



Statutes

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Article 1 – NAME AND LOCATION

- (1) The Association's name is "The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Youth and Student Organisation", which is shortened and referred to as "IGLYO".
- (2) IGLYO is registered in the Netherlands. Dutch law governs areas not covered under these Statutes nor under any other document as listed in Article 5.2.
- (3) The Association legally resides in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
 - (a) The Association can open a branch office in Brussels, Belgium.
 - (b) The Association can be moved elsewhere by approval of the General Assembly.
- (4) The Association has been formed for an indefinite period of time.

Article 2 – AIMS

- (1) The Association aims to:
 - (a) End discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth and students;
 - (b) Fight all possible causes of discrimination against LGBTQ youth and students;
 - (c) Support the emancipation of LGBTQ youth and students;
 - (d) Gather LGBTQ youth and students and act as one of its representatives; and
 - (e) Fight multiple discrimination.

Article 3 – MEANS

- (1) The Association shall endeavour to reach its aims by following its Strategic Plan and Work Plans, approved by the General Assembly.

Article 4 – MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Full membership of the organisation is open to any organisation having legal personality under its national laws, which:
 - (a) Is an independent organisation or an integral part of another organisation;
 - (b) Comprises mainly of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer youth and students, or has a specific department working on LGBTQ youth and students issues which is governed by young people;
 - (c) Has a minimum of ten members.
- (2) In case the organisation's residential country makes it difficult or impossible for youth and students and/or LGBTQ organisations to register officially, the Board may grant full membership at its discretion, provided that all the other conditions listed in Article 4.1 are fulfilled.

- (3) Membership in IGLYO is divided into two categories:
 - (a) Full members fulfil all requirements as defined in Article 4.1 or Article 4.2.
 - (b) Organisations can become associate members. Such cases are decided by the Board on the premise that the candidate organisation has a primary interest in the work of IGLYO. Associate members do not take decisions in the Association.
- (4) An applicant for any category of membership in IGLYO must:
 - (a) Apply in writing, via standard membership forms, to the Board of IGLYO;
 - (b) Agree in writing with:
 - (i) The aims listed in Article 2;
 - (ii) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (United Nations, 1948);
 - (iii) The European Convention on Human Rights (Rome, 1953); and
 - (iv) The Declaration of the Rights of the Child (United Nations, 1959).
 - (c) Provide a description of itself, its aims, and the composition of its membership.
- (5) The Board will grant full or associate membership on the basis of the fulfilment of these criteria.
- (6) Membership may be suspended by the Board for failure to comply with these Statutes. The suspension, unless revoked by the Board, shall remain in force until the next General Assembly. A member may be expelled from membership by motion at a General Assembly for failure to comply with these Statutes.
- (7) A member facing an expulsion procedure may defend itself in front of the General Assembly.

Article 5 – BODIES AND TEXTS

- (1) The Association is composed of the following bodies
 - The General Assembly;
 - The Board;
 - The Secretariat;
 - The Financial Auditing Committee;
 - The Advisory Committee; and
 - Steering teams.
 - (a) The roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee and the Steering teams are defined in the Association's Internal Regulations.
- (2) The Association is regulated by the following texts by descending order of importance:
 - The present Statutes;
 - The Association's Internal Regulations;
 - The current Strategic Plan; and
 - The current Work Plan.

Article 6 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) The highest body of IGLYO is the General Assembly (formerly known as the General Meeting of Members). It determines IGLYO's general policies within the framework of these Statutes.
- (2) The quorum is met when the General Assembly comprises of 50% of its full members, plus one full member.
- (3) The General Assembly meets every other year at a place and time decided by the Board. The procedures for the GMM shall be those set out in these Statutes and the Association's Internal Regulations.
- (4) An Extraordinary General Assembly will be convened if one tenth of the full members, coming from at least four different countries, have sent the Board a written request for a meeting, along with a precise account of the items to be discussed.
 - (a) The Board will aim to convene the Extraordinary General Assembly as quickly as possible.
 - (b) In case the Association does not have the resources to organise a physical meeting, the Board may decide to convene an online meeting.
 - (i) The online meeting will have the same conditions as specified in Articles 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5.
 - (ii) Closed vote should be ensured in case of elections.
- (5) The General Assembly rules primarily but not exclusively on the following matters:
 - Adoption of a Strategic Plan;
 - Adoption of annual Work Plans;
 - Election of the Board;
 - Election of the Financial Committee;
 - Election of the Advisory Committee;
 - Approval of activity and financial reports.
- (6) The call for the General Assembly should be sent out at least 10 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, proposals from member organisations should be handed in at least 6 weeks prior, and General Assembly documents with the Board's comments should be sent out at least 4 weeks prior.

Article 7 – BOARD

- (1) The Board acts and can make decisions on behalf of IGLYO between General Assemblies within the framework of these Statutes.
- (2) Composition of the Board
 - (a) The Board is composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven people, decided by the electing General Assembly at the simple majority.
 - (b) In order to ensure a diverse representation, Board members must come from different full member organisations which are based in different countries.

- (3) At the time of their election, Board members must be between the ages of eighteen and thirty.
- (4) The members of the Board are appointed by the General Assembly for a term of two years.
- (5) Election of Board members
 - (a) Board members are elected individually by a minimum of 50% of the valid casted votes plus one vote.
 - (b) Board members are elected in decreasing order of the votes in their favour.
 - (c) Election of Board members takes place in a closed vote.
- (6) Board vacancies
 - (a) If any vacancy arises in the Board, the remaining Board member(s) may, regardless of the cause of the vacancy(ies), co-opt new Board members to fill those vacancies up to a maximum of three co-options between two General Assemblies, and with regards to Article 7.2.
 - (b) Co-opted Board members act as legal Board members, and are to register with the relevant authorities until the next General Assembly.
 - (c) Should the Board decide not to fill vacancies, the remaining Board members shall nevertheless continue to constitute a lawful Board, without prejudice to Article 7.2.
 - (d) If the number of Board members elected by the Annual General Meeting goes below three, an Extraordinary General Meeting should immediately be called to elect new Board members.
- (7) The Board shall appoint a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer among its members.
- (8) The Board is in charge of running the Association and carrying out the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. The Board's main duties include:
 - Carry out the Strategic Plan and annual Workplans;
 - Represent IGLYO towards and amongst international organisations;
 - Lobby for LGBTQ youth and students' rights;
 - Manage IGLYO's office, including its staff;
 - Submit a report of activities to the General Assembly; and
 - Submit a financial report to the General Assembly, including the audited accounts and the budget.
- (9) The Board sets up its own order of business and determine its own timetable for meetings in order to fulfil its role. Decisions of the Board shall be recorded in a registry, and in official minutes.

Article 8 – FINANCES

- (1) The Association's financial year shall run from the first of January up to and including the thirty-first of December of the same calendar year.
- (2) IGLYO may receive income from, but not exclusively, the following sources:

- Membership fees, which shall be reviewed by the General Assembly;
 - Grants;
 - Donations;
 - Sponsorships; and
 - Fees or services rendered and accrued interest on funds.
- (3) The Board is responsible for ensuring that accurate accounts are kept of the capital, income and expenditures of IGLYO, and shall present the audited accounts and balance sheet for the previous financial year to the General Assembly for approval and adoption, together with a financial report outlining the situation of the current financial year.
- (4) The Board determines detailed financial regulations for the proper control of the financial resources of the organisation and the keeping of accurate financial records, which shall include provisions for the audit of IGLYO's accounts.
- (5) IGLYO's financial resources are exclusively accessible to officially-registered Board members, and any member of staff authorised by the Board.
- (6) If the General Assembly deems necessary the board can appoint an external auditor, separately functioning from the financial auditing committee, which will be responsible for providing an external audit on the organisation's financial books.

Article 9 – FINANCIAL AUDITING COMMITTEE

- (1) The General Assembly appoints, among its members, two members whom form the Financial Control Committee.
- (2) The Auditors' mandate runs at the same time as the Board's.
- (3) The Auditors' task is to provide an independent assessment on the books as they are presented to the General Assembly.

Article 10 – CHANGES TO THE PRESENT STATUTES

- (1) These Statutes may only be revised by a valid General Assembly, as defined in Article 6.2.
- (2) Amendments to the Statutes must be proposed in writing by at least one full member present at the General Assembly.
- (3) The adoption of individual amendments is at the simple majority of valid casted votes.
- (4) The adoption of the overall changes to these Statutes is at the two thirds of the valid casted votes.
- (5) All changes to the present Statutes must be minuted. The Board is responsible for registering the new Statutes with the adequate authorities after closing the General Assembly.

Article 11 – DISSOLUTION

- (1) Dissolution of the Association can be decided by the three quarters of the full members present at a General Assembly.
- (2) In case of a dissolution, the General Assembly decides where to disseminate the assets of the Association.
- (3) The then-ex Chairperson is responsible for notifying the relevant authorities of the Association's dissolution.

Article 12 – OTHER RULING DOCUMENTS

- The current Strategic Plan;
- The Association's Internal Regulations; and
- The current Work Plan.