Articles of Association

Theosophy in Motion



Association for the Promotion of Contemporary Theosophy and Culture

Theosophy in Motion is a non-profit organisation and a registered association based in Switzerland.
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Note: The use of the feminine form in this text also includes the masculine form, and vice versa.

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with its registered office at Waldfrieden 275, CH-3555 Trubschachen, Switzerland

1. Name and Registered Office

An association exists under the name ‘Theosophy in Motion’ within the meaning of Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, with its registered office in Trubschachen, Switzerland.

2. Objectives and Purpose

The association ‘Theosophy in Motion’ aims to disseminate philosophical ideas and foster independent thinking. To this end, the intellectual content and themes of theosophy – encompassing both Western and Eastern schools of thought in equal measure – are presented in a contemporary, modern manner and made available to an interested public in an accessible and comprehensible form.

In order to fulfil this objective of fostering independent thinking, the association considers itself *non-dogmatic* with regard to specific teachings for spiritual study. However, the teachings of Alice A. Bailey, H.P. Blavatsky, Helena Roerich (Agni Yoga) and Rudolf Steiner, as well as the study of fundamental topics such as reincarnation and karma, are particularly and strongly recommended for free-thinkers. In addition to literature from the Rosicrucian and Masonic traditions, a (self-directed) study of comparative religion is also recommended.

However, any spiritual study should not be pursued merely as an end in itself, but should ultimately lead to service to humanity.

The primary means to this end consists of the creation, operation, ongoing maintenance and further development of the website www.theosophy-contemporary.com.
Other modern, internet-based communication media are also utilised.

The association is non-denominational, politically neutral and independent. It does not represent any religious community, but rather humanity as a whole. It is ethically committed to the promotion of art and science, education and human rights. It is a non-profit organisation and does not pursue any commercial objectives.
All of the association's activities are directed exclusively towards the welfare of third parties. Its objectives are not linked to any other interests of the association or its members, such as proselytising in any form.

3. Finances and Assets

The association finances its activities exclusively through voluntary contributions from members and third parties, as well as any surpluses from the operating account and income from the association's assets.

These funds are used, amongst other things, to cover administrative costs and the running of the website.

Remuneration for internally or externally commissioned tasks and work is based on the principle of *'minimal but reasonable*'. Purely administrative tasks should, where possible, be carried out on a voluntary basis. Should any compensation be paid for such work, the same principle (*'minimal but* reasonable') shall apply.

The Executive Committee works on a purely voluntary basis. Special or extraordinary services rendered by individual Executive Committee members are not remunerated. Usual expenses may be reimbursed upon application (subject to a unanimous decision by the Executive Committee).

The Association's financial resources are exclusively and irrevocably dedicated to the tax-exempt purpose specified in more detail in Section 2. Any distribution of funds or assets to founders or members is prohibited.
In particular, members who leave the association have no claim to the association's assets.
The provisions of this paragraph are unalterable.

The association may acquire, dispose of and mortgage immovable property.

The copyright to all texts specifically written and published on the website www.theosophy-contemporary.com rests with the association. The rights of other copyright holders remain unaffected.

Proper accounts must be kept of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities. The financial year runs from
1 January to 31 December.

4. Membership

4.1. Active members with voting rights

Any natural or legal person who wishes to contribute to the association's objectives through active participation and a keen interest may become **an active member** with voting rights.

All natural and legal persons who are active members shall each have one vote at the General Meeting (Section 6.1).

Supporting members (**passive members**) of the association, who have only an advisory vote, are:

- all active members who, following the termination of their active membership, wish to continue supporting the association's objectives.
- Sponsors, whether natural or legal persons, who provide financial support for specific aims or activities of the association, whilst also wishing to benefit from this or negotiate a consideration in return.
- all other natural and legal persons who wish to contribute to the association, either ideologically or financially.

Applications for membership must be addressed to the President. The Executive Committee decides on admission by unanimous vote.

5. Termination of membership

Membership ceases:

- upon resignation at the end of a financial year, which must be notified to the Executive Committee in writing four weeks in advance

- upon the death of a natural person or the dissolution of a legal entity
- The Executive Committee may also expel members without giving reasons, and its decision is final. Expelled members have no right of appeal to the General Assembly

6. Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the association are:

- the General Meeting
- the Executive Committee

6.1. The General Meeting

The supreme governing body of the association is the General Assembly.

An ordinary General Meeting takes place annually in the second half of January or the first half of February (in person or online).

The Executive Committee or one-third of all members may convene an extraordinary General Meeting.

Members shall be invited to the General Meeting at least two weeks in advance, in writing or electronically, with the agenda enclosed.

Motions from members to be considered as items on the agenda at the General Meeting must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least four weeks in advance.

The General Meeting has the following duties and powers:

- Election of the Executive Committee (Section 6.2)
- Approval of the Executive Committee's annual report and the annual accounts, and the granting of discharge to the Executive Committee
- Setting the annual budget and any membership fees
- Amending the Articles of Association (Section 9)
- Dissolution of the association (Section 10)

Unless otherwise expressly stated, decisions on votes shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Proxy voting is not permitted. Elections and votes shall be conducted openly, unless a secret ballot is decided upon. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

At the General Meeting, each active member has one vote. Passive members are invited to the General Meeting but do not have the right to vote.

6.2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee manages the association and determines its business policy. It consists of three people, namely the President and two other Executive Committee members, and appoints its own members, with the exception of the President. The Executive Committee elects a President from among its members.

The Executive Committee is elected for a term of three years. Re-election is permitted.

Apart from the founding members, only those who have been active members of the association for at least three years may stand for election to the Executive Committee.

Executive Board members are expected to be willing, ready and committed to making personal sacrifices in terms of time and money to ensure the running, further development and ongoing updating of the website's content, even if donations or other income alone are insufficient to cover these costs.

The promotion of culture is the primary role of women. Therefore, the office of President should preferably be held by a woman.

The Executive Committee generally reaches its decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, it takes its decisions by a two-thirds majority of all Executive Committee members. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote. The Executive Committee has a quorum when two-thirds of its members are present. It is convened as often as business requires, at the request of the President or at the request of a member of the Executive Committee.

Resolutions may also be passed in writing or electronically, provided that at least two members do not request an oral discussion.

The Executive Committee is responsible for all matters not expressly falling within the sole competence of another body of the Association. Its duties include, in particular:

- Preparing, convening, organising and chairing the General Meeting
- Implementing the resolutions of the General Meeting
- Managing the association's assets, including property
- Establishing the information policy
- Terminating or winding up all employment and contractual relationships
- Setting fees and remuneration
- Representing the association externally, in particular granting joint signing authority to two persons and defining the exceptions where a single signature is also permitted for the processing of payments
- Defining work assignments, setting up working groups and, where necessary, commissioning external specialists (e.g. maintenance and operation of the association's website)
- Maintaining contact and collaborating with individuals and organisations that support the association ideologically and financially and share similar objectives (sponsors, other associations, etc.).

7. Signature

The association is bound by the joint signature of the Chairperson together with another member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may grant exceptions allowing for a single signature for the processing of payments.

8. Liability

The association's liabilities are covered exclusively by its assets. Members shall not be personally liable for the association's liabilities.

9. Amendment of the Articles of Association

These Articles of Association may only be amended by a resolution passed by a four-fifths majority (at least 80 per cent of votes in favour) at the General Meeting (with the exception of those paragraphs specifically designated as 'unamendable').

10. Dissolution or Merger

The Association shall be dissolved by the General Assembly if at least four-fifths of those present vote in favour, or upon the death of the last remaining active member.

In the event of dissolution, any profits and capital shall be transferred to another legal entity based in Switzerland that is exempt from tax on the grounds of being a charitable organisation or serving a public purpose. Unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, the beneficiary shall be the SOS Children's Villages Switzerland Foundation, based in Bern.

A merger may only take place with another legal entity based in Switzerland that is exempt from tax on the grounds of charitable or public-interest status.

11. Entry into force

The Articles of Association, in their current version v1.2 dated 9 April 2025, were unanimously adopted at the extraordinary general meeting held on 9 April 2025 and come into force on that date.