

Preamble

For reasons of simplicity, this constitution always use the male form for personal names for which there is a male and a female form. This is not a definition of a male person. This constitution is translated into English for information purposes. However, only the German version is legally binding.

§ 1 - Name

- (1) The association is called the "International Confederation of Amputee Associations". It is entered in the register of associations at the Stuttgart District Court and then bears the additional name "e.V. (eingetragener Verein = registered association)". The association is called "IC2A" for short.
- (2) The association is based in Wolfschlügen, Germany.
- (3) In the following "IC2A" is used instead of "association".

§ 2 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§ 3 - Purpose

- (1) The purpose of IC2A is to exchange and share national and international experiences, knowledge and best practices to improve the quality of life of amputees and persons born with limb deficiency. As far as the term "amputee" is used in the following, this is done for linguistic simplicity. It always refers to both amputees and those born with limb deficiency.
- (2) The IC2A is non-partisan, not subject to any religious affiliation and independent of the economic interests of payers and service providers.
- (3) The purpose of the constitution is achieved in particular by:
 1. Cooperation with authorities and political bodies,
 2. Cooperation with manufacturers of aids and medical products,
 3. Collaboration with international umbrella and professional associations in the healthcare sector and service providers in the prosthetic sector,
 4. Information on the internet for amputees, their relatives and the general public,
 5. Trade fair and congress attendances,
 6. Initiation and support of interdisciplinary research projects,
 7. Training people with amputations or limb deficiencies to become peer counselors.
- (4) The IC2A can also pursue its goals through activities abroad.

§ 4 – Non-profit Status

- (1) The IC2A pursues exclusively and directly tax-privileged non-profit purposes according to Section 52 (2) No. 10 of the Tax Code (promoting assistance for the disabled).
- (2) The IC2A works selflessly. It does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. IC2A funds may only be used for statutory purposes.

(3) The members of the IC2A do not receive any benefits from IC2A funds in their capacity as members.

(4) No person may benefit from donations not in line with the purpose of the IC2A or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 5 – Full Members

(1) Only national amputee organizations can become full members according to association law.

(2) By way of derogation from (1), founding members who are natural persons shall be ordinary members within the meaning of Section 5.

(3) The application for admission to the IC2A must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Board decides on admission. A rejection does not have to be justified. Membership ends by leaving or being excluded from IC2A. The membership of legal entities also ends with their liquidation or the opening of insolvency proceedings over their assets.

(4) Resignation is possible at any time effective by the end of the next month by making a written declaration to an authorized representative of the Executive Board. Contributions that have already been paid or are due will not be refunded, not even in part.

(5) A member can be excluded from the IC2A by the Executive Board if they are more than three months in arrears with the payment of their membership fee and have not paid the fee despite a reminder. The exclusion must be pointed out in the reminder. IC2A's right to payment of the membership fee remains unaffected. An exclusion can also be carried out if the member has moved to an unknown location. A member is considered to have moved to an unknown address if a debit was returned with the note "account expired", a letter was returned with the note "unknown" or "address unknown" and a telephone number or email address is not known.

(6) If a member has grossly violated the interests of the IC2A, they can be excluded from the IC2A by resolution of the Executive Board.

§ 6 – Corporate Members

(1) The IC2A can accept natural persons or legal entities as supporting corporate members. These have no membership rights and are in particular not part of the general meeting.

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(3) Resignation is possible at any time effective by the end of the next month by making a written declaration to an authorized representative of the Executive Board. Contributions that have already been paid or are due will not be refunded, not even in part. The contribution for the current calendar year has to be paid.

(4) A corporate member can be excluded from the IC2A by the Executive Board if they are more than three months in arrears with the payment of their membership fee and have not paid the fee despite a reminder. The exclusion must be pointed out in the reminder. IC2A's right to payment of the membership fee remains unaffected. An exclusion can also be carried out if the member has moved to an unknown location. A member is considered to have moved to an unknown address if a debit was returned with the note "account expired", a letter was returned with the note "unknown" or "address unknown" and a telephone number or email address is not known.

(5) If a corporate member has grossly violated the interests of the IC2A, they can be excluded from the IC2A by a decision of the Executive Board.

§ 7 - Honorary Members

- (1) People who are committed to the values and goals of IC2A and who have made an extraordinary commitment to improving the lives of amputees can become honorary members.
- (2) Every full member can nominate a natural person as an honorary member. Once the nomination has been approved by the Executive Board, the candidate will be invited to honorary membership.
- (3) Honorary members have no membership rights and are in particular not part of the general meeting.
- (4) Honorary members can terminate their honorary membership at any time by declaring it in writing. Honorary membership then ends one month after the date of termination.
- (5) If an honorary member has grossly violated the interests of IC2A, his or her honorary membership can be revoked by a decision of the Executive Board.

§ 8 - Funding

The IC2A is funded, among other things, but not exclusively by:

1. Membership fees,
2. Donations,
3. Testamentary donations,
4. Public subsidies and grants,
5. Sponsorship and Advertising.

§ 9 - Membership Fees

Contributions are collected from members. The Executive Board determines the amount and due date of the membership fees.

§ 10 - Organs

- (1) The organs of IC2A are the General Meeting and the Executive Board.
- (2) All elected officials work on a voluntary basis.
- (3) If necessary, in partial modification of Section 9 (2), positions in the association can be exercised within the scope of the budget for remuneration on the basis of a service contract or through payment in the form of an expense allowance in accordance with Section 3 No. 26 or Section 3 No. 26a EStG (German Tax Law). The decision on association activities with remuneration is made by the Executive Board. The same applies to the contents of the contract and the termination of the contract.

§ 11 – General Meeting

- (1) The general meeting is the highest body of the IC2A. In particular, it has the sole responsibility for:
 1. Amendment of the Constitution of the Association,
 2. Election and dismissal of the members of the Executive Board,
 3. Approval of the actions of the members of the Executive Board,
 4. Election of auditors,
 5. Approval of real estate transactions,
 6. Approval and adoption of a budget,
 7. Approval and adoption of annual financial statements,
 8. Approval of the rules of procedure for the Executive Board,

(2) The ordinary general meeting takes place in the first half of each financial year. In addition, a general meeting must be called if one fifth of the members request the meeting in writing from the Executive Board, stating the purpose and reasons. The general meeting can take place either real or virtual. The Executive Board decides on this at its discretion and informs the members of this in the invitation. Virtual general meetings take place in an online area accessible only to members. Members receive individual access data after registering their email address. The access data is only valid for a virtual general meeting. Members are obliged to keep their access data secret. Passing on to third parties is not permitted.

(3) Each general meeting is convened by the Executive Board in text form with six weeks notice. The invitation is generally and exclusively sent by email and through publication on the IC2A website. The agenda for the general meeting will be announced on the IC2A website no later than two weeks before the general meeting.

(4) The general meeting is chaired by a member of the Executive Board. In the case of elections, chairing the meeting can be delegated to a returning officer or an election committee for the duration of the ballot and the preceding debate.

(5) Every full member has one vote in the general meeting.

(6) Every properly convened general meeting has a quorum.

(7) Unless the constitution provide otherwise, the resolution is decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. Abstentions will not be taken into account. A majority of three quarters of the votes cast is required to change the constitution, the purpose of the constitution and to dissolve the IC2A. A valid resolution can only be passed if the item is listed on the agenda.

(8) The type of voting is determined by the chairman of the meeting or the returning officer. However, the vote must be carried out secretly if not all members present agree to an open vote. Voting at virtual meetings is generally carried out secretly. Elections of Executive Board members must be carried out in separate ballots; Voting en bloc is not permitted.

§ 12 - Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board consists of the President, the Vice President and at least one other member of the Executive Board. The number of Executive Board members must always be fewer than the number of full members.

(2) Only members of a regular IC2A member organization can be elected as members of the Executive Board. When the membership of the member organization ends, the appointment of the executive board member also ends.

(3) The President and the Vice President represent the IC2A as a board of directors in and out of court in accordance with Section 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB). Both are individually authorized to represent the IC2A. The right of representation can be restricted internally by rules of procedure.

(4) Real estate transactions always require the approval of the general meeting.

(5) Each member of the Executive Board has one vote in Executive Board meetings. The Executive Board should decide unanimously; However, at least an absolute majority of all members of the Executive Board is required.

(6) The members of the Executive Board are elected by the general meeting for a period of two years. The members of the Executive Board remain in office even after their term of office has expired until new elections.

(7) Re-election is permitted.

(8) The Executive Board is responsible for all IC2A matters that are not reserved by this constitution to other statutory bodies. It primarily has the following tasks:

1. Preparation of the general meeting and drawing up the agenda,
2. Convene the general meeting,

3. Implementation of the resolutions of the general meeting,
 4. Management of IC2A assets,
 5. Preparation of the annual and financial report,
 6. Decision on the admission and exclusion of members of the IC2A.
- (9) They are only liable for damages caused by elected officials or representatives in the performance of their duties if they intentionally violated a criminal law or acted intentionally to the detriment of the injured party.

§ 13 – Audit

- (1) The general meeting elects one or two auditors every year for one year. Re-election is permitted.
- (2) An auditor may not be a member of the Executive Board of IC2A. The Executive Board may not delegate any tasks or powers to him. An auditor does not need to be a member of a membership organization.
- (3) The task of the auditors is to examine the annual financial statements prepared by the Executive Board before presenting them to the general meeting. The auditors are also responsible for auditing the management and the use of donations.

§ 14 - Protocols

- (1) Minutes must be kept of all ordinary and extraordinary general meetings.
- (2) The minutes must be signed by the respective chairman of the meeting and the writer of the minutes.
- (3) The minutes must be sent to the members of the IC2A within three months of the meeting. Equally equivalent is the publication of the minutes on the IC2A website in an area accessible to members.
- (4) The content of a protocol is deemed to have been approved by the members of the IC2A if it is not objected to within one month of receipt or publication on the website.
- (5) The minutes of a general meeting should contain the place and time of the meeting, the number of members present, the person chairing the meeting, the agenda, the decisions, the voting results and the type of voting.

§ 15 - Place of Jurisdiction

Provided permitted by law, the place of jurisdiction is the registered office of IC2A.

§ 16 - Dissolution

- (1) The dissolution of the IC2A can be decided in a general meeting called for this purpose. If the IC2A is dissolved or suspended or if non-profit purposes are discontinued the assets of the IC2A will pass to the “Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband”, which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.
- (2) The President and the Vice President are appointed as liquidators in the event of the dissolution of IC2A.

§ 17 - Validity of the Constitution

The above statutes were adopted by the founding assembly on February 20, 2025, and supplemented by a resolution of the Executive Board on March 21, 2025. They become effective upon registration in the register of associations..