



Statutes

Swiss Lymphoedema Framework

1. Name and Seat

The Swiss Lymphoedema Framework (SLF) is organized as an Association according to Article 60 ff. ZGB and has its seat in Zurich. It is politically and denominationally independent.

2. Objects and Purpose

The Swiss Lymphoedema Framework (SLF) is an umbrella association for all stakeholders in the field of lymphology for the whole of Switzerland.

It develops, implements and updates binding guidelines concerning all areas of diagnosis and therapy of chronic oedema diseases (in particular: primary and secondary lymphoedema, lipoedema, phlebo-lymphoedema).

It offers a comprehensive information platform for the subject of chronic oedema diseases.

It formulates standards outlining the required competences of each involved occupational group and curates an according address directory of accredited individuals.

It supports ongoing education in the field of lymphology.

It has an international presence due to its ties to the International Lymphoedema Framework (ILF).

3. Funds

In order of the pursuit of its objects and purposes, the association legally disposes over the following funds:

- Membership contributions
- Benefactor contributions
- Donations and grants of all kind
- Income from own events

Membership contributions will be determined on a yearly basis at the General Assembly.

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

4. Membership

Membership categories:

- a) Active members
- b) Industry partners
- c) Benefactors
- d) Honorary members

Active members are Professional Associations, Expert Associations, Education Institutions, Patient Organizations and other groups with a special interest in the field of lymphology. They have election- and voting-rights and they pay a yearly member fee.

They subject to the resolutions of the Association and support the purpose of the Association actively.

Industry partners are companies with a special interest in the field of lymphology. They pay a yearly member fee. They can integrate their logo and a link to their website on the SLF website. Sponsoring contributions to events of the SLF will be negotiated individually for events. Industry partners have no election- or voting-rights. They cannot be elected to the Board.

Benefactors are natural or legal persons that want to support the purpose of the Association passively. They have no election- or voting-rights. They pay a yearly benefactor fee.

Organizations and individual persons which have notably supported the cause of lymphology may be given honorary membership by the General Assembly upon suggestion of the Board.

Honorary members have no election- or voting-rights. They pay no member fee.

Applications for membership must be addressed to the Board, which decides on admission.

5. Termination of Membership

Membership ceases through resignation or exclusion.

6. Resignation and Exclusion

Resignation from membership takes effect through a written statement to the Board at the end of a calendar year, in accordance with the 4-week notice period.

The membership / benefactor fee for the current year must be paid in full.

The Board can exclude a member from the Association due to the gross violation of member duties as well as infringement against the Association's interests.

Excluded members have the right of appeal to the General Assembly within a deadline of 30 days. The General Assembly's decision is final.

7. Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Association are:

- a) the General Assembly
- b) the Board
- c) Auditors
- d) the Head Office

8. The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the topmost body of the Association. An ordinary General Assembly shall take place once a year, in the first half of the year.

All members shall be invited to General Assemblies at least 3 weeks in advance in written form. The invitation shall include an agenda for the Assembly. Invitations may be sent via Email.

Proposals to the General Assembly shall be deposited by the proposer with the Board in written form at least 2 weeks in advance of the General Assembly.

An extraordinary General Assembly will be held within 6 weeks in response to a request of the Board or 1/5 of the members, stating the purpose for an assembly.

The General Assembly is responsible for the following tasks:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
- b) Approval of the annual report of the Board
- c) Acceptance of the audit report and approval of the annual financial statement
- d) Ratification of the Board

- e) Election of the President and the other Board members as well as the Auditors
- f) Determination of all membership fees
- g) Approval of the annual budget
- h) Approval of the programme of activities
- i) Resolution regarding other businesses contributed by members or the Board
- j) Amendment of the statutes
- k) Decisions regarding member appeals against exclusion
- l) Resolutions on the dissolving of the Association and the use of the liquidation proceeds

Each ordinary General Assembly is quorate, independently from the number of present members.

Members decide on resolutions on the basis of simple majority. If votes are equal, the vote of the chairman decides.

Amendments to the statutes and dissolution of the Association require the approval of a two-thirds majority of those entitled to vote.

Minutes have to be kept of the resolutions taken at the General Assembly.

9. The Board

The Board consists of 9 people at most.

The Board is elected for 2 years, re-election is possible.

It is responsible for the ongoing control of business together with the Head Office and represents the Association outwardly.

It elects the Head Office, draws up its specifications and issues instructions for ongoing business. The modalities are determined in a contract.

It issues regulations.

It may establish working groups.

For the pursuit of Association objects, it may employ or contract people for a reasonable compensation.

It is responsible for all duties which are not allocated to another body in these statutes or by law.

The Board constitutes itself.



The Board meets as often as ongoing business requires. Each Board member may request the convening of a meeting at any time on the basis of specified reasons.

If no member of the Board requests oral consultation, resolutions made in circular fashion (also Email) are permitted.

In principle, members of the Board work on an honorary basis. They are entitled to reimbursement of their effective expenses according to the expense regulations.

10. The Head Office

The Head Office is responsible for the ongoing control of the business in accordance to the specification and instruction of the Board.

11. Auditors

Two Auditors will be elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. The Auditors may be re-elected.

Auditors are responsible for auditing of the finances of the Association to ensure proper accounting and the statutory use of resources.

Auditors report to the Board and the General Assembly.

12. Signatory Powers

The Board determines the authority to sign for two.

13. Liability

Liable for the obligations of the Association are solely the Association's assets. A personal liability of the members is excluded.

14. Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of the Association can only be decided in an ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly with two-thirds majority of all present members.

In case of a dissolution of the Association, earnings and assets of the Association will be transferred to another entity which is domiciled in Switzerland and released from tax duty due to non-profit or public purpose activities.



The distribution of the Association's remaining assets to its members is excluded.

This regulation is irrevocable.

15. Inception

These statutes were modified at the General Assembly in 2018 and were put into effect on 21 February 2018.

Place, Date Zurich, 21 February 2018

Anna Sonderegger, President

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