

Health, Law & Science Association

Association Santé, Droit et Science

Associazione Salute Legge e Scienza

Definition:

NGO for the defence, protection, promotion of health and the environment

Slogan:

Science without borders for new health

Acronym:

HLSA (EN)

ASDS (FR)

ASLS (IT)

Headquarters location: 16-18 Quai du Seujet, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland

Article 1

The Health, Law and Science Association [HLSA] is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondly, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is a politically-neutral, and non-denominational association.

Article 2

The Association's headquarters is located in the State of Geneva in 16-18 Quai du Seujet, 1201 Genève, Switzerland. The Association shall be of unlimited duration.

OBJECTIVES

Article 3

The Association shall pursue the following objectives:

1. To present its research to society and inform about the impact of environmental pollution and its effects on health, especially in children and elderly people.
2. To create a consciousness especially in ill people, so they can help themselves.
3. To connect with people who share the same objectives. The aim is to help people to protect themselves from any form of pollution.
4. To gather funds to promote and stimulate research.
5. To protect scientific work from conflict of interest and corruption. The neutrality of Geneva offers the best place from where to operate.
6. To create an interdisciplinary platform to deliver a message through a network of mutual communication.
7. To collect and share scientific information. The Association will create and communicate scientific knowledge through the exchange of ideas.
8. To inform about the possible risks due to extreme industrialization and the ensuing environmental pollution of soil, air, water and the necessary precautions that can be taken.
9. To develop environmental consciousness, to help people's health and civil society through law.
10. To connect, show, receive, develop and protect society.
11. To develop an international solidarity service for the environment, health and their protection.

RESOURCES

Article 4

The Association's resources are derived from:

- donations and legacies;
- sponsorship of industry, institutions that share its aims and share specific projects;
- public subsidies, Federal funds and United Nations funds claimed for specific projects;
- membership fees;
- any other resources authorized by the law, for example:
 - seminars or conferences to inform people on the future medicine and health protection, specifically organized to collect funds;
 - sale of images, pictures, photos on paper, glass, aluminium, etc obtained with a Scanning Electron Microscope and coloured.

The funds shall be used in accordance with the Association's social aims.

MEMBERS

Article 5

To become a member of the Association, it is necessary to present a specific request showing a CV and the dedication to the civil-society objectives.

Any physical or moral person may become a member if (i) they have demonstrated their dedication to the goals of the Association through their commitments or actions, and (ii) provided that they are not employed by the Association.

The Association comprises of:

- founding members
- active members
- honorary members
- associate members

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Committee. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

Founding members: members who through their work, donation or other support contributed to the establishment of the association prior to 14th October 2017. Founding members are active members until their membership is ceased.

Active members: any physical or legal person who has paid their membership fee and who has been approved by the Committee. Active members have direct access to the know-how of the Association and can vote.

Applications to become active members should be submitted to the Executive Committee and must include:

- name, address, nationality, email, mobile telephone number
- previous work related to the aims of the association
- reasons to join the association
- detailed plan how the intended member plans to support the work of the association in the coming 5 years

Applications missing any of the above information cannot be considered. Applications must be presented also on-line.

Honorary members: any physical or moral person who supports the realization of the association's purposes through exceptional work and/or financial support and is appointed by the Committee.

Associated members: any physical person who has paid its membership fee for associated members and admitted by the Committee. Associated members are individuals who support in general the activity of the association but do not wish to get involved in the administrative management of the association and participate in the work of the general assembly. They can attend events, the General Assembly, can have direct access to the know-how of the Association, but cannot vote.

In exceptional cases associated members can be appointed to active members by the Committee, as a merit to their contribution to the work of the association.

A legal person is represented and can vote through a physical person nominated by the legal person for this purpose and approved by Committee.

Membership ceases:

- on death;
- by written resignation thereby notifying the Committee at least six months before the end of the financial year;
- by exclusion ordered by the Committee, for a just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the Committee's decision being notified;
- for non-payment of dues for more than one year.

In all cases the membership fee for the current year remains due. Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets.

Only the Association's assets may be used for obligations/commitments contracted in its name. Members have no personal liability.

ENTITIES

Article 6

The Association shall include the following entities:

- a) General Assembly
- b) Executive Committee
- c) Auditor

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 7

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all members.

It shall hold an ordinary meeting once a year. It may also hold extraordinary sessions whenever necessary, upon request of the Committee.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid if 1/5 (one/fifth) of the founding members and/or active members are present.

The Executive Committee shall inform the members in writing (email is considered acceptable) the date of the General Assembly at least six weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 8

Role of the General Assembly:

- appoints the members of the Executive Committee and
- elects the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Vice-Secretary and the Treasurer;
- approves the annual goals of the Association;
- approves the annual budgets of the Association;
- notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
- supervises the activity of other entities, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore;
- appoints an auditor for the Association's accounts;
- approves the admission and exclusion of members;
- decides on any modification of statutes;
- decides on the dissolution of the Association;
- fixes the annual membership fees.

Article 9

The General Assembly is presided over by the President of the Association or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President or, in his/ absence Treasurer.

Article 10

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President (or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President or, in his/her absence Treasurer) shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 11

Votes are by a show of hands. Voting can also take place by secret ballot, if at least five members request it. At the start of the Association's activity, the General Assembly elects the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Article 12

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the General Assembly must include:

- approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly;
- the Committee's annual Activity Report;
- the report of the Treasurer and of the Auditor;
- the setting of membership fees;
- the approval of the budget;
- the approval of reports and accounts;
- the election of Committee members and Auditor;
- miscellaneous business.

COMMITTEE**Article 13**

The Committee is authorized to carry out all acts and procedures to be able to act legally according to the aims of the Association. It has the power to manage the Association's day-by-day current affairs.

Article 14

The Committee is composed of at least 5 members elected by the founding and active members by a 50% vote plus one vote, except for the first Committee which will be composed of the founding members.

Each member's term of office shall last for 3 years and is renewable 2 times. The Committee meets as often as the Association's business requires or upon request of the majority of its members.

Article 15

The Committee members work on a volunteer basis and as such can only be reimbursed for their actual expenses and travel costs. Potential attendance fees cannot exceed those paid for official commissions. For activities beyond the usual function, each Committee member is eligible for appropriate compensation.

The paid employees of the Association may have only a consultative vote on the Committee.

Article 16

The functions of the Committee are:

- to take the appropriate measures to achieve the goals of the Association;
- to convene the ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies;
- to take decisions with regard to the admission of new active members as well as the resignation and possible exclusion of members;
- to ensure that Statute's rules are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association;
- To designate working group for specific ad-hoc tasks.

Article 17

The Association is legally bound by the joint signatures of the President and the Treasurer of the Committee.

VARIOUS PROVISIONS

Article 18

The financial year shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December of each year. The Treasurer is responsible for the Association's finances. The General Assembly shall appoint an Auditor who will audit the Association's accounts every year.

Article 19

Should the Association be dissolved, the available assets should be transferred to a non-profit organization pursuing public interest goals similar to those of the Association and likewise benefiting from tax exemption. Under no circumstances should the assets be returned to the founders or members. Nor should they use a part or a total of assets for their own benefit.

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of 14th October 2017 in 16-18 Quai du Seujet, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland

For the Association

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