation

The board’s financial authority regarding business with third parties is limited. For each contract worth more than 5000 Euros especially in the case of taking up credits or standing surety the approval of the Annual General Meeting is necessary.

§ 11 Cash Audit

Up to two cash auditors are elected for two years. They cannot be members of the board pursuant to § 9. The controllers shall check the accuracy of accounts and not whether or not the expenditure supports the purpose of the association. The findings shall be presented at the annual general meeting.

§ 12 Invitation to the General Meeting

(1) A general meeting shall be held once a year, when the interests of the association make it necessary, or when one third of the members ask for a general meeting for a given reason

(2) A written invitation to the general meeting must be issued by the board one month beforehand. This period begins on the day of sending the invitation to the last known address of a member. The invitation must include proposals for decisions and an agenda.

(3) Further motions of members must be received by the board in written form two weeks before the set date of the general meeting

(4) Urgent or ad-hoc motions to change of the statutes, change of purpose, dissolution of the association, admission or expulsion of members are not permitted.

(5) The general meeting is led by the first president. If he or she is absent, the second president or another board member leads the meeting.

(6) The decisions of the general meeting shall be recorded in minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the secretary and the leader of the meeting. If there are changes to the statutes they have to be quoted in the minutes verbatim.

§ 13 Competencies of the annual general meeting

(1) The general meeting is responsible for deciding the annual plan for all key measures, deciding on all motions to the general assembly, motions by the board, receiving the annual financial report, agreeing the budget for the current and the next year, changes of the statutes, changes in purpose, dissolution of the association, electing the board as well as relieving them of any financial responsibility and electing the cash auditors.

(2) Each member has one vote. Voting rights cannot be transferred to another person.



- (3) Every Annual General Meeting that has been called in accordance with the statutes constitutes a quorum.
- (4) The Annual General Meeting decided by simple majority. If there the same amount of votes for or against a motion, the motion is rejected.
- (5) For changes in statutes, changes in purpose and motions for the dissolution of the association a two third majority of cast votes is necessary.
- (6) Motions for a secret ballot on individual points of the agenda must always be agreed by the simple majority of the voting members present.

§ 14 Dissolution

In case of the dissolution or any other legal end of the association the remaining assets will be transferred to the German section of Amnesty International who will have to use them immediately and exclusively for charitable purposes.