



STATUTES OR LEGAL NATURE

Article 1

Denomination, Headquarters, duration and Legal Nature

1. The not for profit association adopts the denomination MIMA International Museum of Women, Association, headquartered at Urbanização Paço da Sardoeira, Lote 7, Vila Real, freguesia de Torgueda, concelho de Vila Real, and is established for an undetermined period of time;
2. The Association is registered under the fiscal number 513 899 170 and the Social Security Number 251 389 991 04;
3. If deemed convenient to the pursuit of its goals, whenever proposed by its board of directors and approved by the General Assembly, the Association may relocate its headquarters as well as create delegations or open other forms of representation;
4. The fiscal year of the Association corresponds to the civil year.

Article 2

Goals

The Association's main goals include:

1. Historic, cultural and recreational development, presentation and promotion of women and gender related themes;
2. Promotion of women's accomplishments and women's social role, in general;
3. Organizing conferences, exhibits, concerts as well as other forms of presentation including an archive on women's studies and gender related issues;
4. Promoting insight and awareness on women and gender related issues;
5. Promoting women and their social roles at the economic, social and cultural levels;
6. Contribute towards defining public policies at the national and global level, fostering better equity;
7. Cooperate with similar associations, movements or initiatives, public or private entities, inland or abroad, within the Association's intervention goals;
8. The Association will pursue its activity with total independence from political parties, companies, for profit entities, as well as religious or governmental entities;

Article 3

Revenues

The Association's revenues include:

- a) Admission Membership fees;
- b) Yearly fees, as determined by the general assembly board;
- c) Revenues stemming from the Association's assets and/or social activities;
- d) Accepted gifts;
- e) Subsidies.

Article 4

Governing bodies

1. Governing bodies include the General Assembly, Direction (board of directors), Fiscal Council, and Consulting Committee;
2. Governing body members of the Association are elected for a renewable 3-year term;
3. Members of each governing body of the Association are elected at the General Assembly;
4. All office tasks are performed "pro bono" (free of wages), except if/when decided otherwise by the General Assembly.

Article 5

General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is made up of all associate members in the full use of their rights;
2. Competency of the General Assembly and its working procedures is established in the Portuguese Civil Code, articles 170, 172 and 179;
3. The General Assembly desk includes three associate members, one president, one vice-president and one secretary, whose responsibility includes conducting the General Assembly and write the respective minute-report.

Article 6

Board of Directors

1. The board of directors is made up of 5 associate members, elected by the General Assembly;
2. The board of directors is responsible for social, administrative and financial management as well as representing the Association at court and out of court;
3. Its working procedure is established in article 171 of the Portuguese Civil Code;
4. Two signatures are required;
5. Board of Directors meetings:
 - a) The Board of Directors meets “ordinarily” once a month and “extra-ordinarily” anytime its President or Vice President in substitution, or at least two of its associated members require it;
 - b) The Board of Directors may validate a decision as long as the majority of its members are present;
 - c) In accordance with Article 7, whenever not consensual, a Board of Director’s decision which has the majority can be validated. In case of a tie (execuo) the President has a “quality” vote.

Article 7

Fiscal Council

1. The Fiscal Council is elected at the General Assembly and is made up of 3 associate members;
2. It is the responsibility of the Fiscal Council to oversee the administrative and financial actions of the Board of Directors, oversee their accounts and reports as well as to advise on actions that imply the increase or decrease of revenues;
3. Its working procedures are established in article 171 of the Portuguese Civil Code.

Article 8

Consulting committee

1. It is the task of the Consulting Committee to support the board of directors on matters directly related with the Association’s activity;
2. The President of the Board of Directors presides over the Consulting Committee;
3. The opinions of the Consulting Committee are not binding;
4. All members of the Consulting Committee are associate members.

Article 9
Replacement of the Association's Governing body members

1. Should any governing body member of the Association cease functions prior to the end of the elected or designated mandate, his/her replacement may be proposed by the Board of Directors until the next General Assembly;
2. Should the President of the Board of Directors cease functions before the end of the three-year mandate a midterm election will be called in a general extra-ordinary Assembly to be held within sixty days maximum;
3. Should more than half the members of any body of the Association renounce or be removed prior to the end of the three year mandate, a midterm election will be called in a general extra-ordinary Assembly to be held within sixty days maximum.

Article 10
Representation of the Association

The Association is bound by one of the following (forms):

- a) Through the signatures of two Board of Director's members, one of them being the President or Vice President, in lack or impediment of both;
- b) Through the joint signature of the President and a Vowel member or the Vice President, in lack or impediment of both, and one or more attorney(s) purposefully empowered by the Board of Directors;
- c) Through an attorney's signature with special powers purposefully delegated by the Board of Directors.

Article 11
Admission and exclusion of associate members

Conditions for admission and exclusion of associate members, categories, rights and obligations are part of the internal regulation approved by the General Assembly.

Article 12
Right of Vote

The following votes correspond to each associate member category:

1. Founder associate member — five votes;
2. Effective associate member — two votes;
3. Recent associate member or company — one vote.

Article 13
Use of the Association's name, rights and obligations

1. Associate members, collaborators, members of the governing bodies as well as other Association structures may not publicly use the name of the Association without express consent from the Board of Directors, such as:
 - a) Demonstrate or take public action on behalf of the Association or any of its governing bodies;
 - b) Make use of the Association's name in any activity intended for personal advantage of any kind, with the exception of the respective curriculum vitae.
2. Offenses of this nature are disciplinarily sanctioned, despite the applicable penal or civil responsibility;
3. Unlawful (inappropriate) use of the Association's name by large scale media is considered a serious offense;
4. Any projects related with the Association must bear the Association's name and logo.

Article 14
Extinction and destination of assets

Once the Association is extinct, the destination of the assets that are not affected to a particular end or have not been donated will be subject to the deliberation of the associate members.

1. Terms of liquidation
It is the sole competency of the summoned General Assembly to pursue the dissolution of the Association, name liquidators and procedures to be followed with liquidation in accordance with the current law.
2. Destination of Assets
In case of dissolution and liquidation of the Association, the outstanding balance from assets, once cleared any outstanding debt, will revert to ends designated by the General Assembly in accordance to the law.

Article 15
Alteration of Statutes

Current statutes may only be altered in General Assembly purposefully called for, with the favorable vote of three fourths of the present associate members.