
Nepalmed
Registered Charity
Articles of Association

1. Name, Registration, Purpose and Financial Year.

The Association's registered name, hereafter referred to, is **Nepalmed**. It has been registered as e.V. in Grimma, Saxony, Germany, since 2000.

The Association's primary function is the maintenance of contact between the German Federal Republic and Nepal. The Association pursues exclusively and directly tax-free charitable objectives to provide comprehensive community health services, personal development and business training, including female, cultural and economic issues, education and scientific research. In addition, the Association promotes international tolerance and understanding. The Association is independent in its activities. It is not a commercial, for profit, organisation. Its resources can only be used for the achievement of its objectives. Other than the reimbursement of valid and justifiable expenses incurred in the fulfilment of the Association's objectives, the Association's members receive no financial benefit from the Association's funds.

Nepalmed's financial year is the calendar year: January 1st to December 31st.

2. Membership.

Membership is open to private individuals and public bodies who seek to further the interests of the connection between the Federal Republic and Nepal. Corporate bodies may also sponsor the Association.

Admission is by means of a written application with membership confirmed to the applicant in writing.

Membership ceases:

1. With the member's death.
2. By a resignation, confirmed in writing at the year's end.
3. By termination. Membership may only be terminated after a full hearing of the management committee. The member has the right of appeal within a month of the committee's notification.
4. By the member's failure to pay two years' subscription.
5. When the subscription remains unpaid and all contact with the member has been lost.

3. Honourary Members.

Honourary membership may be granted at the Committee's discretion to members who have given exemplary service to the Association.

4. Member's Contributions.

Each member shall pay an annual subscription, the amount to be decided by the Management Committee. All subscriptions are due at the beginning of the financial year. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Committee. Members leaving during the year are not entitled to a refund.

Honourary members do not pay a subscription. Donations from those promoting the Association will be at the Committee's discretion.

5. Notice of the Committee's decisions.

Notices of the Committee's decisions are given at the Annual General Meeting.

6. The Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Committee's general meeting is convened annually with at least eight days' notice in writing.

The AGM shall:

1. Vote members on to the committee,
2. Decide the annual subscription,
3. Accept the annual accounts and review the Committee's discharge of its duties,
4. Review any rule changes,
5. Make any decision about the Associations dissolution.

Each member of the Association has one vote and may hold proxy votes on behalf of up to three other members providing a written authority has been received in each case. Apart from Article 11, matters will be decided by a simple majority vote of those present and the proxy votes held. In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson's vote shall be final.

All decisions shall be minuted and signed by two committee members and one other person attending.

7. The Committee.

The Committee shall comprise a minimum of a Chairperson plus a deputy and a Treasurer. The Committee can have a maximum of ten members voted for by the registered membership.

Committee membership shall be for a term of not more than three years.

Decisions are confirmed by a simple majority vote when a minimum of two members are present. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson's vote shall be final. For ordinary and extraordinary general meetings the Chairperson or deputy plus one other member shall suffice.

8. Honourary Members' Activities.

Honourary members may undertake any of the Association's activities. Members may only receive reasonable reimbursement for activities undertaken. Members shall not benefit from any of the Associations income or assets.

9. Working groups.

Non-Grimma members may form working or research groups with clearly defined terms and conditions to further the aims and objectives of the Association. Non-members of the Association may be co-opted to these groups.

10. Terms of Reference Changes and Dissolution of the Association.

A decision to change the terms of reference or for the dissolution of the Association requires the agreement of at least three-quarters of the members. All members must be party to the decision with those unable to attend a meeting giving their decisions in writing.

11. Disposal of the Association's Assets upon Dissolution.

Upon the Association's dissolution or termination or following its inability to meet its objectives any assets in excess of its liabilities shall be transferred to the German Red Cross. With the members' agreement this process may be undertaken with the assistance of Grimma finance office.

12. Director.

The day-to-day business of the Association may be undertaken by an appointed director who may also be a member of the Association.

Effective Date of Registration.

The above Articles are registered under Section 21ff of the German Civil Code with the Register of Associations with effect from August 30th 2,000.

The last update being July 18th, 2007.
