

Association for the Promotion of the Basel Historical Museum

Art. 1. Name, Seat

An association to be called "Association for the Promotion of the Basel Historical Museum", is established and seated in Basel under Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss civil code. The association was established on 2nd March 1891 and emerged from the "Association for the Medieval Collection", which had been established in 1872.

Art. 2. Purpose

The purpose of the association is to support the Basel Historical Museum and its operations with acquisitions and other activities.

Art. 3. Membership

3.1 Member Categories

Single members:

Any natural person of age may become a member.

Family members:

Partners in marriage, partners and underage children living in one household with their parents may become family members. Families are granted two votes, two membership cards and one annual report.

Business members:

Legal entities are allowed to apply for a business membership. They are granted three votes, three membership cards and one annual report.

Lifetime members:

Single members can apply for a lifetime membership. The membership dues are 25-times higher than the annual membership dues.

3.2. Admission

The commission decides on the admission of members.

3.3. Withdrawal

A member may hand in his withdrawal from the association at any time.

3.4. Expulsion

Any member who does not perform his obligation to pay his dues after the second reminder, can be expelled from the association by decision of the commission. A member can also be expelled by the commission in case of strong reasons; the decision can also be delegated to the General Meeting. The rights of the member in concern are suspended until the General Meeting has come to a decision.

3.5. Membership dues

The membership dues of the respective membership categories are set by the General Meeting.

3.6. Voting

Each person of age of any membership category who attends the General Meeting has one vote.

Art. 4. Bodies

4.1. General Meeting

The General Meeting is the highest body of the association.

The regular General Meeting takes place annually not later than at the end of June. The meeting is called in writing 14 days in advance. The calling also shows the agenda items. Applications for the General Meeting have to be submitted in writing to the president not later than 10 days before the meeting. The commission is otherwise authorized to only report on the issue and submit a draft resolution in one of the next regular or special meetings of the association.

The General Meeting is expressly reserved the following rights:

- Election of the president, the members of the commission and the auditor.
- Ratification of the annual report and the annual balance as well as exoneration of the commission
- Setting of membership dues – changing of the statutes – dissolution or merger of the association

Special members' meetings can be called by the commission or at the wish of at least one fifth of the members who are eligible to vote.

Unless the law and statutes state otherwise, resolutions and elections are based on the majority of the attending members who are eligible to vote according to Art. 3.6. In the event of a tie the vote of the chairman prevails.

Changes of the statutes have to be voted for by at least two thirds of the attending members who are eligible to vote according to Art. 3.6 in a General Meeting.

The dissolution of the association requires a three-quarter majority of attending members according to Art. 3.6. During the final meeting the appropriation of the financial means in accordance to the purposes of the association is decided on.

4.2. Commission

The commission is the executive body and consists of at least five members. Except for the president, the commission constitutes itself.

The commission elects a governor, treasurer and clerk from its members.

A term of office lasts 3 years. A member is allowed to be re-elected. For a member, who is elected during a term of office, the time until the next regular election is considered as a full term of office. The age limit for commission members is 70.

The commission is competent to pass a resolution if at least one half of its members is present. Regulations are passed by a simple majority of the present members. In case of a tie the president casts the decisive vote. Regulations can also be passed by written consent as long as these regulations are documented during the next commission meeting.

The commission represents the association and decides on all issues not under the responsibility of the general meeting.

The director of the Basel Historical Museum and his / her deputy have a seat in the commission without a vote.

4.3. Auditor

The auditor is elected for a term of office of one year. A re-election of the auditor is allowed.

Art. 5. Assets and Revenues

5.1.

After the covering of administrative costs, two thirds of the association's revenues are deposited in a disposition fund; one third of the revenues are deposited in a reserve fund.

The funds in the disposition fund are intended for acquisitions for the museum or other expenditures for the museum's purposes in accordance with the regulations of the commission.

The general meeting disposes of the funds in the reserve fund at the request of the commission.

5.2.

The business year is the calendar year.

Art. 6. Liability

The assets of the association are liable for all obligations; a personal liability of the management or members of the association is precluded.

Art. 7. Concluding Terms

These statutes were adopted by the General Meeting of 22nd May 2006. They immediately come into effect.

These statutes replace all former statutes, in particular the statutes of 12th May 1986.

Unless stated otherwise in the statutes, the regulations of the Swiss Civil Code are in effect.

President:
Nadine Vischer Klein

Clerk:
Dr. Balthasar Settelen