

# Statutes and Financial Regulations ASI Switzerland

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# A: Statutes ASI Switzerland

# 1. Name, Location and Purpose

#### 1.1 Name

ASI Switzerland is an independent association within the meaning of Art. 66ff ZGB, the

- politically neutral is
- non-profit and non-commercial.

ASI Switzerland was founded on March 28, 1993 in Bern.

ASI means: Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries

This term is also used in other countries.

#### 1.2 Location

The Location of ASI Switzerland is the place of residence of the respective President.

# 1.3 Purpose

ASI Switzerland wants to promote the proclamation of the gospel.

This is to be achieved through

- Supporting or organizing evangelistic activities (private or Seventh-day Adventist Church).
- Fostering collaboration between members' businesses/institutions and the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Promotion of cooperation between the members of ASI Switzerland.
- Promotion of Christian solidarity and the exchange of experiences among the members.
- Maintaining contacts with ASI organizations in other countries.

# 2. Membership

#### 2.1 Members

ASI Switzerland has:

- Aktiv members
- Supporting members
- Honorary members

#### 2.2 Aktiv members

Active members can be natural and legal persons who either

- independent entrepreneurs, or
- Leaders of self-sustaining institutions/missionary groups, or
- executives are

and be faithful to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and uphold its spiritual, ethnic, professional, and financial standards.

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Legal persons are represented by a delegate who lives according to the principles of an active member.

# 2.3 Supporting members

Supporting members are friends and patrons of ASI Switzerland.

# 2.4 Students and young professionals

Students and young professionals up to the age of 30 can become supporting members and are entitled to career coaching.

# 2.5 Honorary members

Honorary members

- can be proposed to the General Assembly for election by the Executive Board
- have the same rights as active members
- pay no membership fees

# 2.6 Representatives of the Church of the SDA

The Leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church appoints a representative.

# 2.7 Registration

The Board of Directors accepts members (active and supporting members).

The new members will be introduced at the General Assembly.

# 2.8 Resignation / Expulsion

Membership expires

- Termination. Membership can be terminated at any time at the end of an association year (point 3.1) with a notice period of three months and is made by written declaration to the board.
- Death of member (natural person)
- Dissolution of the company (legal entity)
- Not (anymore) meeting the requirements of an active membership. A change to supporting membership is possible. Exception: active members can remain active members even after retirement.
- Expulsion from the association. Members who
  - a) damage the reputation of the association
  - b) disregard the statutes and the regulations, or
  - c) have not paid the annual fee after a maximum of two reminders can be finally and immediately excluded by the board of directors. An expulsion must be justified and the expelled member must be informed in writing. There is the possibility of an appeal to the General Assembly, which will make a definitive decision.

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#### 2.9 Annual fees

The annual contributions and any other contributions are determined by the General Assembly and regulated in the financial regulations. The financial regulations form an integral part of these statutes.

# 3. Organization

## 3.1 Association year

The association year lasts from January 1st to December 31st.

#### 3.2 Club structure

The organs of the association are:

- The General Assembly
- The board
- The invoice revision

# 4. General Assembly

# 4.1 General Assembly

The General Assembly (AGM) is the supreme body of the association. It is led by the President and the Deputy President.

# 4.2 Convening the AGM

The ordinary AGM takes place every year. It is convened by the actuary.

## 4.3 Agenda

The agenda is drawn up by the President or his deputy and must be sent to the members at least 30 calendar days in advance.

# 4.4 Requests

Applications from members to the AGM must be submitted in writing to the board at least 60 calendar days before the AGM.

No resolutions can be passed on transactions that are not on the agenda. Important, urgent business, which are unanimously on the agenda at the AGM, remain reserved.

#### 4.5 Extraordinary AGM

An extraordinary AGM will

- a) by resolution of a general meeting,
- b) by the board of directors, or
- c) at the written request of at least 1/5 of the members entitled to vote convened. The members receive the agenda 30 calendar days in advance.

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# 4.6 Voting rights

All active and honorary members participating in the AGM as well as the representatives of the Church of the Seventh-day Adventists are entitled to vote, each with one vote.

Supporting members do not have voting rights.

#### 4.7 Resolution

Resolutions are passed by a majority of all those entitled to vote present at a meeting (absolute majority).

The relative majority suffices for regulatory motions.

For changes to the statutes, the dissolution of the association or the merger with another association, the presence of at least 1/3 of the members entitled to vote and the approval of at least 2/3 of the voters present are required.

#### 4.8 Business of the AGM

The AGM is responsible for the following business:

- The approval of the protocol
- Acceptance of the annual reports
- Acceptance of the annual accounts
- Acceptance of the auditor's report
- The discharge of the board
- Budget approval
- The election of the president, the board members and the auditors
- The changes and additions to the Statutes of Association and the Financial Regulations
- The passing of resolutions on applications from members or the board

# 5. Board

#### 5.1 Board

The Board of Directors consists of five but not more than seven members.

- President
- Deputy President
- Actuary
- Cashier
- Representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (Assigned by their leadership)
- If necessary, up to two assessors

#### 5.2 Election

The Board of Directors is elected by the AGM. The Board of Directors makes proposals for election. These can be supplemented by the AGM.

If there is a runoff, it will be conducted as a secret ballot.

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The president is elected as such, the other offices are shared among the elected board members.

#### 5.3 Term of office

The term of office is three years. After expiry, all members of the Executive Board can be re-elected.

#### 5.4 Resignation

Voluntary resignation must be communicated to the board three months in advance. Resignation is only possible at the end of the association year.

## 5.5 Board meetings

The Executive Board meets at the invitation of the President, stating the agenda, place and time, as often as business requires.

The convocation takes place at least 20 calendar days in advance. In urgent cases, the deadline may be shortened.

Valid resolutions on items other than those listed on the agenda can only be passed unanimously and only if all members are represented or subsequently expressly agree to them.

The presence of at least three board members is required for the passing of resolutions. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President decides. Resolutions are passed with a simple majority.

The Board of Directors can also validly pass resolutions in writing by circular, although each member has the right to demand that the business be dealt with at the meeting.

The actuary keeps minutes of the board negotiations.

#### 5.6 Tasks of the Board of Directors

Decision-making in all matters of the association that are not expressly assigned to the GM or other bodies:

- Execution of the association's decisions
- External representation of the association
- Convocation and preparation of the GM
- Organization of the association's operations provided for by the articles of association within the framework of the articles of association and the association's resolutions.

## **5.7 Competencies**

The President and the Treasurer are authorized to sign individually. It is possible to pass on the authorization to sign (for the bank) to other members of the board at any time.

The power of representation of the board amounts to CHF 10,000.00. Further transactions are within the competence of the AGM.

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# 6. Audit

#### 6.1 Election

The auditors are elected by the AGM. The auditors can, but do not have to, be members of ASI Switzerland.

#### 6.2 Term of office

The term of office is three years.

#### 6.3 Task

Check the auditors

- a) the annual accounts,
- b) the cash balance,
- c) the bookkeeping, as well
- d) the receipts

and write an auditor's report for the attention of the AGM.

# 7. Liability

#### 7.1 Association assets

Only the assets of the association are liable for all liabilities of the association. Liability of individual members that exceeds the amount specified in the financial regulations is excluded.

# 8. Legal Validity

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These revised statutes were approved at the AGM on October 5, 2025 and will come into force on October 5, 2025.

All previous statutes, resolutions and provisions are superseded by these statutes.

Brig, October 5, 2025

The president Dominik Ritler

The actuary lakob Wieck

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# **B: Financial regulations ASI Switzerland**

#### 1. General

#### 1.1 General

These financial regulations of ASI Switzerland are an integral part of the statutes of ASI Switzerland.

# 2. Contributions

#### 2.1 Contributions

The annual membership fees are:

- For active members CHF 200.00

- For honorary members CHF 0.00

Contributions are payable in March for the whole year.

In the event of premature withdrawal, there is no right to a proportionate refund.

# 3. Legal Validity

# 3.1 Legal Validity

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