

Statutes

German-Jamaican Society

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§ 1

Name and Residence of the Association

The association bears the name "German-Jamaican Society e.V." The residence of the society is Bonn. It is entered in the register of associations.

§ 2

The Purpose of the Association

The purpose of the German-Jamaican Society e.V. is to deepen the relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and Jamaica, especially in the political, cultural, economic, and social areas.

In pursuit of this end

- the society endeavors to regularly inform its members about the current situation in Jamaica.
- the society organizes events for members and non-members.
- the society works towards an objective representation of Jamaica in the mass media in the Federal Republic.
- the society promotes contacts between the people of the two countries.
- the society looks after Jamaican students and interns temporarily resident in Germany.
- the company supports development policy initiatives in Germany insofar as they relate to Jamaica.
- the society provides assistance with the implementation of development projects in Jamaica.

§ 3

The Membership

Membership can be acquired by natural persons regardless of their nationality and by legal persons regardless of their residence. In the case of natural persons, the presidium decides on admission to the society, in the case of legal persons the presidium provisionally, and the general assembly finally decides.

The resignation can take place at any time by means of a written declaration to the Presidium. The general assembly can exclude a member for an important reason. In such a case, the Presidium can provisionally expel a member if it is urgent.

§ 4

The Membership Fee

The membership fee is determined by the general meeting.

§ 5

The General Meeting

The regular general assembly is called by the executive committee at least once a year. At the request of a third of all members, an extraordinary general meeting is to be called. The invitations to the general meetings are made in writing with a notice period of three weeks. Every properly convened (ordinary or extraordinary) general assembly has a quorum. The general assembly is chaired by the president or the vice-president or, if they are unable to attend, another member of the presidium. The general assembly decides on all matters of the society, as far as these cannot be dealt with by the executive committee on its own authority. The general assembly elects the presidium and two cash auditors who are not allowed to be members of the presidium at the same time. The cash auditors report to the general meeting regarding the result of the audit. Minutes are to be drawn up about the resolutions of the general assembly and signed by the executive committee.

§ 6

The Presidium

The Presidium is composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and up to five assessors. The number of assessors is determined by the general assembly.

The presidium must include at least two Germans and two Jamaicans. The members of the presidium are elected for a period of two years by the regular general assembly. In the event of early departure of members of the Presidium, new Presidium members can be co-opted by the Presidium. This must be confirmed by the following general meeting.

The Presidium conducts the society's business on a voluntary basis. The president or his deputy are the executive board within the meaning of §26 BGB and represent the society in and out of court. The Presidium is convened by the President. It meets at least twice a year. There is only a quorum if at least four members of the Presidium are present.

§ 7

Members of the Honorary Board

The general assembly can elect persons who have made a special contribution to maintaining relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and Jamaica as members of the Honorary Board. The respective ambassador of Jamaica in the Federal Republic of Germany belongs to the Honorary Board of the society.

§ 8

Commissions

The Presidium can set up commissions for special tasks or for individual subject areas. After consulting and voting, they submit their proposals to the Presidium.

§ 9

The right to vote

Every member of the society is entitled to vote in the general assembly. Unless otherwise regulated in these statutes, decisions are made with a simple majority of the members present.

§ 10

Contact persons

For individual regions and cities in the Federal Republic and for Jamaica, members are appointed as contact persons by the general assembly.

§ 11

Non-profit

The society is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue economic purposes. It pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section on tax-privileged purposes of the tax code. The members may not receive any profit shares from the funds of the society. If they leave or if the association is dissolved, they have no claim to the association's assets. The association's funds may only be used for statutory purposes. No person may be favoured by information that is alien to the purposes of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 12

Amendments to the statutes

The statutes of association can be changed by the general assembly with a two-thirds majority of the voting members present.

§ 13

The Termination

The termination of the society can be decided by the general meeting with two thirds of the voting members of the society. In the event of the termination or annulment of the association or if its previous purpose ceases to exist, the company's assets go to the SOS Children's Villages organization, which has to use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes in Jamaica.