

Non-governmental organisation's "Protests" statutes

1. Organisation's name

1.1. The name of the organisation is „Protests” (henceforth — Organisation).

2. Organisation's goals

2.1. Involve youth in active civic participation, especially in the promotion of environment protection and justice.

2.2. Protect youth's interests and rights, promote execution of youth initiatives.

2.3. Enhance youth knowledge about political processes and social democratic values.

2.4. Educate youth with non-formal methods about their opportunities to make change on topics that are important to them.

2.5. Obtain experience and foster cooperation with similar organisations from other countries.

2.6. Promote democracy in Latvia.

3. Organisation's duration

3.1. Organisation is founded for an indefinite time.

4. Members joining, quitting and expelling from the Organisation

4.1. Any individual up to age 35 (thirty five) can become a Member by submitting a written application. Considering that minors don't have legal capacity in all legal transactions they are represented by a guardian. The application form and documents to be attached are specified by the Organisation's board.

4.2. The decision about admitting a Member to the Organisation is made by the Organisation's board. The board must revise/consider the application in the nearest board meeting. The applicant must be invited to this board meeting and must be given a chance to express their opinion. The absence of the applicant is not an obstacle in making the decision. The board must notify the applicant of their decision in written or electronic form no more than a week after making the decision.

4.3. The applicant can appeal a board's rejection in written or electronic form to the General Assembly (henceforth — GA). If the GA rejects the applicants plea, the applicant is not admitted as a Member and can submit a repeated application no sooner than after a year.

4.4. A Member can quit the Organisation at any time by notifying the board in a written form.

4.5. A Member can be expelled from the Organisation with the board's decision if:

4.5.1. The Member does not fulfill the decisions of the GA and the board;

4.5.2. The Member does not fulfill their duties and commitments;

4.5.3. The Member has damaged the Organisation's reputation, declared goals, property or finances with their actions or inaction.

4.6. Expelling a Member can be suggested by the Organisation's board, a member of the board or at least 3 (three) Members by submitting a written justification to the board.

4.7. The decision about expelling a Member is made in the nearest board meeting, inviting the to-be expelled Member and giving them a chance to voice their opinion. The absence of the Member is not an obstacle in making the decision. The board must notify the Member of their decision in written or electronic form no more than 5 (five) days after making the decision.

5. Member's rights and duties

5.1. Members have these rights:

5.1.1. take part in governing the Organisation;

5.1.2. receive information about Organisation's activity, including all protocols, decisions and orders made by the Organisation's institutions;

5.1.3. take part in all Organisation's events, submit proposals about Organisation's work and its improvements, defend their opinion;

5.1.4. qualify for the position of a board member or the chair of the board.

5.2. Members have these duties:

5.2.1. follow Organisation's statutes and execute the decisions made by the GA or the board;

5.2.2. regularly pay the membership fee;

5.2.3. support the realisation of Organisation's goals and tasks by active participation.

5.3. Other Member commitments can be made with a decision of the GA or the board. When deciding for a commitment that differs from other Member's commitment, a Members consent is required.

6. Organisation's units

6.1. Territorial and other units can be made with the board's decision.

6.2. The activity, rights, duties and relationship with the Organisation are regulated by the regulation of the unit which is approved by the board.

7. Announcing a General Assembly and decision making

7.1. The GA is the highest decision making body of the Organisation.

7.2. All Members are eligible to participate in the GA. Members can participate in the GA only by attending in person.

7.3. GA must take place at least once a year.

7.4. An emergency GA can be announced after the board's initiative or if no less than one tenth of Members require it in written or electronic form, indicating the reason.

7.5. GA is announced no later than two weeks before the Assembly by sending each Member a written invitation:

7.5.1. sending the notification by email, if the Member had provided the board with their email address;

7.5.2. sending the notification by text message, if the Member has provided the board with their phone number;

7.6. GA is able to make decisions if more than half of Members are taking part in it.

7.7. If the GA is not able to make decisions because a lack of a quorum, a repeated GA is announced during the next five weeks with the same agenda. This GA is able to make decisions no matter the count of participating members with the requirement that at least two Members take part in it.

7.8. A decision is made in a GA if more than half of the participating Members vote in favor. A decision about changing the statutes, terminating or continuing the Organisation is made if more than two thirds of the participating Members vote in favor.

8. Executive body

8.1. The Organisation's executive body is the board which consists of 5 (five) board members from which at least 1 (one) has not reached age of 25 when taking the position. The board is elected for 1 (one) year.

8.2. Board members elect one of them as the chair of the board.

8.3. The board is eligible to make all the decisions that are not exclusively the competence of GA.

8.4. Eligible to represent the Organisation are at least 2 (two) board members together. The chair of the board is eligible to represent the Organisation individually.

8.5. A board member performs their duties with no reward. A board member is eligible for receiving a reward if the GA has decided so.

8.6. If a board member is unable to fulfill their duties for whatever reason (including stepping down), then a GA is to be announced in five weeks, where a new board member is to be elected.

9. Auditor

9.1. The control of Organisation's financial and economic activity is performed by the auditor, who is elected by the GA for 1 (one) year.

9.2. The auditor cannot be a member of the board.

9.3. The auditor:

9.3.1. performs an audit of Organisation's property and financial resources;

9.3.2. gives an opinion about the Organisation's budget and annual report;

9.3.3. evaluates the Organisation's accounting and record keeping performance;

9.3.4. submits suggestions about improving the Organisation's financial and economic activity.

9.4. The auditor performs an audit in the term decided by the GA but no less than once a year.

9.5. GA approves the Organisation's annual report only after receiving the auditor's opinion.

9.6. If GA has not elected an auditor or the auditor has refused to perform their duties, a decision can be made in GA about inviting a sworn auditor or a different financial specialist

to review the Organisation's financial and economic activity. This specialist's competence is the same as written in 9.3. Their term of office is one year.

10. Membership fee

10.1. Members pay the membership fee once a year no less than 1 (one) EUR.

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