

# ASSOCIATION CUISINE LAB STATUTES

## **Article 1: Constitution, seat and duration**

"CUISINE LAB" is a non-profit organization within the meaning of articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. Its headquarters are in the Canton of Geneva and its duration is unlimited.

## **Article 2: Purpose**

The aim of the association is to support intercultural dialogue, community development, social cohesion and integration, between local populations, migrants, and asylum-seekers (hereinafter referred to as residents) located in the canton of Geneva.

## **Article 3: Activities**

Any activity undertaken to promote social cohesion, community development, and integration of residents through cooking and other cultural activities.

## **Article 4: Members**

Anyone wishing to volunteer within the association may be a member. Individuals or corporate bodies interested in the aims of the association may also become members. To become a member applications for membership must be sent to the Committee. The application process is determined and conducted by the committee with guidance from the General Assembly. The application is then voted on by the committee at its regular committee meetings or another manner as determined by the committee. A majority vote by the committee admits the new members and keeps an up-to-date list. A 25 Swiss franc non-refundable yearly membership fee is required for members that have been approved by the Committee, the fee may be waived by the Committee in special circumstances. Membership confers on its members access to a once a year special member's only event. In addition Members have access to hosting events and participating in deciding which events take place.

## **Article 5: Loss of membership**

By a simple majority of the votes, the Committee has the power to pronounce the exclusion of a member who adopts behaviors contrary to the aims of the association, without giving reasons.

## **Article 6: Bodies of the association**

The organs of the association are:

- The General Assembly
- The Committee
- The Verification Body.

## **Article 7: General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the association. It is composed of all the members and meets in ordinary assembly at least once a year on convocation sent by the Committee to the members at least fifteen days before the assembly. The notice of meeting shall indicate the agenda. Individual proposals for the agenda must reach the Committee at least 10 days before the General Assembly.

The General Assembly may take its decisions also on items outside the agenda. The decisions are validly taken no matter the number of members present. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes present physically or by written proxy. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson, shall decide.

The General Assembly shall decide in particular:

- The election of the members of the Committee;
- The appointment of two auditors of the accounts;
- Approval of the annual report and accounts;
- The changes to the Committee's mandate;
- The release of the committee from its management;
- The amendment of the statutes; and
- The dissolution and liquidation of the association.

### **Article 8: Committee**

The association is headed by a committee. It is composed of three to eleven members. The committee aims to be composed of an odd number of members. The committee organizes its work according to the association's needs. The Committee shall appoint from among its members the President, Treasurer, Secretary and other representatives. Between general assembly meetings, the Committee may exceptionally add to its membership through cooptation to fill committee vacancies. Positions filled through the committee's cooptation finish out the remaining election term and must be voted at the next general assembly. The committee freely organizes their work and ensures the smooth running of the activities based on the General Assembly, to which the committee reports on its activity. The committee decides financial matters. The members of the Committee shall be elected for a renewable period of one year.

### **Article 9: Signatures**

The Association is validly bound by the collective signature of the Presidency and a member of the Committee. The Committee may designate other persons empowered to sign collectively with the President..

### **Article 10: Verification Body**

The audit is carried out by two auditors elected for the duration of a renewable year. The auditors shall examine the annual accounts and the report thereon; They shall also submit a report to the general meeting.

### **Article 11: Resources**

The association's resources consist of donations, grants, membership fees, proceeds from its activities, legacies and contributions in kind. Its commitments are guaranteed by its property, to the exclusion of any personal responsibility of its members.

### **Article 12: Amendments to the Statutes**

Any modification of the present statutes is submitted to the approval of the general assembly. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the members present is necessary for their adoption.

**Article 13: Dissolution and liquidation**

The dissolution of the association can only be decided by the general assembly insofar as this proposal is on the agenda. The dissolution of the association must be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the physically present members. The available assets will be entirely allocated to one or more institutions pursuing a public interest objective similar to that of the association and benefiting from the tax exemption. In no event shall the property be returned to the physical founders or the individual members, nor may it be used for their benefit wholly or in part in any manner whatsoever.

The present statutes were adopted by the general assembly of the association of 26 March 2017.