

Statutes

General

Article 1

DNN-Connect (hereafter referred to as “The Association”) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is neutral politically, and non-denominational.

Article 2

The Association's headquarters are located at La Vue-des-Alpes in the State of Neuchâtel in Switzerland.

Article 3

The Association shall pursue the following aims:

- To increase adoption of the DNN Platform
- To support and increase the size of our community (participation in projects etc)
- To ensure continuity of the open source version of the DNN Platform

Article 4

The Association's resources come from:

- donations;
- sponsorship;
- membership fees;
- any other resources authorized by the law.

The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims.

Membership

Article 5

Members shall be accepted without discrimination on basis of sex, race, religious beliefs, political views or nationality. Members shall be at least 18 years old.

Any physical person may request to join: (i) if, through their commitment or actions, they have proved their attachment to the aims of the Association, and (ii) they are not salaried by the Association.

Article 7

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Committee. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

Article 8

Membership ceases:

- on death;
- by written resignation notified to the Committee at least two months before the end of the financial year;
- by exclusion ordered by the Committee, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the Committee's decision being notified;
- for non-payment of dues for more than one year.

In all cases the membership fee for the current year remains due. Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets.

Article 9

Any member that participates in activities that run counter to the Association's aims may have their membership revoked by the committee.

Article 10

Only the assets of the Association may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

Organization

Article 11

The Association's organs are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Executive Committee (also referred to as "the committee"),
- c) The auditors.

The General Assembly

Article 12

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all members.

It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, by decision of the Committee or at the request of one-fifth of the members. These meetings are open to all members. These meetings can be held in co-located as well as electronic online form.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Committee shall inform the members in writing of the date of the General Assembly at least six weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 13

The General Assembly:

- a) shall approve the admission and expulsion of members;
- b) appoints the members of the Committee and elects, at a minimum, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer;
- c) notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
- d) approves the annual budget;
- e) supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore;
- f) appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts;
- g) decides on any modification of statutes;
- h) decides on the dissolution of the association;
- i) fixes the annual membership fees.

Article 14

The General Assembly is presided over by the president of the Association.

Article 15

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 16

Votes are by a show of hands. If requested by at least five members, they take place by secret ballot.

Article 17

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the general assembly must include:

- a) approval of the record of the previous General Assembly
- b) the Committee's annual report on activities
- c) report of the treasurer and of the auditor
- d) setting of membership fees
- e) approval of the budget
- f) approval of reports and accounts

- g) election of Committee members and auditor
- h) other business

The Executive Committee

Article 18

The Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the association. It is authorized to manage the Organization's business.

Article 19

The Committee is composed of at least 3 members. These 3 members are the president, the secretary and the treasurer. The Committee can propose additional committee members to the General Assembly. All committee members are elected by the General Assembly. Each committee member's mandate is for 2 years. The term in office can be renewed indefinitely. The Committee meets as often as they see fit.

Article 20

The Committee members act voluntarily and can only be compensated for their effective and travel costs. Eventual fees cannot exceed that paid for official commissions. For activities exceeding the usual function, each committee member can receive appropriate compensation.

The paid employees of the association have only a consultative vote in the committee.

Article 21

The functions of the Committee are:

- to take all measures to attain the goals of the Association;
- to convene General Assemblies;
- to take decisions with regard to admission of new members, to resignations of members, and to their possible expulsion;
- to ensure the Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 22

The association shall be validly bound by the individual / joint signature of the President one other member of the Committee.

The Auditors

Article 23

Two auditors shall be appointed the General Assembly. They shall be appointed for a duration of 3 years. Their term can be renewed indefinitely.

Article 24

The auditors appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the Association's accounts every year. They will submit a written report to the General Assembly upon conclusion of their audit before the Ordinary Meeting.

Various provisions

Article 25

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year. The treasurer is responsible for the finances of the association.

Article 26

In the case of the Association being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organization pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the Association and benefiting from tax exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.

Article 27

The Association may be dissolved by the General Assembly. The dissolution requires a two thirds majority of the members present to vote in its favor. The Association's dissolution may be requested at any point in time by the executive committee or at least 10 members of the Association.

Article 28

For everything that is not specified in these statutes, articles 60 to 79 of the Swiss Civil Code will apply.

Article 29

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly on 21.02.2014

For the Association



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