

BaCuLit-Assoziation e.V.

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Statute

Preamble

BaCuLit wants to make its contribution to increase the literacy competence of students in Europe, so that „European Education Benchmarks“ for 2020 can be reached [Low achievers in basic skills: „By 2020, the share of low-achieving 15-years olds in reading, mathematics and science should be less than 15%.“]

§ 1 (Name and registered office)

The association carries the name BaCuLit Association. The Name originates from an EU project for the development of a „Basic Curriculum for Teachers´ In-service Training in Content Area Literacy in Secondary Schools.

The association should be incorporated into the register of association and will carry the addition e.V.”. The association is located at Cologne.

§ 2 (Business year)

The business year is the calendar year.

§ 3 (Purpose of the association)

The association exclusively and directly follows non-profit purposes in the sense of the clause “tax sheltered purposes” of the tax code. The purpose of the association is the advancement of science and research, education, national and vocational education.

The purpose of the articles of association will be realised especially through the provision and further development of a “BaCuLit Concept” that will strengthen the idea of promoting literacy skills in the advanced training of teachers. For example through the following activities:

- Transferring the international current state of research concerning Content Area Literacy into the educational-standards and into the materials for the teacher training,
- Developing a training-course for teachers to become “BaCuLit trainers” („literacy expert“),
- Updating the existing BaCuLit curriculums (including its materials) on the basis of the current state of research,

- Controlling the quality of the trademark “BaCuLit” by granting certificates to teachers and trainers and by defining and reviewing the particular standards that should be fulfilled,
- Developing a research strategy to evaluate and advance the BaCulit concept,
- Supporting the BaCuLit community by supplying newsletters continuously and materials on a (password-controlled?) homepage.

§ 4 (Altruistic activity)

The activities of the association are altruistic; it does not primarily follow economic purposes.

§ 5 (Allocation of resources)

The resources of the association may only be used for purposes that are mentioned in the articles. The members do not receive any payments from the resources of the association.

§ 6 (Prohibition of favouritism)

No person must be favoured with expenditures that do not belong to the purposes of the association, or that are disproportionately high.

§ 7 (Attainment of membership)

Cooperate bodies and natural persons can become members of the association. Cooperate bodies are the present and future BaCuLit partners in terms of the EU project, which contribute to the advancement of the BaCuLit concept.

The application for admission must be emitted in written form. The board of directors decides on the application for admission. A denial must not be justified, but applicants have the right for an appeal at the meeting of members that makes the final decision.

§ 8 (End of membership)

The membership ends with the exit, exclusion, death or breakup of the cooperate body.

The exit must be emitted in written form to a member of the board of director who is authorised to represent. The written exit declaration must be emitted to the board of director at the time of one month to the end of the particular business year.

An exclusion can only result from an important cause. Important causes are especially behaviours that harm the goals of the association, violations of responsibilities from the articles or membership-fee arrears of at least one year. The board of directors decides upon an exclusion. Members have the right for an appeal at the meeting of members that has to be emitted in written form to the board of directors. The meeting of the members makes a final decision within the scope of the association. The members can reassess the decision by calling the ordinary courts of law. By calling the courts of law the decision is deferred until the validity of the court decision.

§ 9 (Fees)

Fees have to be paid by the members. The amount and the settlement date of the fees are being defined by the meeting of members.

§ 10 (Institutions of the association)

Institutions of the association are

- the meeting of members
- the board of directors
- the branch office.
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§ 11 (Meeting of members)

The meeting of members is the highest institution of the association. Their duties and responsibilities are in particular: the election and voting out of the board of directors, the discharge of the board of directors, acceptance of the reports from the board of directors, election of a cash auditor, fixation of height of fees and their settlement date, resolution about the change of articles, resolution about the annulment of the association, decision about acceptance and exclusion of members in case of an appeal, as well as other duties, as long as they resolve from these articles or from law.

Annual meetings should occur within one year of the previous meeting. Nevertheless, it is capable of acting via electronic communication. Such a decision-making process can be initiated by every BaCuLit-Member. After having received the question to be decided the members will have 21 days for communicating their decisions. The partners submit their decisions electronically to the chairman/woman of the board of directors and in copy to all BaCuLit members in order to secure transparency. The chairman/woman of the board of directors will count the votes and communicate the results electronically. A simple majority of the delivered votes is necessary. Vote abstentions remain out of consideration

The board of directors must levy an extraordinary meeting of members, if at least one third of the members demand this in written form and with allegation of reasons. The board of directors will levy the meeting of members within the time of one month in written form with the allegation of an agenda. The deadline begins a day after the dispatch of the letter of invitation. The letter of invitation is being classified as received by the members, if it was sent to the address that was last given to the association. The agenda has to be completed, if a member demands this in written form at least one week prior to the fixed date. The addition has to be announced at the beginning of the meeting. Applications concerning the voting out of the board of directors, concerning changes of the articles and the annulment of the association that have not been announced in the invitation of the meeting of members, can only be decided upon at the next meeting of members.

The meeting of members has a quorum no matter how many members attend the meeting. The meeting is being managed by a member of the board of directors. At the beginning of the meeting of members a recording clerk has to be appointed. Each member has one vote. The voting right can only be carried out personally or from another member, if a certificate of authority can be presented.

In a ballot a simple majority of the delivered votes are necessary. Changes of the articles and the annulment of the association can only be decided with a 2/3-majority of the present members. Vote abstentions or invalid votes remain out of consideration.

A record concerning the decisions of the meeting of the members has to be written and signed by the head of the meeting and the recording clerk.

§ 12 (Board of directors)

The board of directors as defined by § 26 BGB consists of a 1st and 2nd Chairman/-woman and a cashier. They represent the association judicial and extrajudicial. Two members of the board of directors represent together. Further directors can be elected.

The board of directors will be elected from the meeting of members for the time of one year. Only members of the association can become members of the board of directors. A re-election is possible. The board of directors stays in charge, until a new board of directors is elected. With the end of the membership in the association the function as a member of the board of directors also ends.

§ 13 (Branch office)

The board of directors names a branch office that is in charge of the following duties within the framework of its resolutions:

- Coordinating the development of the curriculum, preparing of working groups, which have been appointed by the council,
- Assessing the current development of suggestions of improvement,
- Controlling the consistent quality standards, by analysing evaluation materials, supervising or assigning external experts,
- Operating an internal information platform for activities, achievements, problems of the individual BaCuLit-Partners,
- Representing BaCuLit on the European level, contact person for interested parties, press, political representatives, etc.
- Attracting sponsors and obtaining government payments for the whole consortium,
- Managing the content of the English international BaCuLit website,
- Documenting the usage of funds of the association (§9).

§ 14 (Cash audit)

The meeting of members elects a cash auditor for the time of one year. The cash auditor is not allowed to be part of the board of directors. A re-election is possible.

§ 15 (Annulment of the association)

With the annulment of the association or the abolishment of the association or if the tax-privileged purpose is ceased to exist the assets of the association are given to the “Stiftung Lesen” that can use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

Place, date