

Statutes of the MIND Members Association (the “statutes”)

§ 1 Name, registered office, financial year

- (1) The Association bears the name "Förderverein MIND Foundation e.V." (English: MIND Members Association) (the “Association”). It is entered in the register of associations.
- (2) The registered office of the Association is Berlin.
- (3) The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association, non-profit status

- (1) The purpose of the Association is to promote charitable purposes, in particular by
 1. Promotion of science and research, in turn through
 - a. Promotion of scientific activities such as publications and support for scientists (e.g. in the form of publicly accessible grants) in areas such as consciousness and brain research as well as the implementation of scientific projects in basic research in these areas (excluding clinical application research). The research results must be published promptly.
 - b. Cooperation with universities and non-university research institutions in Germany and worldwide for the purpose of improving patient care.
 2. Promotion of education, in turn through
 - a. scientifically based further training for doctors, psychotherapists, pharmacists, social workers, lawyers and related professions to promote evidence-based and social acceptance of evidence-based therapy with and without psychedelic substances and related methods.
 - b. To educate representatives of government agencies, law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, legal professionals in general, and law enforcement to understand altered states of consciousness and psychoactive substances and how to prevent harm.
 - c. Further training and advice for medical associations, psychotherapists and the professional associations of other professional groups in the public health system on the development of regulations and guidelines for the ethically, legally and health-related handling of psychoactive substances in the context of therapeutic trials and self-experience contexts.
 - d. Advice for legal guardians and minors.
 3. Promotion of public health and public health care, in turn through
 - a. Creation and implementation of prevention programs and harm reduction measures to prevent harm in clinical use, in contexts of self-experience and in the recreational use of psychoactive substances in non-professional contexts.
 - b. Informing the public about the potentials and risks of altered states of consciousness as well as pharmacological and non-pharmacological methods to achieve them.

(2) The Association pursues the purposes stated in para. 1 as a fundraising body within the meaning of § 58 no. 1 of the German Tax Code (Abgabenordnung). The statutory purpose is realized in particular by raising funds for the realization of the tax-privileged purposes of the MIND Foundation gGmbH mentioned in para. 1 and through the Association's own activities. The Association's own activities are also those defined in paragraph 1. Funds are raised by collecting membership fees and donations.

(3) The Association pursues exclusively charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code (Abgabenordnung). The Association is selflessly active and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. The Association's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the statutes. Members do not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the Association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

(4) The Board of Directors generally works on an honorary basis. The General Assembly may decide on an annual, appropriate lump-sum remuneration for the activities of members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may conclude service or employment contracts for individual activities of the Association or award remunerated contracts.

§ 3 Membership

(1) The Association consists of regular members and honorary members.

(2) Any natural or legal person may become a member of the Association.

(3) Upon admission to the Association, regular members are assigned to one of the following groups according to their application:

- Experts ("Professionals"),
- Students and trainees ("Students"),
- Friends and supporters of the Association ("Friends").

(4) Members are free to change their group affiliation during the course of their membership. To do so, they must submit an application to the Board of Directors.

(5) The application for admission to the Association must be addressed to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall decide on admission.

(6) Membership ends through resignation, exclusion, removal from the list of members or death (in the case of legal entities through dissolution).

(7) Resignation must be declared in writing to the Board of Directors. It is only permissible with a notice period of three months to the end of a calendar year.

(8) A member can be expelled from the Association if they have grossly violated the interests of the Association. The Board of Directors decides on expulsion by a simple majority of the votes cast. The member to be expelled must be given the opportunity to comment before the decision is made. Membership rights shall be suspended during the expulsion proceedings. The member may lodge an appeal against expulsion from the Association within one month of receiving the decision. The next general meeting shall make the final decision on the appeal. If the member fails to meet the deadline, the decision can no longer be challenged.

(9) A member can be removed from the membership list if they are more than three months in arrears with the payment of their membership fee and have not settled this despite a reminder. The legal consequences must be pointed out in the reminder. Members may also be removed if their whereabouts are unknown.

(10) Members of the Association may not be employees of the Association at the same time. If an employment relationship is established with the Association during membership, the membership rights shall be suspended for the duration of this relationship.

(11) The Association processes the following data from its members: Name, profession, address, telephone number, date of birth and e-mail address. The data protection regulations are observed. The data will only be passed on if this is required by law.

(12) As the Association is obliged to process only correct data, members are obliged to inform the Association immediately of any changes to their aforementioned data.

§ 4 Sections

(1) In order to fulfill its tasks, the Association is divided into dependent sections.

(2) Members of the Association who wish to establish a section shall submit an application to the Board of Directors.

(3) The Board of Directors shall decide on the number and thematic focus of the sections.

(3) The sections shall adopt section bylaws. The section bylaws may not contradict the statutes or other bylaws adopted by the General Assembly. They are not part of the statutes.

§ 5 Rights and obligations of members

(1) Members may participate in the Association's facilities, training and education measures and events in accordance with their group and section affiliation pursuant to Section 3 (3) and Section 4 and in accordance with the resolutions and conditions adopted by the competent bodies of the Association in accordance with the purpose of the Association. In all other respects, all members have the same rights.

(2) All members are obliged to comply with the statutes, in particular the purpose of the Association, and to support the endeavors and interests of the Association to the best of their ability. The members are obliged to comply with the resolutions and conditions adopted by the competent bodies of the Association.

(3) All members, with the exception of honorary members, are obliged to pay contributions and fees in accordance with the applicable contribution regulations.

§ 6 Membership fees and membership fee regulations

Members are required to pay a regular annual membership fee. The Board of Directors decides on the amount and due date. Further details are set out in the membership fee regulations, which are decided by the Board of Directors.

§ 7 Other regulations of the Association

- (1) The Association may adopt rules of procedure (Mind Members Association Bylaws). They shall be adopted by the General Assembly.
- (2) The Association may adopt a Code of Ethics. It shall be adopted by the General Assembly.
- (3) The regulations may not contradict the statutes. They are not part of the statutes.

§ 8 Organs of the Association

The bodies of the Association are the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

§ 9 Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of at least three and no more than seven persons. The members of the Board of Directors elect the 1st and 2nd Chairperson and the Treasurer from among their number.
- (2) The Association is represented in and out of court by two members of the Board of Directors.
- (3) All or individual members of the Board of Directors may be released from the restrictions of Section 181 BGB by resolution of the General Assembly.
- (4) The members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. They shall remain in office after the expiry of their term of office until the successful election of a new Board of Directors. If one of the elected members of the Board of Directors resigns during the term of office, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement member for the remaining term of office of the resigning member.
- (5) Only members of the Association may hold a position on the Board of Directors.
- (6) The Board Directors shall also have a quorum if not all offices of the Board of Directors are filled. It is not permitted to combine several offices in one person.

§ 10 Responsibility of the Board of Directors

(1) The Board of Directors manages the business of the Association, unless it is assigned to another body of the Association by the statutes or mandatory statutory provisions. It has the following tasks in particular:

- Preparation of the General Assembly and preparation of the agenda,
- Convening of the General Assembly,
- Implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly,
- Management of the Association's assets and bookkeeping,
- Preparation of the annual budgets and annual reports,
- Determination of the amount and due date of the annual contribution,
- Resolution on the admission and exclusion of members.

(2) The Board of Directors shall decide on the use of the Association's funds in accordance with Section 2 (2) of the statutes.

(3) The Board of Directors may resolve amendments to the statutes that have been requested by the register of associations or the tax authorities. This also applies to purely editorial changes.

§ 11 Resolutions of the Board of Directors

(1) The Board of Directors generally passes its resolutions in Board meetings, which are convened by the 1st Chairperson or, in their absence, by the 2nd Chairperson in writing, by telephone or by e-mail with a notice period of one week. The notice period may be shortened with the consent of all Board members. Consent is deemed to have been granted upon attendance at the Board meeting. The meeting is chaired by the 1st Chairperson or, if they are unable to attend, by the 2nd Chairperson.

(2) The Board of Directors is quorate if at least two members are present. It decides by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chairperson of the meeting shall be decisive. The quorum of the Board of Directors does not require that all Executive Board positions are filled.

(3) Resolutions of the Board of Directors may also be passed in writing or by e-mail (circulation procedure, circular resolutions) without adhering to the notice period if all members of the Board of Directors declare their consent to this procedure. Voting by circulation is deemed to be consent.

(4) All resolutions of the Board of Directors - including circular resolutions - must be recorded and retained.

(5) The Board of Directors may adopt rules of procedure.

§ 12 General Assembly

(1) The General Assembly is responsible for the following matters:

- Election and dismissal of Board members and auditors,
- Resolutions on amendments to the statutes, insofar as these are not the responsibility of the Board of Directors,
- Resolution on the dissolution of the Association,
- Resolution on complaints against an exclusion decision by the Board of Directors,
- Approval of the budget and acceptance of the annual report and other reports of the Board of Directors,
- Discharge of the Board of Directors.

(2) The ordinary General Assembly of the Association shall take place once a year. Further (extraordinary) general assemblies shall be convened if the interests of the Association so require or if $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members request a meeting in writing or by email from the Board of Directors, stating the purpose and reasons.

(3) Minutes shall be taken of the resolutions of the General Assembly, which shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes. The minutes should include the time and place of the meeting, the number of members present, the names of the chairperson and keeper of the minutes, the agenda, the resolutions passed including the type of vote and the results. It must be made available to the members no later than six weeks after the General Assembly. If no objections are received from the members within three weeks of notification, the minutes shall be deemed approved. Any objections received must be dealt with at the next General Assembly.

§ 13 Convening of the General Assembly

(1) The General Assembly shall be convened in writing or by email by the Board of Directors with a notice period of two weeks. The period begins on the day following the dispatch of the invitation. The address or e-mail address provided to the Association by the member shall be used.

(2) Any member may request that additional matters be added to the agenda at a later date. If such a request is received by the Board of Directors in writing or by email at least one week before the date of the General Assembly, the agenda shall be amended accordingly at the beginning of the General Assembly. If it is received later or is only submitted at the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall decide on its admission.

§ 14 Adoption of resolutions by the General Assembly

(1) Every properly convened General Assembly shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present. All members present are entitled to vote and be elected. Each member has one vote. Voting rights are non-transferable and cannot be exercised by proxy. Members who are legal entities may have their voting rights exercised by a previously appointed representative.

(2) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the 1st Chairperson or, if they are unable to attend, by the 2nd Chairperson. If the 2nd chairperson is also unable to attend, the meeting shall appoint the chairperson of the meeting. In the case of elections, the chairmanship of the meeting may be delegated to another member of the Association or an election committee for the duration of the ballot and the preceding discussion.

(3) The type of voting shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting. However, the vote must be conducted in writing if at least a quarter of the voting members present at the vote request this.

(4) Unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the current statutes or by law, the General Assembly shall pass resolutions by a simple majority of the votes cast. Abstentions do not count as votes cast. However, a majority of three quarters of the votes cast is required for

- changes to the statutes and changes to the purpose of the Association,
- the dissolution of the Association,
- the admission of subsequent motions for additions to the agenda.

(5) The provisions on resolutions apply accordingly to elections. The chairperson of the meeting may determine that several offices to be elected are voted on in one ballot. If no candidate achieves an absolute majority in the first ballot, the election must be repeated. If no candidate achieves an absolute majority in the second ballot either, a relative majority is sufficient in the third and further ballots. If no candidate achieves a majority after at least three ballots, the chairperson of the meeting may decide that the election will be decided by drawing lots.

(6) The General Assembly may also be convened as a virtual meeting (online procedure) in accordance with Section 10, unless the law requires a physical meeting. The decision on this is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. It must be ensured that participation is possible using common programs (e.g. web browser, e-mail client, conference software). It shall take place in an area accessible only to members (e.g. password-protected chat room, video conference). The necessary access data will be communicated to the member at least three days before the start of the meeting. The details of the procedure for the meeting and the passing of resolutions are decided by the Board of Directors and communicated to the meeting prior to the opening of the meeting.

§ 15 Cash management

- (1) The treasurer shall keep records of the cash transactions and prepare an annual financial statement.
- (2) The annual accounts shall be audited by two auditors elected by the General Assembly. The provisions for Board members shall apply accordingly to their election, eligibility and term of office. The audited annual accounts shall be submitted to the General Assembly for resolution.

§ 16 Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the Association can only be decided in a general meeting convened for this purpose.
- (2) If the Association is dissolved or if tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets of the Association shall be transferred to FINDER gem. e.V., Boxhagener Str. 82, 10245 Berlin, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.
- (3) The liquidator is the 1st Chairperson as a liquidator with sole power of representation and exempt from the restrictions of § 181 BGB, unless the meeting decides otherwise.

The statutes were established at the founding meeting on November 10, 2019, amended by the General Assembly on August 10, 2022 and most recently by the Board of Directors on February 23, 2023.