# Statutes of the <br> Europäischen Guo Lin Qigong Gesellschaft/ <br> Guo Lin Qigong Association Europe e.V. 

§ 1 Name, registered office, financial year

1. The association shall bear the name "Europäische Guo Lin Qigong Gesellschaft/Guo Lin Qigong Association Europe". It shall be entered in the register of associations at the local court in Bonn under No. VR10040.
2. The association shall have its registered office in D-53894 Mechernich, Germany. The association was founded on 13.01.2016.
3. The association is politically, ethnically and denominationally neutral.
4. The financial year is the calendar year.
5. The association pursues exclusively the non-profit purpose of health promotion within the meaning of the "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.

## $\S 2$ Purpose of the association

1. The association serves to promote public health through the cultivation and dissemination of Guo Lin Qigong in its traditional original form.
2. The purpose of the statutes is realized through the organization of events, the promotion of publications and the regular exchange of information on the dissemination and application possibilities of Guo Lin Qigong in European countries.
3. The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
4. The association's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the association's funds. The funds are to be used directly and exclusively for the promotion of public health to support persons in need due to illness or old age in accordance with Section 53 of the German Tax Code (AO).
5. No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.
6. Volunteers are only entitled to reimbursement of proven expenses.

## § 3 Acquisition of membership

Any natural or legal person can become a member of the association. The board of management makes the final decision on the written application for membership.

## § 4 Termination of membership

Membership ends:
a) by the death of the member,
b) by voluntary of resignation,
c) by removal from the list of members,
d) by exclusion from the association
e) in the case of legal entities, by their dissolution;

Voluntary resignation is effected by written declaration to a member of the board of management. It is only permitted at the end of a calendar year, subject to a notice period of three months.

A member may be removed from the membership list by resolution of the board of management if he/she is in arrears with the payment of the membership fee despite two reminders. The member must be informed of the removal in writing.

A member may be expelled from the association by resolution of the general meeting if they have grossly violated the interests of the association. Before the resolution is passed, the member must be given the opportunity to justify his or her actions in person. Any written statement by the member concerned must be read out at the general meeting.

## § 5 Membership fee

Members are required to pay contributions.
The amount of the annual contribution and its due date are determined by the General Meeting. Honorary members are exempt from the obligation to pay contributions.

## § 6 Organs of association

Organs of the association are:
a) The board of management
b) The generell meeting
§ 7 The board of management
The Executive Board within the meaning of § 26 BGB consists of:
a) the 1. Chairman
b) the 2. Chairman
c) the Secretary
d) the Treasurer

The association is represented in and out of court by two members of the board of management jointly.
It is not permitted for one person to hold several positions on the Executive Board.

## § 8 Term of office of the board of management

The board of management is elected by the General Meeting for a term of two years from the date of election. However, it remains in office until a new Board of Directors is elected.

If a member of the board of management resigns during the term of office, the board of management shall elect a replacement member (from among the members of the Association) for the remaining term of office of the resigning member.

## § 9 Resolution of the board of management

The board of management generally passes its resolutions in management meetings, which are convened by the 1st Chairman or the 2nd Chairman in writing, by telephone or by telegraph. In any case, a notice period of three days must be observed. No notification of the agenda is required. The board of management is quorate if at least two members of the board of management, including the 1st Chairman or the 2nd Chairman, are present. Resolutions are passed by a majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the Board meeting has the casting vote.

The management meeting is chaired by the 1st Chairman or, in his absence, by the 2nd Chairman. The resolutions of the board of management must be recorded in the minutes for evidence purposes and signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

A management resolution can be passed in writing or by telephone if all management members declare their consent to the regulation to be passed.

## § 10 The generell meeting

Every member present at the General Meeting - including honorary members - has one vote.
The General Meeting is responsible for the following matters in particular:
a) Acceptance of the annual report of the Executive Board; discharge of the Management Board.
b) Determining the amount and due date of the annual membership fee.
c) Election and dismissal of members of the board of management
d) Passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and on the dissolution of the Association.
e) Appointment of honorary members.

## § 11 Convening the general meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at least once a year, if possible in the last quarter. It is convened by the board of management with two weeks written notice, stating the agenda. The notice period begins on the working day following the dispatch of the invitation. The letter of invitation shall be deemed to have been received by the member if it is sent to the last address provided to the association in writing by the member. The agenda is set by the board of management.

## § 12 The resolution of the general meeting

The General Meeting is chaired by the 1st Chairman or, if he is unable to attend, by the 2nd Chairman. If no member of the board of management is present, the meeting shall appoint a chairperson.

The minutes are kept by the secretary. If the secretary is not present, the meeting shall appoint a secretary.

The chairman of the meeting determines the type of voting. Voting must be conducted in writing if one third of the voting members present at the vote request this.

The general meeting is not open to the public. The chairman of the meeting may admit guests. The general meeting decides on the admission of the press, radio and television.

Every properly convened General Meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

The General Meeting generally passes resolutions by a simple majority of the valid votes cast; abstentions are therefore not taken into account. However, a majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast is required to amend the Articles of Association (including the purpose of the Association) and a majority of four fifths is required to dissolve the Association.

The following applies to elections: If no candidate has achieved a majority of the valid votes cast in the first ballot, a run-off election shall take place between the candidates who have achieved the two highest numbers of votes.

Minutes must be taken of the resolutions of the General Meeting, which must be signed by the respective chairman of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes. The minutes should contain the following information: Place and time of the meeting, the person chairing the meeting and taking the minutes, the number of members present, the agenda, the individual voting results and the type of vote. In the case of amendments to the Articles of Association, the provision to be amended must be stated.

## § 13 Subsequent proposals to the agenda

Any member may submit a written request to the board of management no later than one week before the date of the General Meeting to add further items to the agenda. The chairman of the meeting must add to the agenda accordingly at the beginning of the General Meeting. The General Meeting shall decide on motions for additions to the agenda that are only submitted at the General Meeting. A majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast is required for the motion to be accepted. Amendments to the Articles of Association, the dissolution of the association and the election and dismissal of members of the Management Board can only be resolved if the motions have been announced to the members with the agenda.

## § 14 Extraordinary general meetings

The Management Board may convene an extraordinary general meeting at any time. This must be convened if the interests of the association require it or if one tenth of all members request it in writing, stating the purpose and reasons. Section $\S \S 10,11,12$ and 13 apply accordingly to the extraordinary general meeting.

## $\S 15$ Dissolution of the association and right of seizure

1. The dissolution of the association can only be decided at a general meeting with the majority of votes stipulated in § 12. Unless the General Meeting decides otherwise, the 1st Chairman and the 2 nd Chairman are jointly authorized liquidators. The above provisions shall apply accordingly in the event that the association is dissolved for any other reason or loses its legal capacity.
2. If the association is dissolved or ceases to have tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall be transferred to the Sozialverband VdK Deutschland, Linienstraße 131, 10115 Berlin, which must use them directly and exclusively to promote public health or to support people who are in need due to illness or old age in accordance with Section 53 of the German Tax Code (AO).
Section § 15 of the above Articles of Association was amended by the board of management in accordance with the founding protocol dated 05.07.2015.

| Location: | Date: | Signature: |
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|  |  | 1. Chairman |
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|  |  | Secretary |
|  |  | Treasurer |

