



Articles of Incorporation

African Photographic Society, based in Basel, Switzerland
Im Lohnhof 7, 4051 Basel

1. Name and location

The African Photographic Society (APS) is an association based in Basel, existing as in compliance with Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

2. Purpose

The association aims to promote African photography projects and their international exchange and networking.

3. Funding

In order to pursue the association's objectives, the association has a members fee which is determined annually by the general assembly. Minimum contribution is CHF 100.–

4. Membership

Any legal person with an interest in African photography (understood as a photographic practice either based within Africa, or based outside of Africa with a reference to Africa) and with international promotion may become an active member with voting rights. Any natural person or legal person may become a passive member without voting rights, as long as the membership fee has been paid. Membership applications should be sent to the chairperson; admission is decided by the management board. The management board can invite natural persons to become honorary members or to become regular passive members of the advisory board.

5. Termination of membership

Membership expires:

- For natural persons through resignation, expulsion or death
- For legal persons through resignation, expulsion or dissolution
- For all persons after two consecutive non-payments of the membership fee

6. Withdrawal and expulsion

On 31 December every year, members have the opportunity to leave the association should they wish to do so. A withdrawal letter must be sent to the chairperson via registered post at least four weeks in advance. A member may be expelled from the association without explanation at any time. Decisions regarding expulsion fall to the management board; the member may take the expulsion decision to the general assembly.

7. Association bodies

The bodies of the association are:

- a) the general assembly
- b) the executive board
- c) the auditors
- d) the departments
- e) the advisory board
- f) honorary members

8. The general assembly

The highest body of the association is the general assembly. A regular general assembly is held annually. The location of the following year's meeting is decided at the general assembly of the previous year. Members receive a written invitation to the general assembly and a copy of the agenda two months in advance. The general assembly has the following inalienable duties:

- a) the selection and deselection of the board and the auditors
- b) adoption and amendment of statutes
- c) inspection and approval of the annual accounts and the auditors report
- d) decisions regarding the annual budget
- e) determination of the membership fee
- f) handling of expulsion appeals

Each member has one vote at the general assembly; a decision is passed by a simple majority. Passive members are invited to the annual general meeting, but do not have the right to vote. Active members may be represented by another active member as long as they notify the board in writing. (Incl. voting rights.)

9. The board

The board consists of a minimum of three persons, namely the chairperson, the vice chairperson and the actuary. The board represents the public face of the association and leads the current businesses.

10. The auditors

The general assembly annually elects two auditors who monitor the accounting records and who at least once a year carry out a spot audit.

11. Signature

The association is committed by the sole signature of the chairperson.

12. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the debts of the association. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

13. Statute changes

The present statutes may be amended if two thirds of the active members present at the annual general assembly approve the proposed amendment.

14. Dissolution of the association

The dissolution of the association can be decided if two thirds of all active members participate in the meeting. If less than two thirds of all members participate in the meeting, a second meeting must be held within a month. At this meeting the association can be dissolved by a simple majority if less than two thirds of the members are present. In case of the dissolution of the association, the association's assets go to an institution that pursues the same or a similar purpose.

15. Inception

These statutes were adopted on 15 August 2015 and came into effect on that date.

The first chairperson:

The second chairperson:

The actuary:

Head of Department
Archives & Research:

Head of Department
Publications & Media:

Head of Department
Awards & Competitions:

Head of Departement
Schools & Education:

Head of Departement
Festivals & Fairs:

Head of Departement
Collections & Museums:

Organisational chart

Advisory Board		Person A	Person B	Person C	Person D	Person E	
Board			First Chairperson	Second Chairperson	Actuary		
Departments	Archives & Research	Publications & Media	Awards & Competitions	Schools & Education	Technology	Festivals & Fairs	Collection & Museums
Member A Legal Persons	Institution A	Institution B	Institution C	Institution D	Institution E	Institution F	Institution G
	Institution I	Institution J	Institution K	Institution L	Institution M	Institution N	Institution O
	Institution P	Institution Q	Institution R	Institution S	Institution T	Institution U	Institution V
	Institution W	Institution X	Institution Y	Institution Z	Institution AA	Institution AB	Institution AC
Members B Natural Persons	Person I	Person J	Person K	Person L	Person M	Person N	Person O
	Person P	Person Q	Person R	Person S	Person T	Person U	Person V
Honorary Members		Person F	Institution AD	Person G	Institution AE	Person H	