



GATEWAY
TO ARCHIVES
OF MEDIA
ART
e.V.

ASSOCIATION STATUTES

Article 1: Name, Seat and Business Year

- 1 The association is called "GAMA - Gateway to Archives of Media Art". The association shall be registered and hereafter carry the addition of "e.V." to its name.
- 2 The Association is seated in Bremen.
- 3 Business year is the calendar year.

Article 2: Aims and Purpose

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit-making purposes in terms of "tax-advantaged purposes" of the tax regulations.
2. The main objectives of the association are fostering the dialogue within the media art community with a special focus on European issues and media art archiving, networking efforts for promoting and archiving media art and knowledge on media art to a general public, improvement of accessing media art related content for the general public and the expert community, especially the research and academic members, but also curators and art institutions, creating a platform that supports all aforementioned objectives.
The main goal is to create an environment that will support and enable an efficient and qualitative implementation of these objective. The online portal "GAMA-Gateway to Archives of Media Art" (<http://www.gama-gateway.eu>) will be used as the online platform for the results achieved by the association and its partners. One of the objectives is therefore also to maintain, support, up-date and expand the platform as a common portal to the included archives to enhance and ensure it as an important tool for the media art community.
3. The association is following unselfish purposes; it does not pursue in the first place economic purposes for itself.
4. The means of the association may only be used for the objectives of the association. No member may profit through means from the GAMA in form of disproportionate remunerations or allowances or through expenses that do not serve the objectives of the association.

Article 3: Acquisition of Membership

1. Types of Membership: Ordinary, Associate, Honoris.
2. Any physical or legal person of any private and public law can become an ordinary member, which recognizes the statutes of the association. They must apply for membership and be approved by the board. The membership becomes valid upon receipt of a membership fee. The amount of the fee is decided by the ordinary general assembly. Only ordinary members have the right of vote.
3. Any physical or legal person of any private and public law, which recognizes the statutes of the association, can become an associate member. They must apply for membership and be approved by the board. The membership becomes valid upon receipt of a membership fee. The amount of the fee is decided by the ordinary general assembly.
4. The Board can appoint special supporters of the association as “honoraris” members.

Article 4: Termination of Membership

1. Membership is terminated through: death, resignation, exclusion.
2. Any member may resign from the Association by sending his resignation in writing to the Board. The delays for handing in the resignation are to be decided by the general assembly.
3. The Board may suggest the exclusion of a member to the General Assembly
 - a) who strongly violates other duties of membership or for causing moral damage to the Association. The General Assembly decides upon this suggestion.
 - b) who do not pay their fees. Delays and procedures will be decided by the General Assembly.

Article 5: Members' Rights and Duties

1. Members of the Association may actively support the association's objectives and participate in any event organized by the Association. Only ordinary members have a voting right.
2. Members are obliged to support the Association's interests and activities according to their possibilities.

Article 6: Organs of the Association

The Organs of the Association are the General Assembly, the advisory board and the Board of Directors.

Article 7: The Board

1. The Board represents the association and its business according to §26 BGB. It has following tasks.
 - a) organizing the general assembly and setting up the agenda
 - b) carrying out the decisions of the general assembly
 - c) administration and management including financial management and yearly report
 - d) approving membership applications
2. The Board consists of at least three members, the Chairperson, the deputy Chairperson and the Treasurer, up to four additional members.
3. The Chairperson represents the association alone. Otherwise any two other board members may represent the association together.
4. The individual board members are elected by the General Assembly for 2 years. Only ordinary members can be board members. Resignation of membership ends the membership in the board as well. The general assembly may reelect the board members or early dismiss them. The member remains in office until a new member is voted. If a member resigns or is dismissed early, then the remaining board members may choose a replacement until a new member is voted.
5. The Board meets as necessary. The meetings are called by the chairperson, or by the deputy if the chairperson is impeded. A delay of 2 weeks should be observed. The board is quorate with at least two persons. The simple majority decides. If there is a tie, then the Chairperson has the last word (or in his/her absence the deputy).
6. The decisions of the board have to be written down and sent to all members.

Article 8: General Assembly

1. The following tasks are reserved for the General Assembly:
 - a) Deciding upon modifications of the statutes
 - b) Deciding on voluntary dissolving the Association
 - c) Electing and withdrawing the Board members
 - d) Acceptance of the statement of accounts and of the financial report of the Board
 - e) Fixing the membership fees
2. The Ordinary General Assembly meets annually called in writing by the Board 2 weeks beforehand with submission of an agenda.
3. The agenda is set up by the board. Every member can submit proposals in writing for items addition a week before the meeting at the latest to the board. The board decides on the proposal.

4. The Board may call an Extraordinary General Assembly if necessity arises or if one third of the member demands it in writing stating the reasons for this to the board.
5. The general assembly is quorate with one fourth of the ordinary members present. If less than that are attending, then a second assembly is called within four weeks with the same agenda. Then all ordinary members present the quorate amount for decision-making.
6. The procedure of the General Assembly, of reporting and voting etc. will be ruled by the board in the by-laws that needs to be approved by the general assembly.

Article 9: Dissolution of the Association

1. The voluntary dissolution of the Association can be decided only with two thirds of the votes. This General Assembly also has to decide – if capital is available - on the liquidation. In particular, it has to appoint a liquidator and to decide whom he should transfer capital remaining after covering any debts.
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