

Articles and Rules
of the Association
Projektvereins Akademischer
Kultur an der RWTH Aachen e.V.

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§1 Name and registered office of the association

- (1) The Project Association for Academic Culture at RWTH Aachen University, or PAK e.V. for short, is an association of students and former students.
- (2) It is based in Aachen.
- (3) The PAK e. V. is a registered association. It is registered at the District Court of Aachen.

§2 Purpose of the association

- (1) The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
- (2) The association notifies the responsible tax office for corporations of a change in the status of the non-profit organization.
- (3) The purposes of the association are
 - (a) the promotion of student encounters and togetherness in a cultural context, and
 - (b) a better and just world free from exploitation and oppression. Self-exploitation is expressly excluded from this.
- (4) The purposes of the association according to para. 3 are realized by:
 - (a) Bringing student cultural assets closer to the people of Aachen,
 - (b) Promoting encounters with students from other universities
 - (c) The support of the student councils in their first-semester and cultural work as well as in their representation vis-à-vis the university.
 - (d) The documentation of student cultural events and the necessary organizational knowledge to facilitate the implementation of future student cultural events.

§3 Selflessness

- (1) The association is selfless; it does not pursue any economic purposes of its own.
- (2) Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. The members do not receive any allowance from the funds of the association. Departing members have no claim to the association's assets.
- (3) No person may be favored by expenses that are foreign to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.
- (4) The association is politically independent and religiously and ethically neutral.

§4 Membership

- (1) Any natural person who applies to the Board of Directors can become a full member by means of the "Membership Application" form.
- (2) Any natural or legal person who applies to the Board of Directors using the "Membership Application" form can become a supporting member.
- (3) The Board of Directors decides internally on the respective admission with a simple majority.

- (4) Membership ends:
 - (a) by written declaration to the Board of Directors,
 - (b) by death,
 - (c) in case of non-payment of the membership fees according to § 5 after two reminders,
 - (d) by resolution of the General Assembly with a 2/3 majority of the members present and
 - (e) by resignation in accordance with paragraph 5.

- (5) If it is not possible to deliver the invitation to the General Assembly three times in a row, the member is deemed to have resigned. Delivery is not possible if letter mail could not be delivered or an e-mail could not be sent due to the unavailability of the e-mail address provided to the association. Delivery shall also be deemed not to be possible if the Member fails to respond within a period of at least 30 calendar days upon request.

- (6) Former members are not entitled to the association's assets.

§5 Membership fees

The full members do not pay any dues. Supporting members pay an annual fee of € 10.00.

§6 Governing bodies

- (1) The organs of the association are:
 - (a) The General Assembly,
 - (b) the Board of Directors and
 - (c) the enlarged Board of Directors.

§7 General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly (AGM) meets at least once during the financial year. At the written request of at least one third or at least ten members as well as by a simple majority decision of the extended board, the board invites to a further general meeting.
- (2) The AGM must be convened in writing, stating the provisional agenda and with a notice period of 14 calendar days.
- (3) Each full member present is equally represented in the General Assembly with one vote. It is not possible to appoint a representative. Supporting members do not have the right to vote, but they do have the right to participate and speak.
- (4) Resolutions are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the members present.
- (5) Guests are generally admitted on the MV. Guests can be excluded by decision of the MV. Guests have the right to speak on the MV. Guests do not have the right to apply.
- (6) Each general meeting to which invitations have been issued in accordance with the statutes has a quorum, regardless of the number of members present.
- (7) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are responsible for the management of the General Assembly.
- (8) The tasks of the General Assembly are:

- (a) The election of an MV Presidium, consisting of a chairperson and two deputies as well as a secretary.
 - (b) annual:
 - i. the discharge of the Executive Board,
 - ii. the election of a board of directors,
 - iii. the election of up to six assessors,
 - iv. the election of two auditors for the duration of the financial year, and
 - v. the election of one speaker and up to one deputy advisor for each of the members of the extended board of directors for the following areas of responsibility:
 - Public relations
 - Sponsorship
 - Rental
 - Networking
 - (c) the adoption of resolutions on amendments to the articles of association,
 - (d) deliberating and passing resolutions on all other items that are on the agenda.
- (9) The election of the board of directors takes place in individual elections. The election of the assessors and the auditors is generally made by acclamation by means of a complete list, individually on request. A secret ballot shall be held at the request of a member .
- (10) The election of the speakers and their deputies takes place by acclamation through a complete list, individually on request. The General Assembly can decide on further positions for speakers by a simple majority for one year. In the case of multi-year awards, an amendment to the articles of association is required.
- (11) A record of the results of each meeting must be prepared by the recorder. A copy of the minutes must be made available in a timely manner.

§8 Board of Directors and Extended Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors consists of:
 - (a) a chairperson,
 - (b) a vice-chairman, who is also the Recorder,
 - (c) a treasurer and
 - (d) a deputy treasurer.
- (2) The Extended Board of Directors consists of:
 - (a) the members of the Board of Directors and
 - (b) up to six assessors.
- (3) The board represents the association in and out of court; he has the status of a legal representative according to § 26 BGB. Two board members each represent the association jointly in external relations.
- (4) The extended board of directors makes all decisions concerning the association in the current financial year. These may not contradict the statutes and resolutions of the General Assembly.
- (5) Decisions are made by consensus of the Board of Directors or by a simple majority of the members of the Extended Board, unless the entire Board votes against it. The resolutions of the (extended) board of directors must be recorded in written minutes.
- (6) The Board of Directors or the extended Board of Directors require the prior approval of the AGM for legal transactions over EUR 10,000.00.

§9 Rights and Duties of the Executive Board and the Extended Executive Board

- (1) The Board of Directors is elected by resolution of the General Assembly. The term of office ends after the AGM, at which a new board of directors is elected.
- (2) Each member of the Board of Directors is entitled to represent up to an expenditure of 500.00 euros, beyond which the participation of another extended member of the Board of Directors is required. The board of directors is obliged to keep a list of the current members of the association. That list contains the following data:
 - a) The full name of the member,
 - b) the Member's postal address, and
 - c) an email address of the member.
- (3) The board is obliged to use the data only for association purposes and not to pass it on to third parties.
- (4) By resolution of the (extended) board of directors or the general meeting, assessors may be entrusted with the performance of tasks of the board.

§10 Fiscal Year

- (1) The financial year is the calendar year.

§11 Guidelines for cash auditing

- (1) The elected auditors must carry out a cash audit at least once per financial year.
- (2) The cash audit is to be carried out jointly by both cash auditors.
- (3) A written report must be drawn up on the cash audit. The results of the cash audit are to be announced to the General Assembly.

§12 Amendment of the Articles of Association

- (1) These statutes can only be amended by a resolution of the General Assembly.
- (2) An amendment to the statutes requires a two-thirds majority of the members present.
- (3) By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the Board of Directors may adopt editorial changes (changed names of external organisations, amended references to the law and spelling errors) by a simple majority, provided that this does not change the meaning of the section to be amended.

§13 Violations of the Articles of Association

- (1) The General Assembly decides on complaints regarding violations of these statutes by members of the PAK e.V.
- (2) The member concerned is personally liable for damages of a material nature incurred by PAK e.V. as a result of violations of the statutes.

§14 Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a general meeting convened specifically for this purpose and with a notice period of 28 calendar days.
- (2) Four-fifths of the ordinary members must be present at this meeting.
- (3) A three-quarters majority of the full members present is required for the adoption of a resolution.
- (4) If a resolution is not passed, a further general meeting must be convened within 14 calendar days, but no earlier than after 7 calendar days, which has a quorum regardless of the number of ordinary members present. This must be pointed out in the invitation.
- (5) At the same meeting, the ordinary members have to appoint two persons who then have to handle the day-to-day business.
- (6) In the event of the dissolution of the association or the cessation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets will be divided equally between the student councils of RWTH Aachen University, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of these statutes. Members are not entitled to the assets.

§15 Resolution of the Articles of Association

- (1) These statutes were amended by the Project Association of Academic Culture at RWTH Aachen e. V. on 18.10.2022 and come into force with the entry in the register of associations at the Aachen District Court.
- (2) The articles of association are to be published by the board of directors on the website of PAK e.V. in a timely manner.

§16 Severability clause

- (1) These statutes replace dispositive statutory provisions. It complements rules of interpretation accordingly. In addition, the provisions of the relevant law are applicable. Should one of the provisions made here be declared null and void by a court ruling, this will have no influence on the other regulations.