

STATUTES
VOLT POLSKA ASSOCIATION
(„Statutes”)

Chapter I
General Provisions

§ 1.

1. The Volt Polska Association (“the Association”) is a voluntary, self-governing, lasting non-profit organization that operates in accordance with generally applicable laws and its Articles of Association.
2. The Association may use the following abbreviated names in its business dealings: “Volt Polska,” “Volt,” and translations of the name and abbreviated name into foreign languages.
3. The Association may use symbols that include the Association's name.

§ 2.

1. The Association is headquartered in Warsaw.
2. The Association operates within the territory of the Republic of Poland. To achieve its objectives, the Association may conduct activities outside the Republic of Poland, subject to the generally applicable provisions of Polish law and the laws of the country in which such activities are conducted.
3. The Association may join national and international organizations whose objectives do not conflict with those of the Association, and may associate and cooperate with such entities.
4. The Association relies on the volunteer work of its members and, to the extent necessary, on the work of its members and others performed under employment contracts or civil law agreements.

Chapter II
The Association's objectives and how they are achieved

§ 3.

The objectives of the Association are:

- a. promoting universal values rooted in inherent human dignity, such as human rights, freedom, and equality, based on the principles of democracy, justice, the rule of law, and subsidiarity;
- b. protecting and strengthening the rights derived from the values and principles described in point 1);
- c. supporting the activities of entities belonging to the European Volt Europe movement;
- d. working to promote the development of communities—European, Polish, regional, and local—and participating in the life of these communities;
- e. promoting civic engagement and working to develop civil society;
- f. proposing and assisting in the implementation of pragmatic solutions to Polish and European problems based on facts and scientific evidence.

§ 4.

1. The Association's objectives are achieved, in particular, through:
 - a. preparing reports, analyses, expert opinions, and assessments, and conducting scientific and research activities;
 - b. organizing training sessions, seminars, and lectures, as well as other educational activities aimed at promoting the Association's objectives;
 - c. editing and publishing;
 - d. information and educational activities;
 - e. mobilizing and supporting various forms of civic engagement, including volunteering;
 - f. cooperation with local and national authorities, businesses, the media, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals;
 - g. advocating to public authorities and other entities, initiating citizen-led proposals for legislative changes, and participating in consultation and participatory processes;
 - h. organizing public awareness campaigns;
 - i. organizing fundraisers, including public fundraisers, and making purchases and accepting donations necessary to achieve the Association's objectives;
 - j. cooperation with all institutions, domestic and foreign organizations, and individuals whose activities or interests relate to the achievement of the Association's objectives;
 - k. supporting the activities of other legal entities and individuals whose activities align with the Association's objectives.
 - l. conducting business activities on a scale necessary to achieve the Association's statutory objectives.
2. The Association relies on volunteer work, but it may also hire employees and contract out tasks to manage its affairs.

Chapter III

Members, their rights and obligations

§ 5.

1. Any individual may become a member of the Association if they:
 - a. are at least 16 years old;
 - b. has not been deprived of her civil rights by a final judgment of a court or the State Tribunal;
 - c. are not completely legally incapacitated;
 - d. are not a member of a political party or an association supporting the activities of a specific political party, whether or not based on a formal agreement, with the exception of members of political parties that are part of the Volt Europa movement or associations supporting the activities of such parties;
 - e. wishes to pursue the Association's objectives;
 - f. submitted a membership declaration in written or electronic form, constituting an application for admission to the Volt Polska Association
2. A foreign national who does not reside in the Republic of Poland may become a member of the Association.
3. The form of the membership declaration is determined by the Board.
4. Membership in the Association is acquired upon the entry into force of the Board's resolution regarding the admission of a given person to the Association. The Board shall adopt a resolution regarding the admission of a person to the Association or a resolution regarding the rejection of an application for admission within 90 days of the date of receipt of the application. The identity of the person applying for membership shall be confirmed by presenting an identity document or making a bank transfer.

§ 6.

1. Membership in the Association shall terminate upon:
 - a. the death of a member;
 - b. a written resignation or a document sent from the email address provided by the member as their contact address, in accordance with the Association's internal regulations;
 - c. removal from the membership list by the Board pursuant to a resolution on expulsion adopted in accordance with the procedures described in paragraphs 3–5.

2. Termination of membership in the Association in the event of the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1(a) and (b) shall be determined by the Board by resolution.
3. A member may be expelled from the Association by resolution of the Board in the following cases:
 - a. a member's failure to comply with the provisions of the Statutes, resolutions of the Association's governing bodies, the Code of Conduct, or other internal regulations of the Association;
 - b. actions by a member that cause harm to the Association or damage its reputation;
 - c. the loss of a member's civil rights or their complete legal incapacitation.
 - d. other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Board, justify the expulsion of a member.

§ 7.

1. All members are equal, and their opinions carry equal weight in discussions regarding the Association's activities.
2. Subject to generally applicable laws, the provisions of the Bylaws, and other internal regulations of the Association, a member has the right to:
 - a. taking the initiative to propose or support actions, initiatives, ideas, or action plans of the Association and its governing bodies;
 - b. participate in the Association's training programs on an equal footing with all other members of the Association;
 - c. vote and be elected to the Association's governing bodies, both in person and via electronic means of communication, including voting by email, in accordance with the rules set forth in the Statutes or resolutions of the Association's governing bodies;
 - d. participating in the deliberations of the Association's governing bodies of which the member is a part, in accordance with the Statutes and other internal regulations of the Association;
 - e. be heard, including the right to express their views in writing on all matters concerning them;
 - f. use, reproduce, and display in good faith of the Association's name, symbols, and any other marks and materials, subject to the Board's right to establish specific rules governing the use of the aforementioned names, symbols, marks, and materials;
 - g. use the Association's assets to the extent necessary to perform their duties within the Association's governing bodies, subject to the Board's right to establish specific rules governing the use of the Association's assets;
 - h. resign from membership in the Association at any time.

§ 8.

In accordance with applicable laws, the provisions of the Statutes and other internal regulations of the Association, a member is required to:

- a. comply with the provisions of the Statutes, the Code of Conduct, resolutions of the Association's governing bodies, and other internal regulations of the Association;
- b. promote and support the Association's objectives and the activities undertaken by the Association;
- c. comply with the rules of the Code of Conduct;
- d. diligently perform the tasks and duties associated with the roles entrusted to them within the Association and its governing bodies;
- e. actively participate in the Association's activities;
- f. uphold the Association's good reputation;
- g. refrain from taking any actions that could jeopardize the Association's ability to achieve its stated objectives or carry out its activities;
- h. remain helpful and friendly toward other members of the Association, as well as entities affiliated with or cooperating with the Association;

**Chapter IV
Volunteer**

§ 9.

1. A natural person or legal entity may be granted the status of Volunteer.
2. A volunteer, may be a natural person or a legal entity that declares its intention to provide the Association with financial, in-kind, or expert support.
3. Obtaining Volunteer status does not imply obtaining member status in the Association as defined by the Statutes and generally applicable laws.
4. The procedures for obtaining and losing Volunteer status, as well as the rules governing Volunteers' participation in the Association's activities and the provision of pledged support, shall be established by the Board by resolution.

**Chapter V
The Association's Leadership**

§ 10.

The governing bodies of the Association are:

- a. General Assembly;
- b. Board;
- c. Audit Committee.

§ 11.

1. The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association. Resolutions of the General Assembly take precedence over resolutions of other bodies of the Association.
2. The General Assembly may be held as an ordinary or extraordinary meeting.
3. The General Assembly has the authority to:
 - a. determine the Association's areas of activity and development;
 - b. amend the Statutes;
 - c. adopt the rules of procedure for the General Assembly and amending them;
 - d. adopt the Code of Conduct and making amendments to it;
 - e. establish the rules for the probationary period for individuals interested in joining the Association;
 - f. elect the Board and the Audit Committee, including the appointment of individuals to specific positions within these bodies;
 - g. remove members of the Board and the Audit Committee;
 - h. decide whether to approve or reject the Association's balance sheet and financial statements;
 - i. decide whether or not to grant discharge to members of the Board;
 - j. decide whether to approve or reject the reports on the activities of the Board and the Audit Committee;
 - k. set the amount of membership dues;
 - l. adopt the rules of procedure for the Board and the Audit Committee;
 - m. establish the rules for compensating members of the Board;
 - n. decide on the dissolution of the Association;
 - o. make decisions on other matters expressly reserved for the General Assembly in accordance with the Articles of Association or generally applicable laws.

§ 12.

1. The Annual General Assembly is convened by the Board once a year, at dates that allow for the adoption of resolutions regarding the approval of the balance sheet and financial statements within the timeframes specified by generally applicable laws.
2. An Extraordinary General Assembly is convened by the Board:
 - a. on their own initiative;

- b. at the request of the Audit Committee, within 28 days of the date of submission of such a request;
 - c. upon a motion filed by at least one-fifth of all members as of the date of filing the motion, within 28 days of the filing of such motion.
3. If the Board fails to convene a General Assembly within the time limits specified in paragraphs 1 and 2, the Audit Committee shall be authorized to convene the General Assembly, and in the event of its inaction exceeding a period of 30 days from the expiration of the deadline for the Board to convene the General Assembly, or in the absence of bodies authorized to convene the General Assembly, any member.
4. A General Assembly shall be convened by the convening body or a member—by notifying all members of the Association at least one month prior to the date of the meeting, and in the case of an extraordinary General Assembly, at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
5. The notification referred to in paragraph 4 may be provided in writing or via electronic means of communication, including text messages or email, to the phone numbers or email addresses of members provided by those members, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Association's internal regulations, as contact numbers or addresses.
6. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 shall specify:
 - a. the date, time, and location of the meeting, as well as information regarding whether or not it is possible to participate in the meeting via means of real-time remote communication, specifying those means and access links or indicating the date by which they will be made available, which must, however, occur no later than 3 days before the scheduled start of the meeting;
 - b. the proposed agenda, including draft resolutions.

§ 13.

1. Members participate in the General Assembly with the right to vote and to take part in the adoption of resolutions. At the invitation of the Board, third parties who are not members may participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.
2. The General Assembly shall be opened by a representative of the body that convened the General Assembly, or by a member who convened the General Assembly in lieu of an inactive body, and shall be presided over by that person until a chairperson of the General Assembly is elected.
3. The General Assembly shall elect a chairperson and a secretary from among the members present. The chairperson shall preside over the proceedings of the General Assembly.
4. A ballot counting committee for the General Assembly may be appointed, consisting of 2 to 5 members.

5. The General Assembly makes decisions by passing resolutions. Resolutions of the General Assembly on personnel matters are adopted by secret ballot.
6. Resolutions of the General Assembly are adopted by a simple majority of the members participating in the vote, with the exception of resolutions concerning amendments to the Statutes, the dissolution of the Association, or the removal of a member of an Association body, which require a two-thirds majority of the members participating in the vote.
7. The agenda of an extraordinary General Assembly may only include matters specified in the notice issued by the body or person convening the meeting.

§ 14.

1. The Board is the Association's executive body; it manages the Association's activities and represents it externally in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.
2. The Board is responsible for:
 - a. implementation of General Assembly resolutions;
 - b. preparing the Association's draft budget;
 - c. managing the Association's assets;
 - d. organizing and conducting the Association's activities;
 - e. admitting and expelling members;
 - f. making decisions regarding the adjustment of membership dues or exempting individual members from the obligation to pay membership dues in full or in part, in accordance with the rules and within the limits established by the General Assembly;
 - g. the establishment of a Regional Chapter and a County Chapter upon the request of at least four members residing within a single province, foreign country, or county, respectively;
 - h. expressing an opinion on the interpretation of the Statutes and other internal documents of the Association;
 - i. establishing the rules of procedure for Regional Boards and County Chapter Boards;
 - j. establishing the rules for compensating members of Regional Boards and County Chapter Boards;
 - k. taking corrective measures to remedy any failure by the Regional Board or the County Branch Board to perform their statutory duties, should the Audit Committee determine that such a failure has occurred;
 - l. making decisions regarding the dissolution of a Region or a County Chapter in cases where the number of members of a given local organizational unit is fewer than four, or in the event of a change—based on generally applicable laws — of the administrative division of the Republic of Poland that would justify the dissolution of a

- Region or County Chapter, in particular due to the merger or alteration of the boundaries of provinces and counties;
- m. establishing regulations governing the establishment, operation, and dissolution of Local Clubs;
 - n. taking other actions not expressly reserved for the General Assembly or the Audit Committee.
3. Resolutions of the Board adopted on the matters referred to in paragraph 2(e), to the extent that they concern the expulsion of members, and in paragraph 2(h) must be accompanied by a written justification.
 4. Each year, prior to the Annual General Assembly, the Board adopts a report on its activities and submits it to the Audit Committee in a timely manner for review. The Board's report on its activities is a matter for discussion at the Annual General Assembly.

§ 15.

1. The Board is a collegial body consisting of five to seven members, including two Co-Chairs of the Board and one Treasurer. In the event that the number of members of the Association exceeds 250, gender parity shall be maintained among the members serving as Co-Chairs of the Board, subject to the right of non-binary individuals to self-identify their gender.
2. The Board is authorized to elect two Vice Chairs from among its members.
3. Members of the Board, including the Co-Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer, may receive compensation for performing their duties. The rules governing the compensation of Board members are established by the General Assembly.
4. The term of office of The Board is a single term lasting two to four years. The General Assembly determines the length of the term of the next Board.
5. Members of the Audit Committee may not serve on the Board.
6. The term of office of a member of the Board expires upon:
 - a. the death of a member;
 - b. a member's resignation;
 - c. removal from office by the General Assembly;
 - d. the occurrence of circumstances that preclude a person from serving as a member of the Board, as referred to in paragraph 5;
7. The General Assembly shall appoint additional members to the Board in the event of:
 - a. a decrease in the number of members of the Board by more than two members compared to the number of members of the Board on the first day of the term in question;
 - b. expiration of the terms of office of members of the Board.
8. It is also permitted to appoint additional members to the Board during its term of office, upon the Board's request, in the number specified in the request.

9. In the situations referred to in paragraph 7, the Board, or in its absence, the Audit Committee, shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly to supplement the composition of the Board. In the cases referred to in paragraph 7(a) and (b), an Extraordinary General Assembly shall not be convened if the date of the next Ordinary General Assembly or the term of office of the Board expires no later than 3 months from the date on which the circumstances referred to in paragraph 7(a) or (b) arise.
10. In the absence of the Board and the Audit Committee, or if these bodies are unable to function due to the number of their members falling below the minimum required by the Articles of Association, any member of the Association is authorized to convene the Extraordinary General Assembly referred to in paragraph 8.
11. In the event of the circumstances referred to in paragraph 7(c), the duties of the Co-Chair of the Board or the Treasurer shall be performed, until the next General Assembly, by a member of the Board designated by the Audit Committee. Members of the Board may not hold multiple positions simultaneously.
12. A member of the Board may serve for more than one term; however, if the Association has more than 250 members, a member may serve as Co-Chair of the Board for no more than two consecutive terms.
13. If the Board is unable to function due to the number of its members falling below the minimum required by law, the Audit Committee is authorized to appoint members from among its own ranks to perform the duties of the Board until the Board's membership is restored or a new Board is elected. During the period of delegation, the members shall not participate in the work of the Audit Committee.

§ 16.

1. Meetings of Board are held as needed, including at the request of a member of the Board or the Audit Committee.
2. Invited guests may attend meetings of the Board.

§ 17.

1. The Board makes decisions by resolution. Board resolutions are adopted by open vote, except for decisions on personnel matters, which are decided by secret ballot.
2. For a resolution of the Board to be valid, more than 50% of the Board members must participate in the vote.

§ 18.

1. The Audit Committee is a body established to oversee the Association's activities.
2. The Audit Committee is responsible for:
 - a. oversight of the Association's activities, including, in particular, oversight of its finances and the management of its assets;
 - b. presenting the findings of the audit to the General Assembly;
 - c. reviewing the Association's balance sheet and financial statements;
 - d. reviewing the Board's report on its activities;
 - e. issuing recommendations regarding the granting or denial of discharge to members of the Board.
3. Each year, prior to the Annual General Assembly, the Audit Committee prepares and adopts a report on its activities. The Audit Committee's activity report is discussed at the Annual General Assembly.

§ 19.

1. The Audit Committee is a collegial body consisting of three to five members, including the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Audit Committee.
2. The term of office of the Audit Committee is a single term lasting two to four years. The length of the Audit Committee's term of office corresponds to that of the Board.
3. The Audit Committee may not include persons:
 - a. who are not members of the Association;
 - b. who are married to, cohabiting with, related by blood or marriage to, or in a subordinate relationship with members of the Board;
 - c. who are members of the Board.
4. The term of office of a member of the Audit Committee expires upon:
 - a. the death of a member;
 - b. a member's resignation;
 - c. removal from office by the General Assembly;
 - d. the occurrence of circumstances that preclude a person from serving as a member of the Board, as referred to in paragraph 3;
5. The General Assembly may, at the request of the Audit Committee, appoint additional members to the Audit Committee during its term of office, in the number specified in the request.

§ 20.

1. Meetings of the Audit Committee are held as needed, or at the request of a member of the Audit Committee.

2. Members of the Audit Committee or invited guests may attend meetings of the Board in an advisory capacity.
3. The Audit Committee makes decisions by resolution. Resolutions of the Audit Committee are adopted by open vote.
4. For resolutions of the Audit Committee to be valid, more than 50% of the Audit Committee members must participate in the vote.

Chapter VI

Elections and internal votes

§ 21.

1. Elections to the Association's governing bodies and its local organizational units, as well as votes by those bodies, shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in this paragraph.
2. The Board or its delegate is required, no later than 14 days before the date of the General Meeting, to provide members with information regarding the possibility of nominating candidates for the Association's governing bodies, along with a nomination form. Nominations for members of the Board and the Audit Committee shall be submitted within the timeframe and in the form specified by the Board or the body delegated by the Board.
3. If the number of candidates nominated for membership on the body is less than or equal to the number of seats to be filled, a separate vote shall be held for each candidate (for/against/abstain). A simple majority is required to fill the position.
4. If two candidates are nominated for a given seat on the body to be filled, a single vote shall be held. The seat shall be awarded to the candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast.
5. Subject to paragraph 6, if more than two candidates are nominated for a given seat on the body to be filled, a vote shall be conducted using the Score-Then-Automatic-Runoff system to determine a single winner. In this system, the voter rates all candidates on a scale from 0 to 5, where 0 means "worst" and 5 means "best." This rating may be indicated using stars on the ballot. A blank vote is equivalent to a score of 0. The scores for each candidate are then tallied, and the two candidates with the highest scores are selected as finalists. In the automatic runoff, the voter's entire vote is transferred exclusively to the single candidate who received the higher score in the previous round. If a voter gave the same score to both candidates, their vote has no effect on the final result of the final round. The automatic final round is won by the finalist who, after the votes in this round are tallied, receives a majority. In the event of a tie in the final round, the finalist who received a higher score in the first round wins.

6. If the number of seats to be filled on the body is greater than or equal to two, and the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, a vote is held using the Block Score-Then-Automatic-Runoff system, with multiple winners. In this system, the voter rates all candidates on a scale from 0 to 5, where 0 means "worst" and 5 means "best." This rating may be indicated using stars on the ballot. A blank vote is equivalent to a score of 0. Each candidate's scores are then tallied, and the two candidates with the highest scores are selected for a runoff. In the automatic tiebreaker round, a voter's entire vote is transferred exclusively to one candidate—the one who received a higher score in the previous round. If a voter gave the same score to both candidates, their vote has no effect on the final result of the tiebreaker round. The automatic tiebreaker round is won by the candidate who, after the votes in this round are tallied, receives a majority. Next, the two candidates with the highest scores, excluding those who have already won a tiebreaker round, advance to the next tiebreaker round. In this round, the candidate preferred by the majority of voters wins the next position. In the event of a tie in the runoff round, the candidate who received a higher score in the first round wins. This process continues until all seats/positions are filled.
7. The voting rules described in this section do not apply to votes taken during the Association's founding meeting.

Chapter VII

The Association's Assets and Rules of Representation

§ 22.

1. The Association's assets consist of membership dues, donations, grants, inheritances, bequests, recommendations, income from the Association's assets, income from statutory activities, and income from public donations.
2. In the event of the Association's dissolution, the General Assembly may designate civic organizations or institutions to which the Association's assets will be transferred during the liquidation proceedings.
3. Any Co-Chair of the Board acting jointly with another member of the Board is authorized to represent the Association.

Chapter VIII

Regional units

§ 24.

The Association may establish the following regional organizational units:

- a. Region;
- b. County Chapter.

§ 25.

1. A region is the Association's basic local organizational unit, operating within a given province or foreign country.
2. It is permissible to establish a single region for:
 - a. of a given province, covering the entire voivodeship;
 - b. of a given foreign country, covering the entire territory of that foreign country.
3. Members of a Region are Association members who reside within that Region. An Association member may belong to only one Region.
4. The governing bodies of the Region are:
 - a. Regional Assembly;
 - b. Regional Board.

§ 26.

1. The Regional Assembly is the decision-making body of the Region.
2. The Regional Assembly may hold regular and extraordinary meetings.
3. The Regional Assembly is responsible for:
 - a. determining the Association's areas of activity in the Region;
 - b. electing the Regional Board, including the appointment of individuals to specific positions on the Regional Board;
 - c. deciding on the dismissal of the Regional Board or individual members of the Regional Board;
 - d. deciding on the merger of county chapters.

§ 27.

1. The Regional General Assembly is convened by the Regional Board once a year.
2. An extraordinary regional meeting is convened by the Regional Board:
 - a. on their own initiative;
 - b. at the request of at least one-third of all members of the Region, within 28 days of the date such a request is submitted;
 - c. at the request of the Association's Board or the Audit Committee, within 28 days of the date such a request is submitted.

3. If the Regional Board fails to convene a Regional Meeting within the time limits specified in paragraphs 1 and 2, the Association's Board shall be authorized to convene the Regional Meeting.
4. A Regional Meeting is convened by the body responsible for convening the Regional Meeting, which must notify all members of the Region at least 14 days prior to the meeting date..
5. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 may be made in writing or via electronic means of communication, including text messages or email, to the phone numbers or email addresses of members of the Region provided by such members, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Association's internal regulations, as contact numbers or addresses.
6. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 shall specify:
 - a. the date, time, and location of the meeting, as well as information regarding the possibility or impossibility of participating in the meeting via means of real-time remote communication, specifying those means and access links or indicating the date by which they will be made available, which must, however, occur no later than 3 days before the scheduled start of the meeting;
 - b. proposed agenda, including draft resolutions.

§ 28.

1. Members of the Region participate in the Regional Meeting with the right to vote and to take part in the adoption of resolutions. At the invitation of the Regional Board, third parties who are not members of the Region may participate in the Regional Meeting in an advisory capacity..
2. Members of the Association's Board and Audit Committee are entitled to attend Regional Meetings in an advisory capacity.
3. The Regional Meeting is opened by the Regional Co-Chair designated by the Regional Board, and if the Regional Meeting is convened by the Association's Board, by a Regional member designated by the Association's Board. The Regional Meeting shall elect, from among the Regional members participating in it, a chairperson and a secretary.
4. A ballot counting committee for the Regional Meeting may be appointed, consisting of 2 to 5 members of the Region.
5. Resolutions of the Regional Assembly are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by Regional members participating in the vote, except for resolutions concerning the dismissal of the Regional Board or individual members of the Regional Board, which require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by Regional members participating in the vote.
6. Resolutions of the Regional Assembly on personnel matters are adopted by secret ballot.

7. The Regional Meeting may only vote on matters specified in the notice issued by the body convening the Regional Meeting.

§ 29.

1. The Regional Board is the body responsible for managing the Region's activities.
2. The Regional Board is responsible for:
 - a. implementation of resolutions adopted by the Regional Assembly;
 - b. organizing and managing the Region's operations.
3. The Regional Board consists of two to five members of the Region, including two Regional Co-Chairs.
4. The term of office for the Regional Board is a single term lasting two to four years. The length of the Regional Board's term of office is determined by the Regional Assembly on the day the first member of the Regional Board for that term is elected.
5. The term of office of a member of the Regional Board expires upon:
 - a. the death of a member;
 - b. a member's resignation;
 - c. removal from office by the Regional Assembly;
 - d. the election of the chairperson of the first Regular Regional Meeting held following the expiration of the Regional Board's term of office.
6. The Regional Board operates in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the Association's Board.
7. In the event of the dismissal of the Regional Board or a specific member of the Regional Board, the dismissed individuals may not be elected to serve as members of the Regional Board for a period of 12 months from the date of their dismissal.

§ 30.

1. A County Chapter is the basic local organizational unit of the Association operating within a given county.
2. It is permitted to establish a single County Chapter for a given county, covering the entire county.
3. Members of a County Chapter are Association members who reside within the territory of that County Chapter; however, upon a member's justified request, the Association's Board may approve the member's transfer to a County Chapter other than the one in whose territory they reside. A member of the Association may belong to only one County Chapter.
4. The governing bodies of the County Chapter are:
 - a. County Assembly;

b. County Board.

§ 31.

1. The County Assembly is the decision-making body of the County Chapter.
2. A County Assembly may be held as an ordinary or extraordinary meeting.
3. The responsibilities of the County Assembly include:
 - a. determining the Association's areas of activity at the County Chapter;
 - b. electing the County Board, including the election of individuals to specific positions on the County Board;
 - c. deciding on the dismissal of the County Board or individual members of the County Board.

§ 32.

1. The County Annual General Assembly is convened by the County Board once a year.
2. An extraordinary meeting of the County Assembly is convened by the County Board:
 - a. on their own initiative;
 - b. at the request of at least one-third of all members of the County Chapter, within 28 days of the date such a request is submitted;
 - c. at the request of the Association's Board, the Audit Committee, or the Regional Board of the region in which the County Chapter operates, within 28 days of the date such a request is submitted.
3. If the County Board fails to convene a County Assembly within the timeframes specified in paragraphs 1 and 2, the Association's Board or the Regional Board in whose jurisdiction the County Chapter operates shall be authorized to convene a Regional Meeting.
4. A County Assembly is convened by the body responsible for convening the Assembly, which must notify all members of the County Assembly at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
5. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 may be made in writing or via electronic means of communication, including text messages or email, to the phone numbers or email addresses of members of the County Chapter provided by those members, in accordance with the Association's internal regulations, as contact numbers or addresses.
6. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 shall specify:
 - a. the date, time, and location of the meeting, as well as information regarding whether or not it is possible to participate in the meeting via means of real-time remote communication, specifying those means and access links or indicating the date by which they will be made

- available, which must, however, occur no later than 3 days before the scheduled start of the meeting;
- b. the proposed agenda, including draft resolutions.

§ 33.

1. Members of the County Chapter are entitled to vote and participate in the adoption of resolutions at the Chapter Assembly. At the invitation of the Chapter Board, third parties who are not members of the County Chapter may attend the Chapter Assembly in an advisory capacity.
2. Members of the Association's Board and Audit Committee, as well as the Regional Board of the region in which the County Chapter operates, are entitled to attend Chapter meetings in an advisory capacity.
3. The County Assembly shall be opened by the County Co-Chair designated by the County Board, and if the County Assembly is convened by the Association Board or the Regional Board, by a County member designated by the body convening the County Assembly. The County Meeting shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from among the County members participating in the meeting.
4. A ballot counting committee for the County Assembly may be appointed, consisting of 2 to 5 County members.
5. Resolutions of the County Assembly are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by members of the County Chapter participating in the vote, except for resolutions concerning the dismissal of the County Board or individual members of the County Board, which are adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members of the County Chapter participating in the vote.
6. Resolutions of the County Assembly on personal matters are adopted by secret ballot.
7. The agenda for a County Assembly may include only those matters specified in the notice issued by the body convening the County Assembly.

§ 34.

1. The County Board is the body that oversees the activities of the County Chapter.
2. The responsibilities of the County Board include:
 - a. implementation of the resolutions of the County Assembly;
 - b. organizing and running the activities of the County Chapter;
 - c. establishing Local Clubs and overseeing their activities.
3. The County Board consists of two to five members of the County Chapter, including two Co-Chairs of the Chapter.

4. The term of office for County Board members is a single, continuous term lasting two to four years. The length of the County Board's term of office is determined by the County Assembly on the day the first member of the Regional Board for that term is elected.
5. A member of the County Board's term of office expires upon:
 - a. the death of a member;
 - b. a member's resignation;
 - c. removal from office by the County Assembly;
 - d. the election of the chairperson of the first Regular County Assembly held following the expiration of the County Board's term of office.
6. The County Board operates in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the Association's Board.
7. In the event of the dismissal of the County Board or a specific member of the County Board, the dismissed individuals may not be elected to serve as members of the County Board for a period of 12 months from the date of their dismissal.
8. Members of the County Board may receive compensation for performing their duties. The rules governing the compensation of County Board members are established by the Association's Board.

§ 35.

1. Local Clubs bring together members who belong to the same County Chapter.
2. Local Clubs are established to better coordinate the activities of members who live in the same town, municipality, village, or neighborhood, or who share common interests, or who are involved in joint projects.
3. The rules governing the establishment, operation, and dissolution of Local Clubs are established by the Association's Board.
4. Local Clubs are not considered to be regional organizational units of the Association.