

Articles of Association
German Society of Glass Technology
Deutsche Glastechnische Gesellschaft e. V. (DGG)

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I. Name and registered office

§ 1

The "Deutsche Glastechnische Gesellschaft e. V." (DGG) is a technical and scientific association. It has its registered office in Offenbach am Main.

The association year is the calendar year.

II. Purpose and tasks

§ 2

The purpose of the society is the maintenance and promotion of technical and scientific work in the field of glass production and processing.

It pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.

The society is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular by

- Organizing lectures and conferences,
- Forming specialist committees,
- Issuing publications,
- Cooperation with persons, societies, associations and institutes in Germany and abroad that deal with technology, science and art in the field of glass,
- Promoting the education and training of glass experts,
- Further education, networking and the promotion of young talent in the field of glass.

The society awards the "Otto Schott Memorial Coin" based on an existing foundation.

III. Membership

§ 3

The Association comprises: ordinary members,

supporting members,
honorary members.

- a. Individuals from Germany and abroad may become *ordinary members*, provided their activities are related to glass science.
- b. *Supporting members* can be authorities, institutes, associations as well as domestic and foreign companies, corporations and associations that are involved in the manufacture, testing, processing and distribution of glass or act as suppliers to these groups. Supporting members have the same rights as ordinary members with the exception of voting rights.
- c. *Honorary members* may be appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the General Meeting.
Honorary members have all the rights of ordinary members. They are not obliged to pay the membership fee.

The application for admission to the Association must be submitted in writing to the office. The Executive Board shall decide on the application.

Apart from the dissolution of a legal entity or the death of the member, membership expires by

- a) voluntary resignation from the association,
- b) exclusion.

A member may only resign with a notice period of 1/4 year to December 31 of a given year. Notice of resignation must be submitted in writing to the DGG office.

After prior consultation with the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may expel a member who violates the duties of the members and the purpose of the Association.

§ 4

All members of the Society have the following equal rights:

1. Participation in the Society's events,
2. Subscription to the Society's publications, in particular the Society's organ,
3. to receive other publications, in particular those published with the support of the Society by external publishers.

Members enjoy preferential rates when exercising these rights.

IV. Organs

§ 5

The organs of the Society are

- a) the Executive Board,
- b) the Board of Directors,
- c) the General Meeting,
- d) the Managing Director.

a) Executive Board

§ 6

The Executive Board consists of four to seven members, from which a chairman, deputy chairman and treasurer are elected.

The chairman is the legal representative of the association in the sense of § 26 BGB. He has the right to appoint another member of the Executive Board to take responsibility for the management of the business at any time.

§ 7

The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Meeting by simple majority. The term of office is three years and ends at the end of the General Meeting that decides on the third year of the Association since the election. Re-election is permitted.

The Board of Directors works on an honorary basis.

b) Board of Directors

§ 8

The Board of Directors consists of six members to be elected by the General Meeting and the chairpersons of the technical committees.

The task of the Board of Directors is to advise the Board of Directors in the fulfillment of its duties.

The term of office of the elected members is the same as that of the Board of Directors.

The Board Council performs its duties on an honorary basis.

The Board of Directors elects a spokesperson from among its members. The spokesperson of the Board Council attends Board meetings as a guest without voting rights.

c) General Meeting

§ 9

The society shall hold an annual general meeting. The General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Board. The members shall be invited in text form or by a notice in the company's organ, stating the place, time and agenda.

There shall be a period of 14 days between the date of dispatch or publication of the invitation and the date of the meeting, not including the date of dispatch and the date of the meeting.

§ 10

The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairman or his deputy. In their absence, the General Meeting elects a chairperson.

Each ordinary member and honorary member has one vote. It is not possible to transfer votes in their absence. Resolutions are passed by a majority of the votes cast; abstentions and invalid votes are not counted. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chairman of the meeting shall be decisive.

The resolutions of the General Meeting must be recorded in writing and signed by at least two members, including the chair of the meeting if possible.

Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by the Executive Board at any time if the interests of the society are so required.

d) Managing Director

§ 11

The Board of Directors may appoint and dismiss a managing director to carry out certain ongoing business. The managing director is a representative within the meaning of § 30 BGB. The Managing Director is subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. In all other respects, the day-to-day business to be conducted by the Managing Director shall be determined by the rules of procedure issued by the Board of Directors.

V. Technical committees

§ 12

The main focus of the society's activities lies in its technical and scientific work. It is supported by the technical committees.

After consulting the Board of Directors, the Executive Board determines the number, scope and areas of work of the individual technical committees. In the technical committees, recognized experts in the individual technical fields put their experience at the service of the joint work.

The members of the specialist committees are appointed by the Executive Board of the society. The procedure is regulated by the rules of procedure of the technical committees of

the DGG. They are proposed by the Executive Board and adopted by the General Meeting.

Each specialist committee elects its chairman, deputy chairman and secretary from among its members, who must be members of the DGG.

The chairpersons are also entitled to involve non-members in the work of the technical committees.

The members of the Executive Board are entitled to attend all meetings of the technical committees.

VI. Contributions

§ 13

The funds of the Association are raised through

- a) Annual membership fees,
- b) voluntary donations.

The annual membership fees shall be determined in a membership fee schedule to be adopted by the General Meeting. Students of universities of applied sciences and universities and pensioners are entitled to a reduced membership fee.

Membership fees for the current calendar year must be sent to the office specified by the Executive Board by January 31. Members who are admitted in the second half of the year pay only half the membership fee for the year of admission.

Society funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the Articles of Association. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Society's funds.

No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the Society or from disproportionately high remuneration.

VII. Amendment of the Articles of Association and dissolution of the Association

§ 14

The Articles of Association may be amended at any General Meeting with a majority of 3/4 of the votes present. Motions for amendment may be submitted for inclusion in the agenda

- a) by the Board of Directors,
- b) by members who have at least 1/5 of all votes.

Motions to amend the Articles of Association must be submitted in good time so that they can be delivered to each member in accordance with the deadline and form stipulated in § 9.

The dissolution of the association can only be decided by an extraordinary general meeting with a 3/4 majority of the votes cast.

If the Association is dissolved or abolished or if its tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets of the Association shall be transferred to the Hüttentechnische Vereinigung der Deutschen Glasindustrie e. V., which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

VIII. Publishing activities

§ 15

In order to promote its tasks, the Company maintains a publishing house that is separate from the business operations of the Company and is named

"Publishing House of the German Society of Glass Technology"

Its activities are limited to publications (books and journals) in the field of glass technology.

IX. General provisions

§ 16

Unless otherwise stipulated in the Articles of Association, the statutory provisions shall apply.

The place of performance for all legal transactions arising from the Articles of Association is Offenbach am Main.