## Statutes of Cantoalavida e. V.

## § 1 Name, Seat, Fiscal Year

(1) The association founded on 04.07.2015 bears the name Cantoalavida and has its seat: Marktstraße 50-60338 Frankfurt am Main. It shall be registered in the Register of Associations and after registration shall receive the suffix "e.V.".
(2) The business year is the calendar year.

## § 2 Purpose of the Association

(1) The aim of the Association is to help through its activities children and animals who are suffering increasingly due to the absence of the state in Colombia. In addition, there is the increasing poverty as well as violence and criminality which particularly affect children and animals. To this end, we support the Colombian association, Cantoalavida, based in the city of Campoalegre, Huila province in Colombia. This Colombian association supports children of poorer families through projects and helps homeless and injured animals by providing shelter. The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code (§ 58 No. 1 AO), namely through
a) raising funds and donations (at various events and by directly approaching companies and individuals),
b) carrying out public relations work and advertising for the association.
(2) The support of the projects is achieved by creating public and media awareness for issues and circumstances that negatively affect children and animals in Colombia. On the one hand, the vicious circle of poverty is to be sustainably broken with good education for the children and, on the other hand, homeless animals are to be provided with safe accommodation that meets their needs.
(4) The association realizes these goals in fundraising activities and in various individual projects. These individual projects are limited in time and fulfil the stated aims of the association. The general meeting shall decide on the individual projects. The fundraising activities shall be determined by the Board and communicated to the members of the Association. The General Assembly may terminate these activities with a simple majority.
(5) Donations and sponsorship funds are collected and used exclusively for specific projects. All members of the association work on a voluntary basis for the projects and the association and do not receive any compensation for expenses, payments or allowances from the association's funds or assets. The costs for internal organization and communication as well as administration are kept as low as possible.
(6) In addition, the Association is committed to the following principles:
a) The activities of the association shall be carried out with the highest possible transparency. This is to present the work of the association to the public and to help donors and sponsors to follow the direct return/effect of their contributions.
b) The supported projects shall comply with the principle of sustainability.
c) The association considers itself to be politically and denominationally unaffiliated.
(7) The organs of the association (§6) carry out their activities on an honorary basis.
(8) Funds accruing to the Association may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Statutes.
(9) The members shall not receive any share of the profits and, in their capacity as members, no other benefits from the funds of the Association. No person may be favored by expenses that are alien to the purposes of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration.
10) The Association shall maintain party-political neutrality. It grants equal rights to members of all nations and ethnicities and upholds the principle of religious and ideological tolerance.

## § 3 Selflessness

(1) The Association operates selflessly and does not primarily pursue its own economic objectives.
(2) The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Statutes. The members of the Association may not receive any benefits from the Association's funds in their capacity as members.
(3) Members may not receive any shares of the Association's assets in the event of their resignation or in the event of the dissolution or annulment of the Association.
(4) No person may be favored by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

## § 4 Acquisition of membership

(1) Natural and legal persons may become members of the Association.
(2) The Executive Committee shall decide on the written application for membership of the Association. No reasons shall be given for the decision. Legal recourse is excluded.
(3) Membership ends by resignation, exclusion, cancellation of membership or death.
(4) A member may resign at any time. It shall be affected by written declaration to one of the Executive Committee members.
(5) A member may be expelled from the Association if his or her behavior grossly violates the Statutes, the objectives or the interests of the Association. This can be expelled with immediate effect by the Executive Board.
(6) The Association does not charge membership fees.

## § 5 Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are
a) the Executive Board,
b) the General Assembly.

## § 6 Executive Committee

(1) The Executive Committee consists of two members. The Board in the sense of § 26 BGB is the 1st and 2nd Chairperson, who are elected by the General Assembly from among its members with a simple majority. The 1st and 2nd Chairpersons are authorized to represent the Association on their own.
(2) The Board of Directors is elected by the General Assembly with a simple majority for a period of one year. Re-election of the Board members is possible. The incumbent members of the Executive Board shall remain in office after the expiry of their term of office until their successors have been elected.
(3) The Executive Board shall be responsible for the day-to-day business of the Association.
(4) The Board shall perform its duties in an honorary capacity.
(5) Board meetings shall be held at least once a year upon timely invitation by the 1st Chairperson. However, he/she shall remain in office until the election of a new Executive Committee in accordance with the Statutes. Board meetings shall constitute a quorum if both Chairpersons are present.
(6) The Executive Board shall adopt its resolutions by unanimity.
(7) In case of urgency, resolutions of the Executive Board may also be passed in writing or by telephone, if both members of the Executive Board declare their consent to this procedure in writing or by telephone. Resolutions of the Executive Board passed in writing or by telephone shall be recorded in writing and signed by the 1st or 2nd Chairperson of the Executive Board.

## § 7 General Assembly of Members

(1) The General Assembly shall be convened once a year.
(2) An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened if the interests of the Association so require or if at least $30 \%$ of the Association's members request the convening in writing, stating the purpose and the reason.
(3) The General Assembly shall be convened in writing or by e-mail by the 1st or 2nd Chairperson of the Executive Committee, giving at least one week's notice and at the same time announcing the agenda of the meeting. The period begins with the day following the dispatch of the invitation letter or the invitation e-mail. The date of the postmark or the date of the email protocol shall apply. The invitation letter shall be deemed
to have been received by the member if it is addressed to the last address given in writing by the member of the Association.
(4) The General Assembly, as the supreme decision-making body of the Association, is basically responsible for all tasks, unless certain tasks have been assigned to another body of the Association in accordance with these Statutes. In particular, the annual accounts and the annual report shall be submitted to the General Assembly in writing for approval and discharge of the Executive Committee.
(5) It elects:
a) the Executive Committee (consisting of the 1st and 2nd Chairmen) and b) a Treasurer each for one year. It shall appoint two auditors (also for one year), who shall not be members of the Executive Board or of a body appointed by the Executive Board and who shall not be employees of the Association, to audit the accounts including the annual financial statements and to report on the results to the General Assembly.
(6) The General Assembly shall also decide on, for example:
a) Projects of the Association,
b) tasks of the Association,
c) Amendments to the Statutes,
d) dissolution of the Association.
(7) Any General Assembly of Members convened in accordance with the Statutes shall be recognized as having the power to pass resolutions, irrespective of the number of members present.
(8) The General Assembly shall pass its resolutions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, a motion shall be deemed to have been rejected. Each member present has one vote.

## § 8 Amendment of the Statutes

(1) A $3 / 4$ majority of the members present is required to amend the Statutes. Amendments to the Statutes may only be voted on at the General Assembly if this item has already been mentioned in the invitation to the General Assembly and both the existing and the proposed new text of the Statutes have been enclosed with the invitation.
(2) Amendments to the Statutes required by supervisory, judicial or financial authorities for formal reasons may be made by the Executive Board on its own initiative. These amendments to the statutes must be communicated to all members of the association as soon as possible in writing or by e-mail; a period of 14 days is deemed to be as soon as possible.

## § 9 Certification of Resolutions

Resolutions passed at meetings of the Executive Committee and at General Meetings shall be recorded in writing and signed by the Secretary.

## § 10 Dissolution of the Association and Commitment of Assets

(1) The decision to dissolve the Association requires a $3 / 4$ majority of the members present at the General Assembly. The resolution can only be passed after proper announcement in the invitation to the General Assembly.
(2) In case of dissolution of the Association or discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets shall be used for tax-privileged purposes. Ideally, it will be given to the last supported projects. Resolutions on the future use of the Association's assets may only be carried out after the approval of the tax office.

