

Statutes of the International Jacob Boehme Society Seat: Görlitz, Germany

(Translation of the official German statutes, "Satzung")

§ 1

Name, registered office, financial year, registration

1. The name of the association is "Internationale Jacob-Böhme-Gesellschaft e.V."
2. Seat and jurisdiction of the association is Görlitz, Germany.
3. The association is registered in the register of associations at the district court of Dresden, Germany (registration number: 6666).
4. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2

Purpose of the association

1. The purpose of the association is to become active in the person, work and effect of Jacob Böhme with scientific and cultural aspirations on a local, regional and international level and to develop Görlitz into an international Jacob Böhme centre.
2. The work and effect should be made accessible to the public and made available for appropriation in the context of academic, cultural and political discourse, cultural preservation, urban and regional development as well as the educational institutions of the state, churches and other educational institutions.
3. The task of the Society is to make a contribution to the preservation of this cultural heritage in a way that is recognizable to the public and to make its national and international significance clear in its topicality.
4. The scientific purpose is fulfilled by
 - Research on work and impact,
 - Publications on work and impact,
 - Lectures, scientific lectures, symposia on work and impact,
 - the creation of a network for research, teaching and the dissemination of his writings.
5. The cultural purpose is fulfilled by the implementation and promotion of events, activities and networks which lead to a broadly based preoccupation with Jacob Böhme in philosophical, religious and artistic respects and which are to contribute to the improvement of the cultural, economic and

political conditions for the cultivation of the cultural heritage provided by "Jacob Böhme" in his home country and worldwide. In this sense the society is a public society.

§ 3

Non-profit status

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in the sense of Section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
2. The association is non-profit-making. It does not primarily pursue economic purposes. Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes.
3. The members do not receive any allowances from the association's funds. No person may make expenditures that contradict the purpose of the association, or by disproportionate remuneration.

§ 4

Membership

1. Every natural person of full age or a legal entity can become a member.
2. The admission takes place after presentation of a written declaration of accession by a written confirmation of the executive committee. In the event of refusal of membership, the executive committee is not obliged to provide reasons to the applicant.
3. Each member undertakes, within the scope of their possibilities, to support the objectives and purpose of the association and to pay an annual contribution, the amount of which and due date is determined in the general meeting by a membership fee regulation.
- 4 The association consists of full and supporting members.
 - Any natural or legal person can become a full member, who is continuously involved in the realization of the goals of the association;
 - Any natural or legal person can become a supporting member, who has achieved the goals of the of the association. Supporting members have no voting rights.

§5

Termination of membership

1. The membership expires by death, resignation, exclusion or loss of Legal capacity of the legal person.
2. Resignation must be declared in writing to the executive committee. It is only possible at the end of a calendar year, subject to a one-month period of notice.
3. A member may be dismissed and excluded for gross violation of the statutes and interests of the association. The general meeting decides on the exclusion of members with a quorum of $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members with voting rights. The member concerned must be informed of the possibility to attend the general meeting or prepare written comments.

4. A member may also be expelled by resolution of the board if they are in arrears and fail payment after two reminders. The Expulsion is to be decided by the next general meeting with a simple majority and confirmed to the member by registered letter to the last known address in writing.

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Organs of the association

1. The organs of the association are

- The general meeting
- The executive committee
- The advisory board

§ 7

General Meeting

1 The general meeting is the supreme organ of the association.

2. The ordinary general meeting is held at least once a year by the board of directors convened. The invitation shall be made in writing within a period of 30 calendar days (date of postmark applies) and stating the agenda.

3. Extraordinary general meetings may be convened by the board or by at least 1/3 of the full members convened. Extraordinary general meetings must be convened 14 calendar days before the members (postmark applies) in writing beforehand by the Executive Board, stating the agenda will be announced.

4. Requests for additions to the agenda must be submitted within at least 3 calendar days (postmark valid) to be submitted in writing to the executive committee before the general meeting.

5. Each full member has one vote. Members may exercise voting rights to other members in written form.

6. Except for the cases mentioned in section 7, the General Assembly always has a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in the articles of association, resolutions are adopted with a majority of votes cast. If the general meeting does not have a quorum, the meeting shall be convened by the chairman closed and can be rescheduled without time limit or form. The members present make a quorum.

7. For resolutions on amendments to the statutes, § 33 of the German Civil Code BGB applies. Voting is only allowed on proposals for changes that have been submitted to all members before the general meeting in writing.

8. The general meeting has the following rights and duties in particular:

- Election of the executive committee and two cash auditors,
- Receipt of the annual budget report,
- Receipt of the audit report of the auditors,

- Discharge of the Executive Board for the past fiscal year,
- Approval of the annual accounts,
- Confirmation of the work plan and budget for the current financial year,
- Determination of the membership fees and maturity according to § 4, 3 in a fee regulation,
- Amendments to the Articles of Association,
- Exclusion of members according to § 5, paragraph 3 and 4,
- Dissolution of the association.

9. The general meeting can call the executive committee in case of violation of the association statutes or vote out resolutions of the general meeting with a majority of votes from $\frac{3}{4}$.

10. Minutes of the general meeting are to be drawn up, which are to be available and accessible to all members..The minutes must be signed by a member of the board and the keeper of the minutes.

§ 8

Board of Directors

1. The management board consists of up to 5 members. The executive committee in the sense of § 26 of the German Civil Code BGB is composed of

- the Chairman (President),
- the Vice Chairman (Vice-President)
- the treasurer.

Each of these mentioned board members represents the association individually. The board can be extended by up to 2 assessors.

2. The executive committee is elected by the general meeting.

Only members of the association can become board members. The members of the executive committee are elected for a period of two years. Re-election of the board members is permitted.

The elected members of the board remain in office until their successors have taken office.

3. If a member of the board resigns during the business year, the following will be appointed in his place elected a new member of the board of directors in an extraordinary general meeting, which must be convened by the Executive Board within 30 calendar days.

§ 9

Responsibility of the Management Board

1. The executive committee is responsible for all matters of the association, unless they are assigned to another body by statute. Its tasks shall include in particular:

- Preparation and convening of the general meeting as well as drawing up the Agenda,

- Execution of resolutions of the general meeting,
- Preparation of a budget, preparation of the annual report and Annual financial statements, presentation of the annual plan,
- Resolution on applications for admission, exclusion of members according to § 5 Section 4,
- Conclusion of contracts affecting the association.

2. the executive committee has a quorum if at least 2/3 of the members are present. It decides with 2/3 majority.

3. the executive committee shall adopt rules of procedure for itself, in which the responsibilities and tasks are listed on the board of directors.

4. The Board of Directors may make amendments to the Articles of Association on the basis of formal reasons which are made by supervisory, judicial or tax authorities.

5. Resolutions of the executive committee can also be made in writing or by telephone if no member of the Advisory Board objects. This does not override the provisions in § 11.

§ 10

Decisions

The resolutions passed at the general meetings and board meetings are in writing and to be recorded by the respective chairman of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes of the meeting, including, however, at least one member of the board.

§ 11

Advisory Board

To advise and support the board of directors or to carry out various tasks the executive committee can appoint an advisory board.

- The advisory board shall be composed of persons who are their professional position, experience or special expertise in particular areas of the way to promote the purpose of the statutes. The cooperation is voluntary.
- The members of the advisory board are appointed by the executive committee. Their term of office ends as a rule with that of the board of directors.
- The advisory board elects a chairman of the advisory board by simple majority.

§ 12

Assets

1. The assets of the association are composed of the following items brought in at the time of its foundation: assets, membership fees, gifts, donations, income from collections, one-off or ongoing contributions from public bodies, legacies, bequests and other revenue.

2. The assets are indivisible. The funds and any profits from the activities of the Association may only be used for the statutory purposes listed in § 2.

§ 13

Tasks of the cash auditors / revisors

1. The auditors are elected by the general meeting for a period of two years and shall review the cash transactions of the association to be factually and mathematically correct. Inspections must be carried out at least once a year. The result of the inspection is described in the ordinary general meeting with a written declaration of the members to be announced in a template to report.
2. Cash auditors must not be members of the board of directors.

§ 14

Resolution

1. The dissolution of the association is possible by resolution of the general meeting with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members entitled to vote.
2. In the event of dissolution of the association or in the event of the loss of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association will be transferred to the Upper Lusatian Society of Sciences and Humanities, which has to use it exclusively and directly for charitable purposes.

The amendments to the statutes to be discussed and approved at the general meeting on 23 April 2017 can be found in the text. A preliminary version of the revised statutes presented here was adopted at the general meeting on 12 January 2008.

These statutes were adopted on 11 January 2001 and amended by resolutions of the general meeting on 24 September 2002, 13 March 2003, 12 January.2008 and 23April 2017.