

Charter

Indian Association Hannover e.V.

§ 1 Name and Domicile of the Association, Financial Year

1. The Association is to be named the "Indian Association Hannover". It shall be recorded in the Association Register and subsequently "e.V." ("registered association") shall be added.
2. The Association has its domicile in the city of Hannover in Lower Saxony.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Objects, Function, Charitable Purpose of the Association

1. The "Indian Association Hannover" has a directly and exclusively charitable purpose within the meaning of the "tax-privileged purposes" chapter of the tax code.
2. The objects of the Association are the promotion of student support, an international attitude, tolerance and an international understanding, as well as international exchanges in the fields of education, science, art, culture and law. There is to be a particular focus upon Indian-German relations. The objects in the Charter are to be achieved with these objectives in mind through events and meetings, amongst other means. These, for example, shall include cultural events, celebrations of Indian festivals such as Diwali, Holi, etc., presentations, intercultural workshops, advice on looking for work or grants in Germany, as well as postgraduate advice. Moreover, this will be achieved through fundraising and managing the finances of the "Indian Association Hannover" for its non-profit purposes.
3. The Association is altruistically active. It does not pursue its own financial gain.
4. The funds of the Association are only to be used for the purposes stated in the Charter. The members shall receive no payments from the finances of the Association. No person may be preferentially treated through disproportionately high remuneration or expenses which are unrelated to the purposes of the Association.

§ 3 Receiving of Membership

1. Any natural person of full age and any legal person may become a member of the Association.
2. Admission of membership to the Association shall be requested to the Board in writing. The Board shall decide on the request. If the Board does not want to accept the application, the decision is to be made at the next General Assembly.
3. On the proposal of the Board, the General Assembly may admit deserving promoters of the Indian Association Hannover as lifelong honorary members of the Association. Similarly, former members who no longer have their residence in or around Hannover may also become honorary members on the proposal of the Board. This decision falls to the General Assembly.

§ 4 Termination of Membership

1. Membership in the Association shall terminate on death, resignation or exclusion.
2. Resignations are to be declared in writing to the Board. Resignations may only be made within a period of two months before the end of the financial year.
3. A member may be excluded from the Association through a decision of the General Assembly, if:
 - a) the member has seriously and culpably damaged the reputation or the interests of the Association or repeatedly violated their duties according to the Charter, or
 - b) the member has not paid their membership fees for a minimum of three months and despite written reminders with the threat of exclusion has not paid the outstanding fees.

The member shall be given the opportunity to give their opinion to the General Assembly on the grounds for their exclusion. This must be communicated at least two weeks in advance.

§ 5 Rights and Duties of Members

1. Each member has the right to actively participate in supporting the Indian Association Hannover and to take part in its events. Each member has the same voting and electoral rights in the General Assembly.
2. Each member has the duty to promote the interests of the Indian Association Hannover, including the regular payment of membership fees and, as far as it is possible, to support the events of the Indian Association Hannover.

§ 6 Membership Fees

1. Each member is required to pay a monthly membership fee in advance.
2. The amount of the membership fee is to be determined by the General Assembly. The openness of the Association for the general public is to be adequately considered.
3. Honorary members are exempted from membership fees.

§ 7 Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are the Board and the General Assembly.

§ 8 The Board

1. The Board of the Association is responsible for the representation of the Association according to § 26 BGB and the conduct of its business. Its duties and responsibilities shall include:
 - a) the convening and preparation of the General Assembly, including the setting of the agenda,

- b) the execution of the decisions of the General Assembly,
 - c) the management of the Association's assets and the preparation of the annual report,
 - d) the admission of new members.
2. The Board consists of the the Chairman, his/her deputy and the Treasurer.
 3. The Chairman solely represents the Association. Otherwise, the Association is to be represented by two Board members together.
 4. The members of the Board are individually elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Board members may only be members of the Association; membership of the Association also ends membership of the Board. The re-election or the premature dismissal of a member by the General Assembly are permitted. A member remains in office after the expiry of the regular term of office until the election of their successor. If a member resigns from the Board, remaining members are entitled to elect one member of the Association until the election of a successor by the General Assembly.
 5. The Board shall meet as required. The meetings are convened by the Chairman, or by the Deputy in their absence. A notice period of a week shall be observed. The Board has a quorum if at least two members are present. Its decisions shall be made according to the majority of the valid casted votes. Where there a tie the Chairman shall decide, or the Deputy in their absence.
 6. The decisions of the Board shall be recorded in writing. The minutes shall be signed by the secretary and the Chairman, or by the Deputy in their absence or by another member of the Board.
 7. It was decided unanimously through show of hands that the Board is authorised in the event of a complaint as to the content of the Charter to amend the offending content/wording through the register court, to the extent that this is required to be recorded in the Association Register. The same is true regarding possible adjustments for the already initiated preliminary review of charitable status by the finance office. This power of attorney ends with the recording of the Association in the register.

§ 9 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is responsible for decisions on the following matters:
 - a) amendments to the Charter,
 - b) the dissolution of the Association,
 - c) the admittance of new Association members in the case of § 3 Nr. 2 S 3, the appointment of honorary members and the exclusion of members from the Association,
 - d) the election and dismissal of members from the Association,
 - e) the receipt of the annual report and the actions of the Board,
 - f) the determination of membership fees.

2. At least once a year, preferably in the first quarter, the Board is to convene an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly. The meeting shall be convened in writing with a notice period of two weeks, along with the agenda.

3. The agenda is to be determined by the Board. Each member of the Association may apply to the Board until one week before the meeting of the General Assembly for an addendum to the agenda. The Board shall decide on the proposal. Over applications to the agenda, which were not taken by the Board or which are first made by the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall decide by a majority of votes of the present members; this does not apply to requests to amend the Charter, the dissolution of the Association or changes to the membership fees.

4. The Board shall convene an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly if it is in the interests of the Association or a quarter of the members request in writing, stating the purpose and reasons. As far as the circumstances permit, a notice period of two weeks shall be observed and the agenda shall be disclosed with the invitation.

5. The General Assembly shall be led by the Chair, or the Deputy in their absence, or in the Deputy's absence by a chairman elected by the General Assembly.

6. The General Assembly has a quorum if at least one third of all members is present. In the absence of a quorum, the Board is obliged to convene a second General Assembly with the same agenda within four weeks. This constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present. This is to be mentioned in the invitation.

7. The General Assembly shall decide in an open vote by the majority of the votes of the members present. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of the members present, the candidate who received a majority of the valid votes cast shall be elected; between several candidates a run-off vote shall be conducted. Abstentions shall be considered as invalid votes. Decisions on amendments to the Charter require a majority of three-quarters, whilst the decision to dissolve the Association requires the vote of nine-tenths of the members present.

8. Over the course of the General Assembly minutes shall be taken. These must be signed by the secretary and the chairman of the meeting.

§ 10 Dissolution of the Association, Termination for Other Reasons, Loss of Tax-Exempt Purposes

1. With the dissolution of the Association or the loss of tax-exempt purposes, the assets of the Association shall fall to a legal body under public law or another tax-privileged body to be used for the purpose of promoting science and research.

2. The foregoing provisions shall apply accordingly, if the Association is dissolved for any reason or loses its legal capacity.

This statute was constituted on 24.02.2013
amended on 30.05.2013

Founders on 30.05.2013:

- 1) _____, [Balasubramanian Ramani]
- 2) _____, [Ajay Bangalore Harish]
- 3) _____, [Arun Naini]
- 4) _____, [Vinay Shekhar]
- 5) _____, [Devesh Singh]
- 6) _____, [Dushyanth Rajagopal]
- 7) _____, [Chandramouli Kannan]