

# ZWEITZEUGEN e.V. membership fee regulations

## § 1 Principle

These **ZWEITZEUGEN e.V.** membership fee regulations are not part of the articles of association. It regulates the contribution obligations of the members as well as their amount and due date. They can only be amended by the Association's Board of Directors, which is authorized by the General Meeting.

As stated in the Articles of Association, membership fee increases can only be decided for the following year and only by July 31 of the previous year. All members will be informed of any fee increases within one month of the decision. This applies to supporting members, ordinary members and corporate members.

## § 2 Amount of contributions

The minimum annual membership fee for private supporting members and full members is

- Honorary members: € 0
- Children from 8 to 13 years: € 0,
- Young people from 14 to 17 years: € 12,
- Adults aged 18 and over: € 30.

The minimum annual amount for corporate memberships from the private sector is

- Up to 300 employees: €300
- Up to 1000 employees: €1,000
- More than 1000 employees: €5,000

The minimum annual contribution for corporate memberships from the public sector and/or local government is

- 60 €

## § 3 Start of membership

Membership begins for private individuals upon receipt of the first membership fee.

Applications for membership from companies require prior examination by the Board of Directors on the basis of the Association's Code of Ethics. Companies must acknowledge these by means of a legally binding signature when submitting their application.

## § 4 Due date of payments

*1. all payments of contributions must be made to the association account. Reminders for overdue payments will be sent by the membership administration. Contribution arrears of at least one year may lead to termination of membership, as stipulated in the Articles of Association.*

2 Membership fees are charged in the current calendar year. Private supporting members and full members can choose the payment cycle. There is a choice between annual, quarterly and monthly payment. Corporate members pay their contribution annually in a single payment.

As a rule, contributions are paid by SEPA direct debit. Exceptions are only possible in justified cases.

In the case of monthly payments, the amount is collected on the 15th of each month.

Collections for quarterly payments are made on the following dates:

15.1. / 15.4. / 15.7. / 15.10.

In the case of an annual payment, collection takes place on 15.1. of each year.

3. the first contribution payment is due for all memberships 4 weeks after registration of membership and for the then current cycle. Thereafter, payments are collected as specified under 2.

Examples:

For a monthly payment:

Registration on 12.04. / First contribution payment is made on 10.05. for the month of May. The next contribution payment is made on 15.06.

In the case of quarterly payment:

Registration on 12.04. (in the 2nd quarter) / First contribution payment is made on 10.05. for the current 2nd quarter. Next contribution payment on 15.07. for the 3rd quarter.

Registration on 14.06. (in the 2nd quarter) / First contribution payment is made on 12.07. for the current 3rd quarter. Next contribution payment is made on 15.10. for the 4th quarter.

For an annual payment:

Registration on 12.04. / First contribution payment is made on 10.05. for the current year. Next contribution payment on 15.01. of the following year.

Registration on 07.12. / First contribution payment on 04.01. for the current year. Next contribution payment on 15.01. of the following year.

## **§ 5 Termination of membership and change of membership fee**

1. according to the articles of association, membership must be terminated with three months' notice to the end of the financial year (December 31), i.e. by September 30 of the current year, in order to take effect for the following year. This applies to all forms of membership. If notice of termination is given in due time, the obligation to pay contributions ends at the end of the financial year in which the notice of termination was submitted. If notice of termination is not given in due time, the obligation to pay membership fees shall remain in force for the following financial year and shall only end at the end of the following financial year.

2. in view of the security of the association's financial planning, a reduction of the membership fee down to the minimum fee is also only possible for the following year and with a notice period of three months to the end of the financial year (December 31), i.e. by September 30 of the current year.