

Constitution for glasspool e. V. (registered association)

§ 1 Name, Headquarters

1. The Association bears the name glasspool e. V. (i.e. registered association)
2. It is to be registered after which the abbreviation e.V. will be added to its official name.
3. The headquarters of the Association is based in Munich.
4. Its financial year is the same as the calendar year.

§ 2 Aims

The association's aim is to promote and make more visible German and European glass culture. The focus is on the fields of functional and hollow glass and also on creative art using glass.

The purpose of this internet platform is to facilitate networking, to make up-to-date information available and to ensure access to a wider public.

In addition the association seeks to bring together institutions and glass producers, thus promoting wider contacts. Through the exchange of ideas between technicians, industrialists and designers, both ideas and innovations can be developed and closer understanding promoted. The Association is creating a multi-lingual and easily accessible website bearing the same name.

The goal of the association is to promote more awareness of this material with its rich traditions and production methods. At the same time it seeks to shed light on the history of glass design and the development of a European glass culture.

§ 3 Membership

1. Only natural and juridical persons may apply to join the association.
2. The management will decide whether or not to accept a written application. Applications for minors will be submitted by their legal guardians.
3. Members can resign from the Association at the end of any financial year. Members need to inform the Board in writing three months before the end of the financial year.
4. A member can be excluded from the Association if his/her actions are in blatant contradiction of the Association's interests. The General Meeting of the current membership will take the decisions regarding any such exclusion.
5. Membership ceases on the death of a member or, in the case of juridical persons, on their disbandment. A member, who leaves the Association or is excluded from it, is not entitled to make any claims in relation to the Association's assets.

§ 4 Membership Fees

Members are required to pay membership fees. The level of these and the dates when they are due are determined by the General Meeting.

§ 5 Bodies managing the Association

The bodies in charge of the Association are its Board, as formulated in Paragraph 26 of the Civil Code (BGB), and the General Meeting.

§ 6 The Board

1. The Board of the Association consists of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer.
2. The Board as specified in § 26 of the Civil Code is headed by the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Each of them can represent the Association individually.
3. The Board is elected by the members for a period of three years and remains in office until a new election is held.

§ 7 Zuständigkeit des Vorstands

The Board is responsible for all Association matters, which have not been made the preserve of other Association bodies by the Constitution. Its tasks include:

- a) Preparing general meetings of the membership and agendas for these;
- b) Convening General Meetings of members;
- c) Implementing decisions taken by the General Meeting;
- d) Administering the Association's assets;
- e) Compiling annual reports and the Treasurer's Report;
- f) Taking decisions regarding the acceptance and exclusion of Association members.

§ 8 Board Meetings

Members of the Board will be invited in good time to a board meeting, at least 3 weeks in advance, by the Chairperson or by the Deputy Chairperson, if the Chairperson is unable to invite the board members. Decisions of the Board can be taken when all members are present or have been duly circulated with the relevant information enabling them to participate. The Board takes decisions based on a simple majority of the valid votes cast. If the vote is tied, then the casting vote will be that of the Chairperson or the board-member chairing the meeting. Minutes of each Board meeting will be taken by the Secretary and these will include the time and venue of the meeting, the names of those participating, decisions taken and the results of the voting.

§ 9 Accounts

To achieve the aims of the Association the necessary funds will be raised first and foremost through membership fees and donations.

It is the task of the Treasurer to keep a record of financial transactions and to draw up an annual report. Payments can only be made on the basis of an order from the Chairperson – or if the latter is unable to do so – from the Deputy Chairperson.

The annual report will be verified by two auditors, each of whom is elected for a period of three years for this task. The report will be presented to the General Meeting for its approval.

§ 10 The General Meeting

The General Meeting is responsible for the following matters:

- a) Acceptance of the Board's Report;
- b) Setting the level of the annual membership fees;
- c) Election or recall of Board members and the auditors;
- d) Decisions over points of order for the Board;
- e) Decisions over changes to the Constitution and over disbanding the Association;
- f) Decisions over any appeal against a decision of the Board with regard to a rejected application for membership or with regard to the exclusion of a member.

The General Meeting for all members will take place annually. In addition a General Meeting has to be convened, if the interests of the Association make that necessary or when called by a third of the members after a request to that end has been submitted to the Board in writing to outline the reasons for such a meeting and its aims.

Each member is entitled, up to a week before the General Meeting, to submit a written request to the Board for additional matters to be included in the agenda. Members decide whether or not to add to the agenda additional matters which are not raised until the actual meeting.

Each General Meeting will be called in writing by the Board three weeks before it takes place and members will be informed at the same time as to the planned agenda.

§ 11 Decisions taken by the General Meeting

1. The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairperson and, when the latter is unable to attend, by the Deputy Chairperson. If neither of them is able to attend, then someone will be chosen by the assembled members to chair the proceedings. If the official Secretary cannot be present, another person will be chosen from among the members to carry out the task. When elections take place, the task of chairing the assembly during the ballot and the discussion prior to it can be transferred to an election committee.
2. Every member is entitled to vote in the General Meeting.
3. Every assembly of the General Meeting convened in accordance with the rules can take decisions regardless of the number of members present.
4. The decisions taken by the General Meeting will be determined by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. When changes to the Constitution or the Aims of the Association are under discussion, however, a majority amounting to three quarters of the votes cast is required.
5. Minutes regarding the decisions taken by the General Meeting will be taken including details of the time and venue and these will be signed by the person chairing the proceedings.

§ 12 Dispersal of the assets belonging to the Association

1. A majority of four fifths of valid votes cast is required for the disbanding of the Association.
2. If the Association is disbanded, or if it loses its legal capacity or tax concessions, then its assets will be entrusted to a juridical person in the field of public law or to another body enjoying tax concessions for the purpose of the promotion of art and culture.