# Statutes Board Association Trans Safety Emergency Fund

# 1. Name and Domicile

Under the name Trans Safety Emergency Fund (TSEF) exists an association in the sense of Art. 60 ff. ZGB (Swiss Civil Code) with registered office in the canton of Bern (Blumensteinstrasse 6a, 3665 Wattenwil). The association is politically and denominationally independent.

## 2. Aim and Purpose

The purpose of the association is to generate and manage donations in two cases.

Case 1: The association supports Trans persons in need by financial means from donations. Any person may apply for support in writing or verbally. At least three members of the board of directors decide on the allocation of support in a plenary session. The decision must be in accordance with the guidelines for the allocation of support.

Case 2: The association organizes fundraising events to generate donations for LGBTQI+ organizations that care for marginalized and/or intersectionality-affected people or for the Trans Safety Emergency Fund itself to redistribute them to the people applying for support.

Case 3: The association applies for financial support from organizations, funds and organs of the state in order to redistribute them to the people applying for support.

#### 3. Means

The association currently has the following funds to pursue its purpose:

- Income from service agreements
- Income from funds and foundations
- Donations and contributions of all kinds

The business year corresponds to the calendar year. The first business year is extended.

## 4. Membership

Natural persons who support the purpose of the association can become members of the board. No distinction is made between active and passive members.

No honorary memberships are granted.

Since the Association exists as a Board-only Association, no members who do not belong to the Board will be admitted.

All board members have the right to vote. Each board member has one vote. All votes are equally weighted

In principle, the association consists of five founding members. These are Renan Carvalho de Oliveira, Dshamilja Gosteli, Alessandro Kloukas, Ivy (Ivan) Monteiro, and Sandro (Sonja) Niederer. Applications for membership should be sent to the Board of Directors; the Board of Directors decides on admission.

#### The duties of the members include:

All board members agree to abide by production standards.

The board meets to discuss important issues and projects in person or via Zoom (or similar) as needed.

A protocol will be taken in English by the secretary for each meeting. Protocols are kept for all meetings. Protocols and statutes are available for all to view via the House of B. Poderosa's Google Drive.

The financial officer provides information on account balances and transactions once a month or more frequently as needed for ongoing projects. Accounting, billing, insurance, audit organization, and tax filing/exemption are duties of the Finance Officer.

Board members are assigned duties related to the Association or its direct and indirect activities on an ongoing basis as needed. These are to be completed in a timely manner and in accordance with the Association's production standards.

The allocation of funds to applicants will be decided in meetings of at least 3 persons, as necessary.

Internal data and information may not be passed on to third parties, excluding banks for transactional reasons.

All members work on a volunteering base for the association. Money from the association can be used to pay for materials, services and other expenses directly liked to fundraising.

# 5. Expiration of the membership

Membership expires for natural persons by resignation, exclusion or death.

## 6. Resignation and Exclusion

Resignation is always possible at the end of a month. The letter of resignation must be sent in writing to the board at least 2 weeks before the next general meeting.

A member can be expelled from the association at any time for violating the statutes, passing on internal information and/or violating the goals of the association.

The exclusion is decided at a general meeting. Before the exclusion, the member must be heard in any case.

## 7. Organs of the association

The organs of the association are:

- a) the general meeting
- b) the board of directors

## 8. The general meeting

The highest organ of the association is the general meeting.

An ordinary general meeting takes place annually in January.

Members are invited to the general meeting at least 14 days in advance in writing, stating the agenda items. Invitations sent by e-mail are valid.

Motions (additional agenda items) for the attention of the General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Board no later than 3 days before the meeting.

The Board of Directors may at any time request the convening of an extraordinary General Meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting. The meeting must be held no later than 4 weeks after receipt of the request.

The general meeting is the supreme body of the association. It has the following inalienable tasks and competencies:

- a) approval of the protocol of the last general meeting
- b) Approval of the annual report of the board
- c) Acceptance of the auditor's report and approval of the annual financial statement
- d) Election of the President and the other members of the Board as well as the Auditors.
- e) Approval of the annual budget
- f) Adoption of resolutions on the program of activities
- g) Adoption of resolutions on proposals of the Board of Directors
- h) Amendment of the statutes
- i) Decision on exclusion or admission of members of the Board.
- j) Passing resolutions on the dissolution of the Association and the use of the liquidation proceeds.

Any General Meeting duly convened shall constitute a quorum provided that at least 3 members are present.

The members pass resolutions by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Amendments to the statutes require the approval of a 2/3 majority of those entitled to vote.

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At least one record of the resolutions passed shall be drawn up.

#### 9. The board of directors

The board of directors consists of 5 persons.

The term of office is 1 year. Re-election is possible.

The board manages the current business and represents the association externally.

It issues regulations.

It can appoint working groups (specialist groups).

It can employ or commission persons for the achievement of the association's goals against appropriate compensation.

Further tasks and competencies of the board:

The Board of Directors has all competencies that are not assigned to another body by law or according to these Articles of Association.

The following departments are represented on the Board:

a) Presidium

b) Finances

c) Secretary

(Acumulation of offices is possible).

The Board of Directors constitutes itself.

The board meets as often as business requires.

Any member of the Board may request a meeting, stating the reasons.

Provided that no member of the Board of Directors requests oral deliberation, the passing of resolutions by circular letter (including e-mail) shall be valid.

The Board of Directors is in principle active on an honorary basis; it is not entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses.

#### 10. The auditors

The general meeting elects an auditor only when the annual income exceeds a total amount of 10`000.-.

#### 11. Authority to sign

The association is bound by the collective signature of the president together with another member of the board.

The board of directors regulates the authority to sign in twos.

#### 12 Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the debts of the association. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

# 13. Termination of the association

The termination of the association can be decided by a resolution of an ordinary or extraordinary general meeting and can be dissolved by a majority vote of 3:2 of the members present. All 5 members must be present.

In the event of termination of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be distributed to a tax-exempt organization in Switzerland pursuing the same or a similar purpose. The distribution of the association's assets among the members is excluded. A fusion is only possible with another tax-exempt organization in Switzerland with a similar or the same purpose.

## 14. Entry into force

These statutes were adopted at the inaugural meeting of 30.06.2021 and became effective as of that date.

Date, Place:

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Renan Carvalho de Oliveira:

Dshamilja Gosteli:

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Alessandro Kloukas:

Ivy (Ivan) Monteiro:

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