



Statutes of the association DIVERSITY IN ARCHITECTURE

Preamble

The visibility of women in architecture and in the broader field of urban planning goes hand in hand with their public recognition. Considering and projecting the number of women architects having received awards in the last 40 years it would take another 60 years to achieve quantitative equality with men. The goal of this award is to make women architects visible, to recognize and honor their work, to promote equality between male and female architects, and to raise awareness of ROLE MODELS for young women architects.

§ 1 Name and seat of the association, fiscal year

- (1) The association bears the name *Diversity in Architecture e.V.* It shall be entered in the register of associations and thereafter bear the suffix „e.V.“.
- (2) The association shall have its registered office in Berlin.
- (3) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose, non-profit character of the association

- (1) The association, with its registered office in Berlin, shall exclusively and directly pursue charitable purposes within the meaning of the section „purposes entitled to tax privileges“ of the German Tax Code.
- (2) The purpose of the association is to promote political awareness, to promote art and culture, and to promote science and research. The objective is to advance a professional political discourse and historical reappraisal regarding topics in architecture, urban planning and social urban development, with particular emphasis on the role of women in these context. The purpose of the association shall be realized through the awarding of a prize to architects (possibly in various categories), the realization of subject-specific events, including educational events (colloquia, workshops, lectures), the realization of historical and current research projects on the above-mentioned topics, the timely publication of these research results and the issuing and promotion of relevant publications. The award rules shall be made accessible to the public; there should be information about the award of prizes and award-winning achievements.
- (3) The association shall operate as a non-profit; its primary pursuit shall not be its own economic benefit.
- (4) The association's funds may only be used for the purposes set forth in the Articles of Statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the association's funds.
- (5) No person may be favored by the allocation of expenses

§ 3 Acquisition of membership

- (1) Any person (natural or legal) may become a member of the association.
- (2) Membership must be applied for in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall grant membership at its own discretion. It does not have to give reasons for rejection of an application.
- (3) Upon proposal of the Board, the general assembly may appoint members or other

persons who have rendered outstanding services to the association as honorary members for life.

§ 4 Termination of membership

(1) Membership in the association shall be terminated by death (in the case of legal entities, by their extinction), resignation or exclusion.

(2) Resignation must be declared in writing to the Executive Board. Members can only resign with a notice period of three months to the end of the business year.

(3) A member may be expelled from the association by resolution of the general assembly if he or she

a) culpably damages the reputation or interests of the association in a serious manner or

b) is more than one year in arrears with the payment of his or her membership dues and has not paid the membership dues in spite of a written reminder under threat of expulsion.

§ 5 Rights and duties of the members

(1) Every member has the right to participate in general events of the association. Each member has equal voting and election rights in the general meeting.

(2) Every member has the duty to promote the interests of the association, in particular to pay the membership dues regularly and, to the extent possible, to support the aims of the association through cooperation.

§ 6 Membership dues

(1) Each member shall pay annual membership dues in advance.

(2) The amount of the membership dues shall be determined by the general assembly.

(3) Honorary members shall be exempt from membership fees.

§ 7 Organs of the association

The organs of the association are the Executive Board and the general assembly.

§ 8 Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board consists of the chairperson and two deputy chairs.

(2) The chairperson and his/her deputies shall each be authorized to represent the association alone.

(3) The members of the Board may be paid remuneration, the amount of which shall be decided by the general assembly. Furthermore, the members of the Board shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the association.

§ 9 Tasks of the Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board of the association is responsible for representing the association in accordance with § 26 BGB and for managing its business. In particular, it shall have the following duties:

a) to convene and prepare the general assembly, including the preparation of the

agenda,

b) to execute resolutions of the general assembly,

c) to manage the association's assets and to prepare the annual report,

d) to admit new members.

(2) The Executive Board may establish a Board of Trustees and staff it with up to five persons whose task shall be the selection of award winners. The details shall be defined in a protocol adopted by the Executive Board.

§ 10 Appointment of the Executive Board

(1) The members of the Executive Board shall be elected individually by the general assembly for a period of five years. Only members of the association may be members of the Executive Board; termination of membership in the association also ends membership in the Executive Board. Reelection or early dismissal of a Board member by the general assembly is possible. A member shall remain in office after his or her term has expired until a successor has been elected.

(2) If a member leaves the Board prematurely, the remaining members of the Board are entitled to elect a member of the association to the Board until the successor has been elected by the general assembly.

§ 11 Consultation and resolutions of the Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board shall meet as required. The meetings shall be convened by the chairperson or, in the event that the chairperson is unable to do so, by the deputy chair. A notice period of one week shall be observed. The board shall be considered as having a quorum if at least two members are present. The majority of all valid votes cast shall determine the passing of resolutions. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the decisive vote, or, if the chair is unable to attend, his or her deputy shall have the decisive vote.

(2) The resolutions of the Executive Board shall be recorded in the minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the person taking the minutes.

§ 12 Tasks of the general assembly

The general assembly is responsible for decisions regarding:

a) amendments to the statutes,

b) the determination of membership fees,

c) the appointment of honorary members as well as the exclusion of members,

d) the election and dismissal of members of the Board,

e) the acceptance of the annual report and the financial discharge of the Board,

f) the dissolution of the association.

§ 13 Convening of the General Meeting

(1) An ordinary general assembly shall be convened by the Executive Board at least once a year, if possible within the first nine months of the year. The meeting shall be announced in writing, with two weeks' notice and include the agenda.

(2) The agenda shall be set by the Executive Board. Each member of the association may apply to the Board in written form for an addition to the agenda at least one week before the general assembly. The Board shall decide whether to include the proposed

addition in the agenda. All applications for additions to the agenda which have not been accepted by the Board or which have been brought forth for the first time in the general assembly shall be considered and decided upon by a majority of the votes of the members present. This does not apply to motions concerning an amendment to the Articles of Statutes, changes to membership fees or the dissolution of the association.

(3) The Executive Board shall call an extraordinary general assembly if the interests of the association require it or if at least one tenth of the members request such an assembly in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.

§ 14 Resolutions of the general assembly

(1) The general assembly of members shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Executive Board or, if the chairperson is unable to attend, by his/her deputy and, if the deputy chairperson is unable to attend, by a chairperson to be elected by the general assembly of members.

(2) The general assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

(3) The general assembly decides by open vote. A simple majority of the votes of the members present shall suffice. If, in an election, no candidate obtains the majority of the votes cast by members present, the candidate who has obtained the majority of the valid votes cast shall be elected; if necessary, a run-off election shall be held between several candidates. Resolutions to amend the Articles of Statutes shall require a majority of three quarters, and resolutions to amend the purpose or dissolve the association shall require the approval of nine tenths of the members present.

(4) In the event that the goals of the preamble have been met, the general assembly shall decide to dissolve the association or amend the Articles of Statutes upon the proposal of the Executive Board.

(5) Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the general assembly and the resolutions passed and shall be signed by the taker of minutes and the chairperson of the assembly.

§ 15 Dissolution of the association, termination for other reasons, discontinuation of entitlement to tax privileges

(1) In the event that the association is dissolved, the chairperson of the Board and his or her deputy shall be jointly authorized liquidators, unless other persons are appointed to this task by the general assembly.

(2) In the event of the dissolution or annulment of the association or in the event of the discontinuation of tax privileges, the assets of the association shall pass to a legal entity under public law or to another tax-privileged corporation for the purpose of being used for the purposes specified in § 2 (2) of the Articles of Statutes.

(3) The above provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis in the event that the legal capacity of the association has been withdrawn.

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