

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia "Narodne novine", No. 74/14), the Assembly of the Goli otok "Ante Zemljarić" Association Zagreb, at its session held on 13 April 2015, adopted

S T A T U T E

OF THE GOLI OTOK "ANTE ZEMLJAR" ASSOCIATION ZAGREB

I. BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1.

This Statute of the Goli otok "Ante Zemljarić" Association Zagreb (hereinafter: the Association) regulates:

- name, seat, appearance of the seal, representation, manner of ensuring the publicity of the Association's activities;
- area of activity in accordance with the objectives, objectives, activities by which the objectives are achieved;
- conditions and manner of admission to membership, termination of membership, rights, obligations and responsibilities, and disciplinary responsibility of members and the manner of keeping the list of members;
- bodies of the Association, their composition and the manner of convening sessions, election, recall, powers, manner of decision-making and duration of mandate, and the manner of convening the Assembly in the event of expiry of the mandate;
- election and recall of the liquidator of the Association;
- termination of the existence of the Association;
- assets, manner of acquisition and disposal of assets;
- procedure with assets in the event of termination of the existence of the Association,
- manner of resolving disputes and conflicts of interest within the Association, and
- other matters of importance for the Association.

Article 2.

Words and conceptual expressions that have a gender meaning, regardless of whether they are used in the Statute in the masculine or feminine gender, refer equally to the masculine and feminine gender.

Name and seat, appearance of the seal and legal personality

Article 3.

The name of the Association is: GOLI OTOK "ANTE ZEMLJAR" ASSOCIATION ZAGREB

The abbreviated name of the Association is: GOLI OTOK ASSOCIATION ZAGREB

The seat of the Association is in Zagreb, and the address of the President of the Association is also the address of the seat of the Association.

The decision on the address of the seat is made by the Management Board.

Article 4.

The Association has a seal.

The seal of the Association is circular in shape, 3 cm in diameter, with the text written along the edge reading: GOLI OTOK "ANTE ZEMPLJAR" ASSOCIATION, and in the central part of the space the word: "ZAGREB" is written.

The seal is kept and may be used by the President of the Association and other members of the Association whom he authorizes.

Article 5.

The Association is a non-profit legal person, entered in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia under registration number 00001169.

Representation

Article 6.

The Association is represented by the President, Vice-President and Secretary.

Territorial activity and association

Article 7.

The Association operates in the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

The Association may join federations of associations, communities, networks and international associations.

The decision on joining is made by the Assembly of the Association.

Publicity of work

Article 8.

The work of the Association is public.

Publicity of work is achieved by regularly informing members and the wider public about the work of the Association. The public is informed through public announcements, media appearances and through the Association's website; www.goli-otok.hr, and members of the Association also by delivery of reports and minutes on the work of the bodies of the Association.

II. AREA OF ACTIVITY, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES BY WHICH THE OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED

Article 9.

The area of activity of the Association, in accordance with the objectives from Article 10 of this Statute, is the protection of human rights and freedoms.

Article 10.

Objectives of the Association:

- objective consideration and informing the public about the extent and degree of violations of human rights against political prisoners in the period 1949-1956;
- cooperation in the protection of the site of the camp on Goli otok from purposes inappropriate to a place of special piety;
- initiating the procedure and active participation in the process of declaring Goli otok a Memorial Area,
- social rehabilitation of all persons who passed through the Goli otok camp and other prisons of that system under the accusation that they were Informbiro supporters and under other qualifications of political incrimination from 1949 to 1956.

Article 11.

In achieving its objectives, the Association performs the following activities:

- deepening public dialogue and initiating the creation of public policies that encourage dealing with the past;
- organizing meetings, seminars, conferences, forums, educational courses, workshops, events and other activities related to the objectives of the Association;
- organizing exhibitions, performances, festivals and other cultural and artistic events with topics related to the objectives of the Association;
- advocating for the protection of human rights;
- collecting documentation and researching material on the operation of the camp on Goli otok;
- cooperation with competent state bodies and other institutions for the purpose of preparing the professional basis for drafting the law on the establishment of the Goli otok memorial area;
- promotion of the issue of Goli otok in the country and abroad;
- assistance to members of the Association and other individuals in exercising the legal rights of former political prisoners;
- publication of printed and multimedia content concerning the issue of Goli otok;
- providing information related to the area of activity of the Association to interested individuals and institutions;
- cooperation with local community bodies in providing credible information about Goli otok, preventing further devastation and the performance of activities inappropriate to a place of human suffering and hardship.

For the purpose of more successful achievement of its objectives, the Association may occasionally, in accordance with special regulations, perform the following economic activities:

- preparation of studies and projects from the area of activity of the Association;
- publishing activity: publication of books, professional and other publications and audiovisual materials;
- retail sale of its products outside a store in accordance with the Trade Act;
- promotional activity.

III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

Categories of membership and conditions for admission to membership

Article 12.

Membership in the Association may be regular and honorary.

Regular members may be natural and legal persons who condemn all forms of human rights violations and agree to the rights and obligations of membership in the Association arising from this Statute.

An honorary member of the Association is every Goli otok veteran (a person who was abused or deprived of liberty in connection with the Informbiro Resolution) who, as a regular member of the Association, due to advanced age and health reasons is no longer able to actively participate in the work of the Association and its governing bodies.

The decision on transferring a Goli otok veteran from regular to honorary membership is made by the Management Board, after consultation with the veteran.

At the proposal of the President of the Association, any natural or legal person who has made a special contribution to the activities and reputation of the Association may also become an honorary member, which is decided by the Management Board.

Article 13.

A person who wishes to become a member of the Association fills in the accession form and submits it signed to the Association.

The accession form is available on the Association's website.

The Management Board decides on admission to membership.

Article 14.

A member of the Association who, while performing the duty of President of the Association, by his exceptional work and commitment contributed to its reputation, may be declared honorary lifetime president of the Association, on which the Assembly adopts a decision.

List of members

Article 15.

The list of members is kept by the Secretary of the Association.

The list of members is kept electronically, by membership categories.

The list contains data on the personal name or name of the legal person, personal identification number (OIB), date of birth, date of accession to the Association, category of membership and the date of termination of membership in the Association.

The list of members is always available to all members on the Association's website and to competent bodies at their request.

The manner of access to the List of Members is determined by the Management Board.

Membership fee

Article 16.

Regular members of the Association pay an annual membership fee.

The annual membership fee is paid no later than by the end of the current year.

The amount of the annual membership fee is determined by decision of the Management Board.

Rights, obligations and responsibility of members

Article 17.

Regular members have the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- to elect and be elected to the bodies of the Association,
- to participate in the activities of the Association,
- to be regularly informed about the work of the Association,
- to pay the membership fee regularly,
- to comply with the provisions of the Statute,
- to protect the reputation of the Association.

Article 18.

Honorary members have the right:

- to be informed about the work of the Association,
- to participate in the work of the bodies of the Association, in accordance with their interests and possibilities, but without the right to decide and the right to be elected to the bodies of the Association
- to give proposals and opinions on issues that they consider to be of importance for the work of the Association

Honorary members are not obliged to pay the membership fee, and any eventual payment shall be considered a voluntary contribution.

Termination of membership and disciplinary responsibility of members

Article 19.

Membership terminates:

- by voluntary withdrawal,
- by non-payment of the membership fee,
- by exclusion,
- by death

If a regular member does not pay the membership fee by the end of the year, a warning will be delivered to him. If within 30 days from receipt of the warning he does not pay the annual membership fee, he is deleted from the List of Members, without a special decision.

Article 20.

Members of the Association are disciplinary liable for:

- inactivity that makes the work of the Association difficult
- violation of the provisions of the Statute
- acting contrary to the objectives and established activities of the Association

The disciplinary procedure is conducted by the Management Board.

In the disciplinary procedure, the following disciplinary measures may be imposed:

- warning
- exclusion from the Association

A member of the Management Board whose membership is being decided on does not participate in deciding on the exclusion.

The decision on exclusion is made by the Management Board, against which the member has the right to appeal to the Assembly within 15 days from receipt of the decision. The Assembly, at its first session, confirms or rejects the decision of the Management Board. The decision of the Assembly is final.

IV. GOVERNING BODIES

Article 21.

The governing bodies of the Association are:

- Assembly
- President
- Vice-President
- Management Board
- Secretary

Assembly

Article 22.

The Assembly is the highest governing body of the Association and consists of all regular members with legal capacity of the Association and the representative of a legal person member of the Association appointed by the person authorized to represent the legal person, unless a different manner of appointment is prescribed by an internal act of the legal person.

Article 23.

The Assembly may be regular, electoral and extraordinary. The Assembly regularly sits once during the year, while the electoral session of the Assembly is held every 4 years.

Sessions of the Assembly are convened by the President of the Association on his own initiative.

In the decision on convening the Assembly, the President determines the agenda of the session, and the day and place of holding the session.

The President is obliged to convene a session of the Assembly when requested by at least 1/3 of the regular members of the Association.

In their request for convening the Assembly, the proposers are obliged to propose the agenda of the session.

The President convenes the session according to the proposed agenda of the proposers, and if he does not convene it within 15 days from the day of delivery of the request referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article, it shall be convened by the proposers (the decision must contain the proposed agenda, and the place and day of holding the session).

Article 24.

In the event of expiry of the mandate of the bodies of the Association, the Assembly is convened by the last person authorized to represent entered in the Register of Associations, or 3 regular members who were entered in the List of Members before the expiry of the mandate of the bodies of the Association.

Article 25.

The Assembly decides validly if a majority of all members of the Assembly is present (quorum).

If at the time determined for the start of work of the Assembly the required number of members referred to in paragraph 1 is not present, the beginning of the session is postponed for half an hour, and thereafter the Assembly decides validly by a majority of the present members.

The Assembly adopts the Statute by a two-thirds majority of the present members.

Article 26.

The Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association.

In the absence of the President, the Assembly shall at the beginning of the session determine by public vote the person who will chair the session.

Minutes are kept of the work of the session and are signed by the minute-taker, as well as by the verifier of the minutes if elected by the Assembly.

The minutes are permanently kept in the archive of the Association.

Article 27.

The Assembly:

- adopts the Statute and its amendments and supplements,
- elects and dismisses the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Association
- elects and dismisses the Management Board,
- determines policy and gives guidelines for the work of the Association,
- adopts the work programme and financial plan for the following calendar year,
- adopts the report on work for the previous calendar year and the annual financial report,
- decides on joining federations, communities, networks and other forms of association of associations,

- adopts decisions on the establishment of organizational forms and on status changes (merger by acquisition, merger and division of the Association),
- adopts general and other acts important for the work of the Association
- decides on appeals by members against decisions on exclusion,
- appoints and recalls the liquidator of the Association,
- elects and dismisses the Arbitration Council and adopts the rules on its work,
- decides on the termination of the work of the Association and the distribution of the remaining assets of the Association,
- decides on other matters determined by law or the Statute.

President

Article 28.

The President of the Association is elected by the Assembly for a period of 4 years and may be re-elected.

The President:

- represents the Association,
- convenes and directs the work of the Assembly and the Management Board
- is responsible for the legality of the work of the Association,
- takes care of the implementation of the work programme and the implementation of decisions of the Assembly
- submits to the Assembly the report on work and the annual financial report
- proposes to the Assembly the policy and guidelines for the work of the Association
- proposes the work programme and financial plan for acceptance by the Assembly
- is responsible for financial operations,
- determines, in cooperation with the members of the Management Board, the manner and dynamics of implementation of the work programme,
- proposes to the Management Board acts necessary for the functioning of the Association,
- takes care of informing the public about the work of the Association
- concludes contracts and undertakes legal actions in the name and for the account of the Association
- performs other tasks provided for by the Statute and other acts of the Association.

Article 29.

The President may be dismissed from duty even before the expiry of the period for which he was elected:

- at his own request,
- if he does not act in accordance with the instructions and guidelines of the Assembly,
- if he acts contrary to the law or the Statute, or if by his appearances and activities he damages the reputation of the Association

The decision on dismissal of the President is made by the Assembly.

The provisions of this Article also apply to the Vice-President, the Secretary and the members of the Management Board elected by the Assembly.

Vice-President

Article 30.

The Vice-President is elected by the Assembly for a period of 4 years and may be re-elected.

In the case of absence or impediment, the President is replaced in all matters by the Vice-President of the Association.

Management Board

Article 31.

The Management Board has 5 members: the President of the Association and the Vice-President of the Association who are members of the Management Board by function, and 3 members elected by the Assembly.

The mandate of members of the Management Board lasts 4 years and they may be re-elected.

The President of the Association is also the President of the Management Board.

The Assembly shall dismiss a member of the Management Board, in addition to the cases from Article 29, if he does not attend sessions, does not perform entrusted tasks or causes damage to the Association. A proposal for dismissal may be made by any member of the Assembly.

Article 32.

The Management Board:

- decides on the activities of the Association in accordance with the established policy and guidelines of the Assembly
- determines the annual financial report, the proposal of the work programme and the proposal of the financial plan of the Association
- at the proposal of the President, determines the manner and dynamics of implementation of the work programme of the Association
- determines the proposal of the statute and the proposal of amendments and supplements to the Statute
- adopts decisions on admission to membership and on exclusion from membership of the Association
- determines proposals of general acts adopted by the Assembly
- manages the assets of the Association
- determines the amount of the membership fee
- performs other tasks in accordance with the law and the Statute

Article 33.

The Management Board decides validly if a majority of members is present at the session, and decisions are adopted by a majority of the present members.

Sessions of the Management Board are convened by the President, who directs the work of the session.

Minutes are kept of the work of the session.

Secretary

Article 34.

The Secretary of the Association is elected by the Assembly to perform professional and administrative tasks in the Association.

The mandate of the Secretary lasts 4 years and he may be re-elected.

The Secretary:

- keeps the register of members of the Association,
- keeps records of payments of membership fees,
- draws up the annual financial report and submits it to the Management Board for determination,
- keeps minutes from the sessions of the Assembly and the Management Board,
- submits the minutes from the regular session of the Assembly to the competent office that keeps the register of associations
- performs other tasks in accordance with the law and the Statute.

Occasional working bodies

Article 35.

For work in individual areas of activity of the Association, the Assembly, the President of the Association or the Management Board may establish occasional committees or other working bodies of the Association.

The decision on establishing a committee or working bodies determines their composition, task, time for which they are established and responsibility for performing tasks.

V. ASSETS, MANNER OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Article 36.

The assets of the Association consist of:

- monetary funds acquired by the Association through payment of membership fees, voluntary contributions and gifts
- monetary funds acquired by the Association by performing activities by which the objectives are achieved, by financing programmes and projects of the association from the state budget and budgets of units of local and regional self-government, and funds and/or from foreign sources,
- immovable and movable property of the Association,
- other property rights.

The surplus of revenue over expenses realized from the sale of products and services is used exclusively for financing the activities of the Association and for further development of the Association.

The Association may dispose of its assets only for the achievement of the objectives and performance of activities determined by the Statute of the Association, in accordance with the law.

Individual decisions on disposal of assets in accordance with the preceding paragraph are made by the Management Board.

VI. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBLIGATIONS AND DAMAGE

Article 37.

The Association keeps business books and prepares financial reports according to the regulations governing the manner of financial operations and keeping accounting records of non-profit organizations.

Article 38.

For its obligations, the Association is liable with all its assets.

Members of the Association and members of its bodies are not liable for the obligations of the Association.

Bankruptcy may be conducted over the Association, in accordance with the law.

Article 39.

The Association and persons authorized to represent the Association are liable, in accordance with general regulations on liability for damage, for damage caused in the Association or by the Association to third parties.

VII. TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 40.

The Association ceases to exist by decision of the Assembly or in other cases provided for by law.

In the event of termination of existence on the basis of a decision of the Assembly, the Assembly adopts a decision on termination of the existence of the Association by a two-thirds majority of votes of the total number of members of the Assembly.

In the event of termination of the existence of the Association, the remaining assets shall belong to the Association of the Blind, Zagreb, Draškovićeva 80.

Article 41.

The liquidator of the Association is appointed and recalled by the Assembly.

The liquidator represents the Association in the liquidation procedure, and upon opening of the liquidation procedure is entered in the Register of Associations as the person authorized to represent the Association until completion of the liquidation procedure and deletion of the Association from the Register of Associations.

VIII. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

Article 42.

If a dispute arises between members of the Association that is related to the activities of the Association, the members shall seek to resolve that dispute amicably, with the assistance of an independent mediator, and if they do not succeed in doing so, they may entrust the resolution of the dispute to the Arbitration Council of the Association, provided that it concerns rights of members which they may freely dispose of.

A conflict of interest in the Association exists when the private interests of a member of a governing body of the Association are contrary to the interest of the Association, and especially when the private interest affects or may reasonably be considered to affect the impartial performance of duties in the governing body of the Association.

For the resolution of disputes and conflicts of interest, the Assembly appoints an Arbitration Council from among the members of the Association. The composition, mandate and manner of decision-making of the Council are regulated by rules adopted by the Assembly. The Arbitration Council in its work applies the provisions of the Mediation Act in an appropriate manner.

The decision of the Arbitration Council is final.

If the dispute/conflict of interest relates to decisions of the governing bodies of the Association on the basis of which a request is submitted for entry of changes in the Register of Associations on which the competent office decides, the dissatisfied member first addresses the Association to resolve the dispute/conflict of interest. Upon finality of the decision of the Arbitration Council, the Association submits to the competent office the request for entry of changes in the Register of Associations together with the decision of the Arbitration Council.

IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

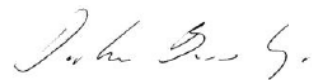
Article 43.

Upon entry into force of this Statute, the Statute of the Goli otok Association of 13. 01. 1998 and its amendments and supplements of 20. 12. 2004 and 18. 05. 2013 cease to be valid.

Article 44.

This Statute enters into force on the day of adoption, and shall be published on the Association's website.

President of the Association



Darko Bavoľjak

