

**Statutes of the  
International Jacob Böhme Society e.V.  
Seat: Görlitz**

§ 1

Name, seat, business year, registration

1. the society has the name "Internationale Jacob-Böhme-Gesellschaft e.V."
- 2 The seat and place of jurisdiction of the Society is Görlitz.
3. the society is registered in the register of societys of the district court (Amtsgericht) Dresden.  
(registration number: 6666)
4. the business year is the calendar year.

§ 2

Purpose of the Society

1. the purpose of the society is to work on the person, work and effect of Jacob Böhme with scientific and cultural claim on a communal, regional and international level and to develop Görlitz to an international Jacob Böhme center.
2. the work and effect shall be made accessible to the public and made available for appropriation within the framework of academic, cultural and political discourse, cultural care, urban and regional development as well as educational institutions of the state, churches and other educational institutions.
3. the Society's task is to make a contribution to the maintenance of this cultural heritage that is recognizable to the public and to make its national and international significance clear in its topicality.
4. the scientific purpose is fulfilled by
  - Research on works and effects,
  - Publications on works and effects,
  - lectures, scientific lecture activity, symposia on work and effect,
  - the formation of a network for research, teaching and the dissemination of his writings.
5. the cultural purpose is fulfilled by the realization and promotion of events, activities and networks, which should lead to a broad occupation with Jacob Boehme in philosophical, religious and artistic regard and contribute to the improvement of the cultural, economic and political conditions of the care of the cultural heritage "Jacob Boehme" in his homeland and world-wide. In this sense, the Society is a public society.

§ 3

Non-profit status

1. the society pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes in the sense of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.
- (2) The Society shall act selflessly. It does not primarily pursue its own economic

purposes. The Society's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Articles of Society.

3. the members do not receive any benefits from the society's funds. No person may person may be favoured by expenditures which contradict the purpose of the society or by disproportionately high remunerations.

#### § 4

##### Membership

1. every adult, natural person or a legal entity can become a member.

2. the admission takes place after the presentation of a written declaration of membership by a written confirmation of the board. In case of refusal of membership, the board is not obliged to give reasons to the applicant. 3.

3. every member commits himself, within the scope of his possibilities, to support the aims and the purpose of the society and to make a contribution to the society.

and purpose of the society and to pay an annual fee, the amount and due date of which shall be

The amount and due date of which shall be determined by the General Meeting in a contribution regulation.

The society consists of ordinary and supporting members.

- Any natural person or legal entity can become an ordinary member, who is continuously involved in the realization of the goals of the society;

- Supporting member can be any natural or legal person who supports the goals of the society. of the society. Supporting members have no voting rights.

#### §5

##### Termination of membership

1. membership expires by death, resignation, exclusion or loss of legal capacity of the legal person. legal capacity of the legal entity.

2. the resignation must be declared in writing to the board. It is only possible at the end of of a calendar year, subject to one month's notice. 3.

3. a member can be excluded in the case of gross violation of the statutes and the interests of the society.

The general meeting decides on the exclusion of members with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the voting members. The member concerned must be given the members' meeting, the member concerned must be given the opportunity to make an oral or written written statement to be made known. 4.

4. a member can also be expelled by a decision of the board of directors, if he or she despite two reminders with the payment of the membership fee is in arrears. The exclusion is to be confirmed by the next general meeting with a simple majority and the

and the member must be informed in writing by registered letter to the last known address.  
in writing.

## §6

### Organs of the society

1. organs of the society are
  - the general meeting
  - the board of directors
  - the advisory board

## § 7

### General Meeting

1. the general meeting is the highest organ of the society.  
The ordinary general meeting shall be convened by the board at least once a year.  
convened. The invitation shall be made in writing within a period of 30 calendar days  
(postmark is valid) under indication of the agenda.
3. extraordinary general meetings can be called by the board or by at least  
1/3 of the ordinary members.

Extraordinary General Meetings must be announced to the members 14 calendar days  
14 calendar days (postmark applies) in advance, stating the agenda.  
agenda in writing.

4. requests for additions to the agenda must be submitted to the board at least 3 calendar days  
(postmark applies) prior to the general meeting.

3 calendar days (postmark applies) before the general meeting. 5.

5. each full member has one vote. The transfer of the exercise of the

The transfer of the exercise of the right to vote to other members in written form is permissible. 6.

6. the general meeting is always quorate, except in the cases mentioned in paragraph 7.

quorum. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Articles of Society, resolutions shall be passed by a  
simple majority of the votes cast.

majority of the votes cast.

If the general meeting does not have a quorum, the meeting shall be closed by the chairperson and  
may be

and may be rescheduled without notice or formalities. The members present  
members present shall constitute a quorum.

7. 33 BGB (German Civil Code) shall apply to resolutions on amendments to the Articles of  
Society. Only amendments that have been submitted in writing to all members prior to the general  
meeting may be voted on.

in writing before the general meeting.

8. the general meeting has in particular the following rights and duties:

- Election of the board and two auditors,

- Acceptance of the business and budget report,
- Acceptance of the auditors' report,
- Discharge of the Executive Board for the past fiscal year,
- Approval of the annual financial statement,
- Confirmation of the work plan and budget for the current fiscal year,
- Determination of membership fees and due dates according to § 4, 3 in a membership fee regulation,
- amendments to the statutes,
- exclusion of members according to § 5, paragraph 3 and 4,
- dissolution of the society.

9. the meeting of the members can punish the executive committee in case of violation of the statutes of the society

or resolutions of the general meeting with a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the votes. 10.

10. minutes of the general meeting must be taken and made available to all members. must be made available to all members.

The minutes must be signed by a member of the board and the person taking the minutes.

## § 8

### Board of Directors

1. the executive committee consists of up to 5 members. The executive committee in the sense of § 26 BGB

consists of

- the chairman (president),
- the vice-chairman (vice-president)
- the treasurer.

Each of these board members represents the society individually.

The board can be extended by up to 2 assessors.

The board is elected by the general meeting.

Only members of the society can become members of the board.

The members of the board are elected for a period of two years.

Re-election of the board members is allowed.

The elected board members remain in office until their successors take office.

If a member of the Board of Directors resigns during the fiscal year, a new member shall be elected in his or her place at an extraordinary meeting.

a new board member shall be elected at an extraordinary general meeting, which is to be convened by the board within 30 calendar days.

## § 9

### Responsibility of the Executive Board

1. the board is responsible for all matters of the society, as far as they are not assigned to another body by the statutes. Its tasks include

in particular:

- Preparation and convening of the general meeting as well as drawing up of the agenda,
- Execution of resolutions of the general meeting,
- preparation of a budget, preparation of the annual report and the annual financial statements annual financial statement, presentation of the annual plan,
- Adoption of resolutions on applications for membership, exclusion of members in accordance with § 5

Paragraph 4,

- Conclusion of contracts affecting the society.

2. the executive committee has a quorum if at least 2/3 of the members are present. It decides with a 2/3 majority.

3. the executive committee gives itself rules of procedure, in which the responsibilities and tasks in the executive committee are listed.

in the board are listed.

4. amendments to the articles of society required by supervisory, judicial or fiscal authorities for formal

The Executive Board may make amendments to the Articles of Society on its own initiative. 5.

(5) Resolutions of the Executive Board may also be adopted in writing or by telephone in cases of urgency

or by telephone if no member of the Executive Board objects. This shall not invalidate the provisions of § 11.

## § 10

### Resolutions

The resolutions passed in the general meetings and board meetings are to be recorded in writing and signed by the chairman of the meeting and the person taking the minutes of the meeting, including at least one member of the Executive Board.

## § 11

### Advisory Board

For the purpose of advising and supporting the Board of Directors or for the execution of various tasks, the Executive Board may appoint an Advisory Board.

- The Advisory Board shall be composed of persons who, on the basis of their professional position, their experience or special expertise in a particular to promote the purpose of the statutes. The cooperation is honorary.

- The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Executive Board. As a rule, their term of office ends

with that of the Executive Board.

- The advisory board elects a chairman of the advisory board by simple majority.

## § 12

### Assets

- (1) The assets of the Society shall consist of the assets contributed at the time of its founding, membership fees  
membership dues, gifts, donations, proceeds from collections, one-time or collections, one-time or ongoing contributions from public bodies, legacies, bequests, and other income.
2. the assets are indivisible. These funds and any profits from activities of the activities of the society may only be used for the statutory purposes listed in § 2.  
be used.

## § 13

### Tasks of the cash auditors / auditors

1. the cash auditors elected by the general meeting for a period of two years shall examine the cash transactions of the society for factual and arithmetical correctness. A  
The auditors shall carry out an audit at least once a year. About the result is in the the regular general meeting with a written report to be announced.  
to report.
2. cash auditors may not be members of the board.

## § 14

### Dissolution

1. the dissolution of the society is to be brought about by resolution of the general meeting with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the members entitled to vote.  
majority of the members entitled to vote. 2.
2. in the case of dissolution of the society or in the case of discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes the  
the Oberlausitzische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften (Upper Lusatian Society of Sciences), which shall use it exclusively  
exclusively and directly for non-profit purposes.

The amendments to the Articles of Society to be discussed and approved at the General Meeting on April 23, 2017 can be found in the text. A preliminary version of the revised bylaws presented here was approved at the January 12, 2008 General Membership Meeting.

We do not guarantee the accuracy of the translation of the German version of these Articles of our society.