

# Statutes of afpb e.V.



Arbeitskreis  
friedenspolitische  
Bildung e.V.

## §1 Name and place of residence/registration

The name of the association is afpb e.V. (Arbeitskreis friedenspolitische Bildung / Working group on peace education). It is legally registered and has its residence in Aalen / Germany.

## § 2 Purpose of the association

The purpose of the association is fostering civil and non-violent conflict resolution, peace education and peace sciences. To do so it supports the idea of tolerance and internationalism and works in the fields of youth meetings, youth aid and education. The association is representing publicly the interests of its member organizations and individual members who are engaged in peace education and is supporting its activities, especially in the fields of:

- offerings of advanced training
- joint projects
- rendering accessible financial sources
- joint public relations
- networking with member organizations as well as other organizations in the field of peace education nationally and internationally

## § 3 Non-profit purpose

The association is only working for non-profit purposes according to the tax law. The association works unselfishly and primarily not for its commercial interests. The assets of the association shall only be used for the purposes as set out in §2. The members of the association shall not get any benefits from the assets of the association. No person shall be favoured either by assets that are extraneous to the purposes set out in the by-law or by disproportionate rewards.

## § 4 Members

Members of the association may be any natural person or corporate entity whose activities resemble to the purposes set out in § 2. A member is affiliated, if his written request is accepted by the general assembly with a positive vote of 80 %. Representation and modes of affiliation are regulated in the standing order of general assembly.

## § 5 Resignation or expulsion

Resigning from the association is possible, if such a request is sent to the chair of the association at the end of a calendar quarter. A member can be expelled if his or her behaviour offends grossly against the interests of the association. The expulsion has to be decided by the vote of 80 % of the general assembly.

## § 6 Membership fee

The annual fee is fixed by the general assembly.

## § 7 Bodies of the association

The bodies of the association are:

1. General Assembly
2. Board

## **§ 8 General Assembly**

The general assembly has especially the following tasks:

- a) Decisions about the by-laws and its changes
- b) Affiliation and expulsion of members
- c) Decisions about guidelines, standing orders and working programs concerning the practical work of the association
- d) Election of board members
- e) Election of cash auditor
- f) Reception of report and account and discharge of the board
- g) Establishing working groups.

## **§ 9 Regulation of the general assembly**

Annually there should be at least one general assembly. It has to be convened if 20 % of the members are requesting it specifying the reasons for the request. The general assembly can take place virtually through Telco or Internet.

## **§ 10 Invitation to the general assembly**

The board has to invite for a general assembly at least one month before the schedule. The invitation has to mention the agenda.

## **§ 11 Mode of election**

Every member has one vote.

## **§ 12 Amendments**

For changing by-laws, purposes of the association and disbandment of the association a vote of 80 % of members is needed. The amendments have to be part of the invitation for the general assembly at least one month before schedule of the assembly.

## **§ 13 Board**

The board consists of one chair and one co-chair and can be expanded to one more committee member. The board is responsible for the current operations of the association.

Board members according to law are the chair and co-chair. The association can be represented by either one of them.

Decisions of the board can be done just in written form. The Board is elected for a period of two years.

Board members are voluntarily working. Expenditure in cash or other expenses (e.g. travelling costs) can be reimbursed. *If the financial situation allows the procedure, the board members could get a lump-sum at maximum the amount of legal tax-free lump-sum for volunteers [depending on the laws].* The general assembly is deciding about the amount of lump-sum according to the stated preconditions.

The board can suggest an executive officer who has to be confirmed by the general assembly.

The procurement of the executive officer has to be regulated contractually. He or she is advisory member of the board.

## **§ 14 Disbandment**

In case of disbandment of the association, all its assets are passing to International Fellowship of Reconciliation - Germany. It shall only be used for non-profit purposes.

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