

Name and headquarters

Article 1

Hope for the Babies International (HOBI) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is politically neutral, and non-denominational.

Article 2

The Organization's headquarters are located in the State of Geneva.
The association shall be of unlimited duration.

Purposes

Article 3

The association shall pursue the following aim(s):

- To increase the chances of survival of the newborn babies by keeping them warm.
- To increase antenatal care visits and deliveries by skilled birth attendants
- To increase the birth registration rates
- To provide opportunities for women to have income generating work
- To provide opportunities for women to learn about health
- To support establishments of networks of women
- To facilitate the connections between women

Resources

Article 4

The association's resources come from:

- donations
- legacies
- private and public subsidies
- any other resources authorized by the law

The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims.

Members

Article 5

Any physical or moral person may request to join if:

- (i) through their commitment or actions, they have proved their attachment to the aims of the Association
- (ii) they are not salaried by the Association.

The Association comprises:

- founding members

- active members
- honorary members
- associate members

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Committee. The Committee admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

Membership ceases:

- a) by written resignation notified to the Committee
- b) by exclusion ordered by the Committee, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the Committee's decision being notified

Only the assets of the Association may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

Organs

Article 6

The Association's organs are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Executive Committee,
- c) The auditor.

General Assembly

Article 7

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members.

It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, by decision of the Committee or at the request of one-fifth of the members.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Committee shall send notice of the meeting to members at least six weeks in advance. The convocation, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 8

The General Assembly:

- a) shall approve the admission and expulsion of members
- b) appoints the members of the Committee and elects, at a minimum, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer
- c) notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption
- d) approves the annual budget
- e) supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore
- f) appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts
- g) decides on any modification of statutes
- h) decides on the dissolution of the association

Article 9

The General Assembly is presided over by the president of the Association

Article 10

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 11

Votes are by a show of hands.

Article 12

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the general assembly must include:

- approval of the record of the previous General Assembly
- the Committee's annual report on activities
- report of the treasurer and of the auditor
- approval of the budget
- approval of reports and accounts
- election of Committee members and auditor
- other business

Committee

Article 13

The Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the association. It is authorized to manage the Organization's business.

Article 14

The Committee is composed of at least three members elected by the General Assembly. Each member's term of office shall last for one year and is renewable. The Committee meets as often as required.

Article 15

The Committee members act voluntarily and can only be compensated for their effective and travel costs.

The paid employees of the association have only a consultative vote in the committee.

Article 16

The functions of the Committee are:

- to take all measures to attain the goals of the Association
- to convene General Assemblies
- to take decisions with regard to admission of new members, to resignations of members, and to their possible expulsion
- to ensure the Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 17

The association shall be validly bound by the individual / joint signature of President and the treasurer

Various provisions

Article 18

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year. The treasurer is responsible for the finances of the association.

The auditor appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the Association's accounts every year.

Article 19

In the case of the association being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organisation pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the organisation benefiting from tax

exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.

The present Statutes have been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of 18 January 2020