



JUNES

Jugend UNO Netzwerk Schweiz
Réseau Suisse Jeunesse-ONU
Network Svizzero Gioventù-ONU
United Nations Youth Association Switzerland

Articles of Association

of

"Jugend UNO Netzwerk Schweiz"

(United Nations Youth Associations of Switzerland)

I. Name and Address

1. The name of the association shall be “Jugend UNO Netzwerk Schweiz”, hereafter abbreviated “JUNES”, and is constituted as an association according to the Art. 60ff. of the Swiss Civil Law Code (ZGB). The address of the association shall be with the address of the President.

II. Objectives

2. The association has the following objectives:
 - i. To enhance and nourish collaboration and coordination between Swiss Youth Organisation concerned with the United Nations, on a non-profit basis;
 - ii. To facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information between the member associations in order to utilise synergies more efficiently;
 - iii. To promote its members and strengthen their credibility in front of third parties;
 - iv. To inform and sensitise Youth to the challenges of an international and globalised world, and the role of the United Nations;
 - v. To offer young people a forum for United Nations related questions and discussion, and to relate opinions to decision makers;
3. JUNES works in close collaboration with regional MUN organisations and other associations that promote United Nations values to young people;
4. JUNES may join other organisations with the same or similar purposes at home or abroad;

III. Membership

5. JUNES has Active and Honorary Members;
6. Active Members are the members of the regional Member organisations of JUNES;
7. Outside of active Members there are honorary members and Alumni;
8. Are eligible for honorary membership private persons whom the General assembly, upon request of the board, who have been supportive of the association,
9. Alumni are encouraged to join the Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO,
10. JUNES Alumni may, upon request, be added to the Alumni Page of the association;

IV. Acquisition of membership

11. The regional youth organisations must be Associations in accordance to the Art. 60ff. ZGB;
12. New members are accepted by the General Assembly and shall remain recognized as long as their statutes and actions are compatible with the objectives of JUNES;

V. Rights and Obligations of Members

13. Members shall,
 - i. Aid in the development of common objectives;
 - ii. Pay the annual membership fee as set by the general assembly;
14. The adherence to these obligations is a prerequisite to the right of regional youth organisations to have a representation in JUNES;
15. The JUNES Board is accountable to its active and honorary members;

VI. Withdrawal or expulsion

16. If an organisation wishes to withdraw from JUNES, it must give due written notice to the board, and the withdrawal will come in effect at the end of the year;
17. The expulsion of a member may only be decided upon by the general assembly and requires a two third majority of votes in favour of expulsion;
18. Members having withdrawn or been expelled from the organisation must still pay their membership fees for the current year;

VII. Organisation

19. The organs of JUNES are:
 - i. The general assembly
 - ii. The board
 - iii. The auditor

VIII. The General Assembly

20. Only active and honorary members may participate;
21. Only board members of the regional youth organisations have voting rights;
22. Each regional youth association has one vote;
23. The general assembly has the duty to decide upon the following operations;
 - i. Approve the annual reports and financial statements as drafted by the board and approved by the auditor;
 - ii. Set the annual membership fee;
 - iii. Admission and recognition of regional youth organisations as active members, and the expulsion of member organisations;
24. Election of the JUNES Directorate;
25. The General Assembly may decide upon:
 - i. Petitions from the Board,

- ii. Petitions from Members,
 - iii. Revision of the Articles of Association,
 - iv. Dissolution of the association or fusion with another organisation,
26. Appointment of honorary members;
27. The general assembly is convened at least once a year;
28. The board convenes the general assembly by email or postal writ at least one month in advance, and sets the agenda;
29. An Extraordinary General assembly may be convened at any time upon request of the Board, or when more than half of the members demand so;
30. The general assembly is presided by the Director of JUNES, and in her or his absence, the deputy director; elections and polls are decided upon by simple majority (reserved are the cases of art. 31 and 32);
31. Decision of the general assembly on the partial or total revision of these articles of association require a two thirds majority;
32. The dissolution of the association may only be validly voted upon if at least three quarters of all active members take part in the assembly, and at least two thirds of these vote on favour of dissolution;

IX. The Board

33. The Board is constituted of board members of member organisations, and is composed of at least three members, including:
- i. The Director,
 - ii. The Deputy Director,
 - iii. The Treasurer,
 - iv. Other Members,
34. The Director is elected for one year, which may be prolonged by one year by a vote in the general assembly; all other members of the Board are elected for one year; all candidates must announce if they plan a prolonged absence during their tenure; all members are obliged to look for a replacement within the scope of their capacity if they retire;
35. Retired Board members and Presidents may be called upon, in the scope of their capacities, to support the present Board and Directorate;
36. The Board is convened when necessary either upon request of the president or upon request by two board members;
37. The board takes decisions by simple majority, the presidential vote breaks ties;
38. Decisions are to be taken note of in the minutes;
39. The Board has the following tasks,
- i. Preparation and convocation of the General Assembly,
 - ii. Organisation, implementation and supervision of all projects including the budget,
 - iii. Execution of all decisions made by the General Assembly,
 - iv. Representation of the association towards third parties,
40. Decisions upon all other matters that are not by law or by these articles of association reserved to the General Assembly,

X. The Audit

41. The General Assembly entrusts on an annual basis an Auditor with the audit of annual and financial statements; which shall be presented to the General Assembly by a written report signed by the Auditor, who is liable for the content of the report;

XI. Finances and Management

42. JUNES is financed through the following means:

- i. Income from membership fees, which are set annually by the General Assembly,
- ii. Contributions from third parties,
- iii. Sponsoring,
- iv. Donations,
- v. Incomes from agreements with the public sector,

43. The business year corresponds to the calendar year;

44. The association is obliged by the signature of the president, who may not sign without consulting and having agreement of the Board;

45. The association's liability is limited to the debts of the association. A personal liability of the members is excluded;

XII. Entry into force

46. The Signatories of these Articles of Association herewith express their will to cooperate and declare to agree with the content of these articles. These articles are accepted on the 30th of September 2017 in Bern, Switzerland, and replace the articles of association of the 13th of September 2014.