

§1 General

1. The name of the association (German *Verein*) is "NewPipe e.V."
2. The seat of the association is Hamburg, German.
3. The association is to be registered in the Register of Associations (German *Vereinsregister*) of Hamburg. After registration, "e. V." shall be added to the name.
4. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§2 Purpose of the association

1. The purpose of the association is the promotion of technologies, in particular Free Software, which enables and simplifies the use of digital media. This is to be realized in particular through the following measures:
 - Organizing public relations events, conferences and congresses
 - The promotion of project groups that develop technologies in line with the purpose of the association, in particular through financial contributions to collaborators
 - Carrying out public relations work and providing advertising materials for projects in line with the purpose of the association
 - Providing digital infrastructure for public use and for projects in line with the purpose of the association
 - Supporting non-profit organizations that work on free media technologies in line with the purpose of the association
 - Coordination and material support of volunteer groups that pursue the same goals, for example by providing rooms and organizing events

§3 Data protection policy

1. In order to fulfill the purposes and tasks of the association, personal data is processed in compliance with the provisions of the data protection laws applicable at the association's seat.
2. The association has a data protection policy.
3. The general meeting shall decide on the data protection guideline once when it is introduced.
4. The board shall decide on any changes and inform the members at the following general assembly.

§4 Membership

1. Natural and legal persons can become members of the association. A distinction is made between ordinary members, supporting members and honorary members.
2. Legal entities can only be accepted as supporting members. They must appoint a person to represent them who will exercise the remaining rights and obligations.
3. Only natural persons may become honorary members.
4. Minors may become members of the association, provided that their legal representatives consent to their membership.
5. The board shall decide on admission as a member, which must be applied for in writing. There is no legal entitlement to admission. The board is entitled to refuse admission to the association without giving reasons. The applicant may lodge an appeal against a rejection, which shall be decided by the next general assembly.
6. The association communicates with members and vice versa via e-mail. Members are obligated to keep this contact address up to date. The association reserves the right to collect and process further data required for the administration of membership. 1 Membership is suspended if membership fees are not paid on time.
7. The membership ends

- by voluntary resignation, which must be declared in writing or in text form with a notice period of 3 months to the end of the calendar year,
- by exclusion. The exclusion of a member takes place with immediate effect and for important reason. It is carried out by resolution of the board in the following cases: Impairment of the purposes and objectives of the association through the member's own behavior, outstanding payment of contributions for more than 6 months despite reminders. An objection to the exclusion can be raised at the general assembly within 4 weeks,
- the death of the member,
- the dissolution or loss of legal capacity of legal entities, trading companies or associations of persons, or
- dissolution of the association.

8. Upon termination of membership, for whatever reason, all claims arising from the membership relationship shall lapse. Reimbursement of contributions, donations or other support payments is excluded. This does not affect the association's entitlement to outstanding contributions.

§6 Bodies of the association

1. The bodies of the association are the general assembly and the executive board (*called board in this document*).

§7 General assembly

1. All members of the association are part of the general assembly. Supporting members and honorary members have the right to participate and the right to speak, but no passive or active voting rights. All other association members have active and passive voting rights and one vote each.
2. The general assembly will be convened at least once per fiscal year and shall take place virtually. It is convened by the board including the provisionally set agenda. The notice period is 14 days. The invitation is sent electronically by email.
3. The assembly is lead by a member of the board or a chairperson appointed by the general assembly.
4. An exceptional general assembly must be convened if the interests of the association so require or if at least 10% of the members request the meeting in text form, stating the purpose and reasons. The board must then convene the exceptional general assembly within six weeks. The invitation must contain the stated purposes. The provisions of §7 shall apply accordingly to the convening and holding of the exceptional general assembly.
5. the general assembly shall be responsible for
 1. acceptance of the annual report and cash report, approval of the annual financial statements and discharge of the board,
 2. the approval of the budget,
 3. setting the amount of the membership fees,
 4. the enactment of contribution regulations,
 5. the election and dismissal of the members of the board and the auditors,
 6. passing resolutions on amendments to the statute and on the dissolution of the association,
 7. passing resolutions on motions submitted by members, and
 8. passing of resolutions on appeals against a decision to exclude members from or refuse

admission to the association by the board.

6. Any duly convened general meeting shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present.
7. The general assembly passes its resolutions by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions are counted as invalid votes. In the event of a tie, the motion counts as rejected.
8. If no one in elections has received more than half of the valid votes casted, a run-off vote shall be held between the two candidates who have received the most votes. The candidate who has received the most votes is then elected.
9. The manner of voting shall be determined by the leader of the meeting, unless the statute stipulate otherwise.
10. A member of the board draws up a protocol in which the resolutions passed are recorded. The protocol must be made available to all members.

§8 Executive Board

1. The board consists of at least two and a maximum of four members. They are the board in accordance with §26 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches - BGB). Each of them is authorized to represent the company individually.
2. The total size of the board shall be determined by the general assembly prior to its election.
3. The term of office is one year. At the end of this period, the board shall remain in office on an interim basis until a new board is elected.
4. Re-election of board members is permitted. The incumbents shall remain in office until they resign or until the next election. If a member of the board resigns before the end of their term of office, the remaining members of the board may appoint an acting member of the board until the regular elections. Members of the board appointed in this way shall remain in office until the next election.
5. The members of the board work exclusively on an honorary basis.
6. Only ordinary members of the association who have reached the age of 18 may be elected to the board.
7. The duties of the board include the day-to-day management of the association, the implementation of resolutions, the administration of the association's assets and the passing of resolutions on all association matters that are not reserved for the general assembly.
8. The board may, with their consent, appoint members of the association to support and perform its duties, either on a permanent basis or for a limited period of time.
9. The board may adopt its own rules of procedure, which define its procedures and division of tasks. The adoption, amendment and repeal of the rules of procedure require a unanimous resolution.
10. The meetings of the board shall be convened as required, but at least every six months, electronically the chairperson with notification of the provisional agenda. A notice period of at least one week must be observed. If the meeting has been duly convened, it has a quorum regardless of the number of members present. The meeting shall be lead by a member of the board.
11. Every member has the right to attend board meetings. For legal reasons and, in particular, to protect the privacy of other members, it is possible to discuss agenda items without the attendance of members who are not part of the board.
12. A protocol shall be kept of the resolutions. All members shall be provided with a copy containing all topics discussed, excluding those without the attendance of non-board members.

§9 Cash audit

1. The cash auditor has the task of auditing accounting documents and their proper booking, the use of funds and, in particular, to determine the correct use of funds in accordance with the statute and tax regulations. The audit does not extend to the appropriateness of the expenses incurred by the board. The cash auditor must inform the general assembly of the results of the cash audit. The auditor may not be a member of the board and may not be an employee of the association.
2. The board shall convene an exceptional general assembly without delay if the auditor so requests in text form, stating the purpose and reasons. The request is only admissible if the need to convene a meeting arises from a cash audit.

§10 Internationalization

1. As an international association, internal communication takes place in English. This includes meetings and their protocols, communication with members, the budget, as well as calculations and reports prepared by all bodies, the membership fee regulations and the data protection guidelines.
2. Elections and votes are conducted electronically. Members of the bodies may request that elections and votes be conducted without a roll call.

§11 Dissolution, termination for other reasons

1. In the event of dissolution of the association, the association's assets shall be transferred to the association "Free Software Foundation Europe e.V.", Schönhauser Allee 6/7, 10119 Berlin.
2. A two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the general assembly is required to dissolve the association. The agenda must explicitly include dissolution as an item for discussion.

§12 Final provision

1. The general assembly of the association adopted the articles of association in their present form on November 5, 2022.
2. The board is instructed to have the statute entered in the register of associations.
3. The board is authorized to make minor editorial and/or content changes to the statute, provided that they must comply with a requirement of the registry court or an authority. The general assembly must be informed of these changes.

The above statute is consistent with the unchanged provisions of the most recently submitted one and the amended provisions in accordance with the resolution on the amendment of the statute dated 10.02.2024.