

## ***Statutes for the association***

# **Global Grand Central non-profit**

Global Grand Central non profit is the governing body of the Global Grand Central online platform.

## **§ 1 *The name of the association***

*The name of the association is: "Global Grand Central non-profit"*

## **§ 2 Objectives**

In full respect of cultural rights,\* and in order to reinforce a vibrant civil society, it is our objective to provide an open platform and living archives for learning and exchange amongst artistic, social and cultural activists worldwide.

\*Convention 2005 UNESCO, Articles 1 and 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

## **§ 3 Principles**

- ***Openness and co-creation***: Global Grand Central is built for lessons, methods, and processes to be shared and freely reused for the common good. The platform is continuously co-created by its users within an open and transparent structure.
- ***Accountability***: The platform operates in legal spaces with full respect to fundamental human rights, adheres to best practices of intellectual property, and employs efficient systems to comply with privacy praxis.

## **§ 4 Scope**

- Geographies: ***Local*** and ***Global***
- Perspectives: ***Practice, Research,*** and ***Policy***
- Stakeholders: ***Public, Private, Organizations,*** and ***Individuals***

## **§ 5 Organizational Development**

To achieve our objective, abide by our principles and serve our stakeholders; the association works to secure and develop:

- **Technology solutions**
- **Community participation**
- **Governance model**
- **Sustainable funding model**

## **§ 6 Location of the board**

*The board is located in Stockholm, Sweden.*

## **§ 7 Membership**

*Applicant members, individuals and organizations, are to be accepted if they can be expected to follow the statutes and decisions of the association, and in a concrete, individual, and clearly defined way contribute to the needs of the association. Applications for membership will be tried and decided by the board.*

## **§ 8 Responsibilities of a member**

*Each member is obliged to make membership contributions as described in the statutes; pay the annual fees as required by the Annual General Meeting of the association, and in all other aspects follow the statutes and decisions of the association. Each member is expected to actively contribute to the evolution of the association.*

## **§ 9 Membership fee**

*Each member shall pay an annual membership fee, the sum is decided by the Annual General Meeting of the association. The membership fee is paid in the manner and by the schedule decided by the board.*

## **§ 10 Dismissal**

*A member who breaks these statutes, hurts the association, declines to follow its decisions, or acts contrary to its intents and purposes, can be dismissed from the association by the board. A dismissed member can refer the issue of dismissal to the Annual General Meeting by reporting this to the board within one month after the notification of dismissal was sent to the member.*

## **§ 11 Board**

*The board shall have a minimum of three (3) and maximum of nine (9), members with at least zero (0) and maximum three (3) substitutes. Board members and substitutes are chosen during the General Meeting for a time until the end of next regular Annual General Meeting. They will internally designate a chair, treasurer, and secretary. The choice of chair for each meeting is chosen by the board at each meeting. The board is competent to act if more than half of its members are in session either in person or over a voip internet service such as Skype. Particularly urgent matters can also be decided over e-mail through per capsulam, in which case a two thirds majority is needed. Else, the decisions of the board are made with simple majority as referring to the total number of members of the board.*

## **§ 12 Auditor**

*For the audit of the annual report of the association as well as accounts and the management by the board, one to two auditors, with a maximum of two auditor substitutes, are appointed by the regular Annual General Meeting for the time until the next regular Annual General Meeting.*

### **§ 13 Director and employees**

*If the board finds it suitable they may designate a director and employees, as to be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting. The director and employees does not need to be members of the association.*

### **§ 14 Authorized signatory**

*Any individual, as unanimously designated by the board, can sign on behalf of the association for a predetermined duration.*

### **§ 15 Fiscal year**

*The fiscal year of the association is the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.*

### **§ 16 Annual report**

*The board shall give the annual report to the auditor at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. It shall consist of a profit and loss account, a balance sheet, and an auditor's report.*

### **§ 17 Regular Annual General Meeting**

*A regular Annual General Meeting shall be held once year.*

*At the Annual General Meeting the following issues shall be up for decision:*

- 1. election of a chair for the Annual General Meeting*
- 2. election of secretary for the Annual General Meeting*
- 3. approval or adjustment of the electoral register (members with voting rights)*
- 4. election of adjustor of protocol*
- 5. the question if the Annual General Meeting has been called in accordance with the statutes*
- 6. establishment of the agenda for meeting*
- 7. activity and annual report presented by the board and compared to the auditors report*
- 8. establishment of the profit and loss account, balance sheet, and decision as regarding the profit or loss and how it should be dealt with*
- 9. the issue of discharge for the board and the Director*
- 10. possible fee for members of the board, possible substitutes and auditors*
- 11. the membership fee for the coming year*
- 12. decision on the number of board members and possible substitutes to be chosen*
- 13. election of board members and possible substitutes*
- 14. election of auditors and possible audit substitutes*
- 15. election of election committee*
- 16. motions raised by members or other issues as required by law or the statutes of the association*

*An issue that a member wishes to raise with the Annual General Meeting shall notify the board in writing at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.*

### **§ 18 Extraordinary General Meeting**

*An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held on occasions, and for purposes, that the regular Annual General Meeting has previously decided, or when the board finds it necessary, or for stated purpose called by auditor or at least one fifth (1/5) of members with votes. Invitation shall be sent within fourteen (14) days from which the board has gotten a request in line with the first paragraph.*

### **§ 19 Invitation to Annual General Meeting**

*Invitation to Annual General Meeting, including information on the issues to be discussed, shall be sent to all members by e-mail or social media. The invitation shall be sent by the earliest four weeks, and by the latest two weeks before an Annual General Meeting, and by the latest one week before an Extraordinary General Meeting. When invitations has been sent the board shall immediately notify the auditors by e-mail.*

### **§ 20 Dissolution**

For dissolution of the Association the Annual General Meeting needs to approve with at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. If the Association has assets at its dissolution these should be handed over to another entity with similar aims as decided by the Annual General Meeting.

A copy of the Annual General Meeting protocol pertaining dissolution should be sent to the Swedish Tax Agency for dissolution of the association.