

Statutes of the association on AVANCE

Denomination

Article 1

on AVANCE is a non-profit association governed by these statutes and, alternatively, by articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is politically neutral and independent.

Its duration is indefinite.

Seat

Article 2

The headquarters of the association is located in the Canton of Geneva.

Goals

Article 3

The association pursues the following goals:

- To contribute to the socio-educational development of Swiss children and also children all around the world;
- To create a human and collaborative network of professionals working for children and seniors, whether in a private or public setting;
- To promote a socio-cultural educational exchange between Switzerland and developing countries.

To achieve these goals, the association can implement:

- Meetings and conferences bringing together members of the Association but also representative panels of public and private bodies;
- Workshops to develop services such as volunteering, festivals and markets as well as the sale of products.

Resources

Article 4

The resources of the association come as needed:

- Donations and legacies;
- Sponsorship;
- Public and private subsidies;
- Contributions paid by members;
- Participation in events and other activities
- Any other resource authorized by law.

The funds are used for social purposes.

Members

Article 5

Any natural or legal person who has demonstrated their engagement to the aims of the Association through their actions and commitments may claim to become a member.

The members pay a contribution for each calendar year, the amount of which is fixed by the General Assembly. Each member has the right to vote in the General Assembly and also to be candidate for a seat in the Committee.

The association is composed of:

- Founders;
- Active members (natural or legal persons, benefactors or sympathizers who recognize the aims of the Association);
- Passive members (natural or legal persons who support or have supported the Association, such as donors, sponsors or former volunteers. Passive members do not have the right to vote);
- Honorary members (all persons appointed by the Committee who have rendered extraordinary services to the Association. Their membership fees are paid by the Association.

All applications for admission are addressed to the Committee by email to info@onavance.ch. The Committee admits new members and informs the general assembly, who pronounces them.

A membership ends:

- By death;
- By written resignation addressed to the Committee at least with 1-month notice;
- By exclusion pronounced by the Committee, for "just reasons", with a right of appeal to the general assembly. The appeal period is thirty days from the notification of the Committee's decision;
- By failure to pay the membership fee for more than one year.

In all cases the membership fee for the year remains due. Resigning or excluded members have no right to the assets of the association.

The patrimony of the association can only be used to the commitments entered into on its behalf. Any personal liability of its members is excluded.

Organs

Article 6

The organs of the association are:

- The general assembly;
- The committee;
- The auditing bodies.

General assembly

Article 7

The general assembly is the supreme power of the association. It is composed by of all its members.

It meets once a year in ordinary session. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, when request by the Committee or 1 / 5th of the members.

The general assembly is valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Committee communicates to the members in writing the date of the general assembly at least 15 days in advance. The agenda is included it its communication.

Article 8

The general assembly:

- Decides on the admission or exclusion of members;
- Elects the members of the Committee and designates at least one President, one Secretary and one Treasurer;
- Read the reports and accounting book for the financial year and vote on their approval;
- Approves the annual budget;
- Monitors the activity of other bodies which it can dismiss for just reasons;
- Appoints an auditor body;
- Fixes the price of the membership fee;
- Decides on any modification of the statutes;
- Deals with appeals concerning exclusions;
- Decides on the dissolution of the association.

Article 9

The general assembly is headed by the president.

Article 10

The decisions of the general assembly are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the present members. In the event of a tied vote, that of the president counts double.

Decisions relating to the modification of the statutes and the dissolution of the association can only be taken by a 2/3 majority of the present members.

A decision on an individual proposal cannot be made at an assembly during which it was presented. Individual member proposals must be sent to the Committee at least 10 days before the General Assembly. and must be then included in the agenda.

Article 11

Votes are taken by show of hands. At the request of at least five members, they will take place by secret ballot.

Article 12

The agenda of the annual general meeting, called ordinary, necessarily includes:

- Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting;
- The report of the Committee on the activity of the association during the past period;
- The treasury reports and the control body of the accounts;
- The setting of membership fees;
- Adoption of the yearly budget;
- Approval of reports and accounts;
- Election of the members of the Committee and of the auditing body;
- Individual proposals.

Committee

Article 13

The Committee is authorized to decide on all actions which relate to the purpose of the association. He has the most extensive powers for the management of current affairs.

Article 14

The Committee consists of at least 3 members elected by the general assembly. Either a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

The term of the mandate is 1 year, renewable 5 times.

It meets as many times as required. The Committee strives to reach decisions by consensus. The decisions of the Committee are taken by simple majority of the votes of the present members. In the event of a tied vote, that of the President counts double.

Article 15

The members of the committee act on a voluntary basis and can only claim compensation for their actual costs and their travel costs. Any attendance fees may not exceed those paid for official commissions. For the activities which go beyond the usual framework of the function, each member of the committee can receive an appropriate compensation.

Paid employees of the association can only sit on the committee with an advisory vote.

Article 16

The Committee is responsible for:

- To take the necessary measures to achieve the goals of the association;
- To schedule ordinary meetings and request extraordinary general meetings;
- To decide regarding the admission and resignation of members, as well as their possible exclusion;
- To propose to the General Assembly new members for the Committee;
- To ensure the application of the statutes, to draft the regulations and to administer the goods of the association;
- To organize future actions and events.

The auditing bodies

Article 17

The general assembly appoints two auditors each year. It can also entrust this task to a trust company.

The auditors verify the operating account and the annual balance sheet prepared by the committee and present a written and detailed report to the annual ordinary general meeting.

Signature and representation of the association

Article 18

The association is validly committed by the collective signature of two people: the president of the association and another member of the committee.

Final disposition

Article 19

The financial year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

Article 20

In the event of dissolution of the association, the available assets will be entirely allocated to an institution pursuing a goal of public interest similar to that of the association and benefiting from tax exemption. In any case, the goods may not return to the physical founders or the members, nor be used for their benefit in whole or in part and in any manner whatsoever.

The present statutes were adopted by the constituent general assembly of May 28, 2020 in Geneva.

On behalf of the association on AVANCE:

The President:

The Secretary:

