

Pursuant to Art. 13 and Art. 25 of the Act on Associations (Official gazette of the Republic of Croatia, "Narodne novine" No. 74/14), the Assembly of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", at the meeting that took place on 24 August 2015, adopted the following

# **STATUTE OF ASSOCIATION "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"**

## **I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1**

This Statute of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" (hereinafter referred to as: the Association) contains the following provisions:

- name and seat of the Association
- representation of the Association
- appearance of the stamp of the Association
- trademark of the Association and the appearance thereof
- areas of operation in compliance with the goals
- goals of the Association
- activities for achieving the goals
- manner of making the activities of the Association public
- terms and conditions of becoming a member and termination of membership, rights, obligations and responsibilities of the members and their disciplinary responsibility, and the manner of keeping the list of members
- Association bodies, their composition and the manner of calling assemblies, electing, recalling, authority, the manner of decision-bringing and duration of a term of office, and the manner of calling the assembly in the event of the expiry of a term of office
- engaging professional employees
- electing and recalling the Association liquidators
- assets, the manner of acquiring and disposing of assets
- proceeding with the assets in the event of dissolution of the Association
- manner of settling disputes and conflict of interests within the Association
- rewards and recognition given by the Association, and
- transitional and final provisions

### **Article 2**

The Association has a form of a free and voluntary association of several natural entities i.e. legal entities who/which, in order to protect and promote common goals and interests that are not contrary to the Constitution and the law, and without the intention of acquiring profit or any other estimable economic benefits, submit to the rules determined by this Statute, which regulates the organisation and the operation of the Association.

## **II NAME AND SEAT**

### **Article 3**

The Association shall operate and participate in legal transactions under the name determined by this Statute, and under which it has been registered in the Register of Associations.

#### Article 4

Name of the Association: Udruga „PLES RITMOVA“.

Abbreviated name: „PLES RITMOVA“.

Name translated into English: Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS".

#### Article 5

Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" is seated in Zagreb, at the address Božidara Magovca 147.

### III REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 6

Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" is represented by the Head, individually and independently. In his/her absence, the Association shall be represented by a person authorised by the Committee.

### IV APPEARANCE OF THE SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 7

Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" has its seal. The seal is round, 35 mm in diameter. It contains the name of the association, its seat and its round trademark with text „PLES RITMOVA“, Zagreb.

### V ASSOCIATION TRADEMARK AND ITS APPEARANCE

#### Article 8

The Association has its trademark.

The trademark is round, with 5 spiral tentacles, each of them different, emerging from a circle.

### VI SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOALS

#### Article 9

In compliance with the goals it is achieving, the Association shall be performing its activities in the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

### VII GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 10

The goals of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" are as follows:

- gathering, associating and working on common goals of:
  - professional teachers of the Gabrielle Roth, 5Rhythms™ movement method and similar activities including dancing, movement, music, art, therapy
  - legal and other natural entities with related goals and business activities
- development of professional and conscious approach to 5Rhythms™ work, which supports overall development of a person and personal freedom and responsibility for one's own life

- promoting the importance of moving and following the natural rhythms of each individual, the entire collective, and Planet Earth
- promoting healthy and high-quality living, improving self-awareness and self-esteem, developing collective and individual awareness on integration of a body, heart, mind and spirit, and responsibility for one's own health, changing and life.

## VIII ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS

### Article 11

The goals shall be achieved through the following activities:

- professional meetings of members where knowledge, experiences and information shall be exchanged
- organizing lectures, seminars, workshops and continuous education for all members from the scope of activities of the Association
- collecting data, professional literature and other information concerning the 5Rhythms method and related topics for the purpose of creating its own information system and providing public access thereto
- cooperation with related organisations, as well as other legal and natural entities and all other organisations or individuals
- publishing expert books, journals, bulletins, posters, leaflets from the scope of activities of the Association, in compliance with the law

## IX PROVIDING PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Article 12

The operation of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" is public.

The public quality of the operation is provided and achieved by informing its members in a timely and correct manner, and by informing the public via mass media.

The members are informed of the activities performed by Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" via meetings of the Association bodies, and via delivery of written material.

The representatives of mass media may participate at the assemblies held by the bodies of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" and inform the public of their activities.

The Committee of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" may, for the sake of operation, decide on secrecy of meetings.

For the purpose of achieving a more complete public quality of its activities, Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" shall, when necessary, publish its own journal and other means of mass media (periodic publications, bulletins, posters, leaflets etc.) in compliance with mass media regulations and the regulations on publishing business activity.

## X TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BECOMING A MEMBER AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE MANNER OF KEEPING THE LIST OF MEMBERS

### Article 13

Any natural and legal entities may become a member of the Association.

### Article 14

A person becomes a member of the Association by being entered into the register of members kept by the Secretary of the Association.

The annual membership fee is determined by the Assembly.

The list of members is kept electronically, in writing or in another appropriate manner.

The list of members must contain the following data:

- personal name of a natural entity
- name of a legal entity
- personal identification number (OIB)
- date of birth
- date of becoming a member of the Association
- membership category
- date of ceasing to be a member of the Association

### Article 15

Members' rights and obligations:

- being engaged in the activities of the Association,
- paying the membership fee,
- taking care of material goods and fulfilling the assumed obligations
- upon request, being granted the access to the results of the activities, and using information and documentation material that belong to the Association
- adhering to the Statute and other official documents brought by the Association, and adhering to confidentiality

### Article 16

Membership in the Association ceases by the Member's voluntary withdrawal, based on an oral statement, or by exclusion. The decision on exclusion is brought by the Committee.

The excluded member is entitled to file a claim to the Assembly within 30 days following the date of delivering the decision. The decision brought by the Assembly on that matter is final.

In the event of ceasing the membership, the member is obliged to deliver to the Association any material and documentation that has been at the member's disposal.

## XI ASSOCIATION BODIES, THEIR COMPOSITION AND THE MANNER OF CALLING ASSEMBLIES, ELECTING, RECALLING, AUTHORITY, THE MANNER OF DECISION-BRINGING AND DURATION OF A TERM OF OFFICE, AND THE MANNER OF CALLING THE ASSEMBLY IN THE EVENT OF THE EXPIRY OF A TERM OF OFFICE

### Article 17

The management bodies of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" are as follows:

- Assembly

- Committee
- Head of the Committee, at the same time acting as the Head of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"

### Article 18

The ASSEMBLY is the highest body of the Association. The Assembly consists of all Association members with business capability.

The Assembly meets once a year at a regular meeting, or more frequently, if necessary.

The Assembly meetings are called by the Committee, individually or upon the request of more than one fifth of the regular members.

If the Committee fails to call the Assembly meeting upon the request of more than one fifth of the regular members, it shall be called by the proponents.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Assembly shall appoint the chairman of the meeting, and the recording secretary, and if necessary other operative bodies as well.

The Assembly may bring valid decisions if at least half of the regular members are present at the meeting. The decisions are brought by a simple majority of votes cast by the present regular members. The Assembly is chaired by the assembly presidency. At the beginning the Assembly meeting, the manner of voting shall be determined. Voting can be public or secret.

The Assembly performs the following functions:

- beings and changes the Statute of the Association
- determines the development policy of the Association
- elects and recalls members of the Committee and the Head
- works on planning and implementing the programme for achieving the goals of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- considers and adopts the financial plan and the annual finance report
- considers and adopts reports on operations for the previous year
- decides on dissolution of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- performs other activities determined by the law or the Statute

### Article 19

COMMITTEE is the executive body of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", and it consists of 3 members and the Head of the Association. The term of office of the Committee is 4 years, and the same persons may be re-elected. The Committee shall meet at least once every 6 months, upon the call of the Head or one of the members of the Committee.

The Committee brings decisions by a simple majority of votes cast by all of the members of the Committee.

The Committee performs the following functions:

- determines the draft of the Statute, i.e. the draft of amendments to the Statute, and other general documents of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- takes care of the property-related issues, as well as the financial issues of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", and proposes the financial plan and the annual financial report for the Assembly to adopt
- coordinates the operation of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", and implements the decisions brought about by the Assembly

- monitors the implementation of the activities of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", and proposes programmes and development plans to the Assembly
- prepares reports on the operation of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" and submits them to the Assembly
- regulates founding and the manner of operation of the branches of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- brings decisions on Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" joining unions of associations
- brings decisions on temporary or permanent employment of staff
- decides on accepting and excluding members
- determines the amount of the membership fee
- answers to the Assembly for its activities

### Article 20

The HEAD of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" is also the head of the Committee. The Head is elected for the term of 4 years and may be re-elected.

The Head performs the following functions:

- coordinates the activities of the Committee and Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- represents Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" (if necessary, the Committee may give authority for representation to another member as well)
- answers to relevant state administration for financial business activities of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS"
- signs orders for payment of the assets held by Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" (in the Head's absence, relevant orders shall be signed, and in the events when the law requires so, co-signed by other persons the Committee elects as authorised representatives of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" in financial issues)
- answers to the Committee and the Assembly for his/her activities

If the Head is absent or prevented, the Head shall be replaced in all activities by a Member of the Association appointed by the Committee.

## XII ENGAGING PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

### Article 21

For the purpose of performing its business activities, Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" may employ workers necessary for such positions. The Committee decides on professional positions and employing the workers.

In the event of temporary needs for engaging large number of employees at certain positions, and upon the decision brought about by the Committee, additional employees can be engaged and paid as freelancers, in compliance with law.

Permanent or temporary employees do not have to be members of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS".

## XIII ELECTING AND RECALLING A LIQUIDATOR

## Article 22

A liquidator is a natural or a legal entity appointed by the Association Assembly, entered as liquidator into the Register of Association.

The liquidator does not have to be a member of the Association.

The liquidator represents the Association in the liquidation procedure, and if the liquidation procedure is initiated, it is entered into the Register of Associations as a person authorised for representing the Association until the completion of the liquidation procedure and deleting the Association from the Register of Associations.

The Assembly is authorised to recall the appointed liquidator for justified reasons and to appoint another person instead.

The Liquidator shall perform liquidation in compliance with the provisions of the Act on Associations.

## XIV DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Article 23

Reasons for the dissolution of the Association are as follows:

- decision on the dissolution of the Association brought about by the Assembly
- merger with or acquisition by another Association
- final court decision on the dissolution of the Association
- initiating bankruptcy proceedings
- upon the request of a member, if the number of Association members has dropped below the number of founders necessary for founding the Association.

## XV ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION, MANNER OF ACQUIRING AND DISPOSING OF ASSETS

### Article 24

For performing its activities, the Association shall acquire revenues and dispose of the assets that incurred from the membership fees, contributions and donations, sponsorship, financing from Croatian and foreign funds and foundations, and in any other legally permissible forms, and by performing the economic activity in compliance with the Statute.

The assets consist of: financial assets, real property, movable property and other property-related rights.

"DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS" is a non-profit organisation. All acquired revenues shall be allocated solely to the improvement of the economic activities of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS", to material expenses, expenses for salaries and freelancer fees, and, where possible, to supporting other business activities with goals related to the goals of Association "DANCE OF THE RHYTHMS".

If the Association achieves excess of revenues over expenditures in performing its business activity, according to this Statute such excess has to be used solely for achieving the goals stipulated in this Statute.

The Association shall keep business records and compile financial reports in compliance with the regulations determining the manner of financial business and keeping the accounts for non-profit organizations.

The Association shall be held liable for its obligations with all its assets. The members of the Association and the members of the bodies thereof shall not be liable for the obligations of the Association.

The Association and the head of the Association shall be held liable for the damages that incurred in the Association or that incurred to third parties by the Association in compliance with the general regulations on liability for damages.

## **XVI PROCEEDING WITH THE ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 25**

In the event of dissolution of the Association, after settling the creditors and the expenses of the liquidation procedure, and court and other procedures, the assets shall be handed over to an association, institution or foundation with the same or similar statutory goals, based on the decision brought by the Assembly, in compliance with this Statute.

The Association may not distribute the assets to its founders, members of the Association, authorised representatives, employees or related entities.

## **XVII MANNER OF SETTLING DISPUTES AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 26**

The Committee shall be responsible for settling disputes and conflict of interest within the Association.

The Committee may appoint a special panel consisting of three members for settling individual disputes or conflicts of interest.

A complaint may be filed to the Assembly of the Association against the decision brought about by the Committee within 30 days following the delivery of the decision.

The decision brought about by the Assembly is final.

## **XVIII REWARDS AND RECOGNITION GIVEN BY THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Article 27**

The Association may give rewards and recognition to its members, other organisations and citizens responsible for the development of the Association.



The decision on giving rewards and recognition is brought by the Assembly of the Association, upon the proposal of the Committee.

## XIX TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

### Article 28

The interpretation of this Statute is under the authority of the Committee.

This Statute shall come into force and shall be applicable from the date of entering this change into the Register of Associations by the relevant office.

By coming of this Statute into force, the Statute of the Association as of 1 September 2003 shall cease to be valid.

Head of the Association

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