# **Association Statutes**

of

"Swiss Edtech Association", with headquarters in Ecublens

# I. Name, Seat, and Purpose

## **Article 1: Name and Legal Form**

An association within the meaning of Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code is hereby established under the name "Swiss Edtech Association" (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

#### Article 2: Seat

The Association's seat is located in Ecublens, Vaud, Switzerland.

## **Article 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the Association is to promote public access to education through technology by organizing, supporting, and publicizing educational initiatives and events throughout Switzerland.

It fosters collaboration between educators, learners, academic institutions, startups, and industry professionals in order to advance innovation in teaching and learning while developing a connected network of technology enthusiasts.

The Association is non-profit, politically and religiously neutral, and aims to contribute to the improvement of education for the benefit of society as a whole.

### II. Resources

#### **Article 4: Financial Means**

The Association shall utilize the following resources to pursue its objectives:

- Membership fees
- Donations and grants
- Income from events and activities.
- Subsidies
- Any other resources permitted by law

### **Article 5: Liability**

The Association's liabilities are solely covered by its assets. Members shall not be personally liable for the Association's debts.

# III. Membership

### **Article 6: Membership Categories**

The Association comprises:

- Active Members: Members actively responsible for representing the association, reaching out to sponsors, managing the association's network and its resources are defined as active members and have voting rights.
- Honorary Members: Members who have had a major contribution to the association are defined as honorary members and do not have voting rights.

#### **Article 7: Admission**

Requests for membership shall be addressed to the Executive Committee, which decides on admission.

# **Article 8: Resignation and Exclusion**

- Members may resign at any time by submitting a written notice to the Executive Committee.
- A member can be excluded from the Association for just cause by decision of the Executive Committee. The member may appeal to the General Assembly within 30 days of the notification.

# IV. Organizational Structure

### **Article 9: Organs of the Association**

The organs of the Association are:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee

### A. General Assembly

# **Article 10: Composition and Powers**

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Association and consists of all members. It has the following powers:

- Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
- Approval of the annual report and financial statements
- Discharge of the Executive Committee
- Election and dismissal of Executive Committee members and Auditors
- Amendment of the statutes
- Dissolution of the Association
- Any other business duly submitted to the General Assembly

# **Article 11: Meetings**

The Ordinary General Assembly is held annually within the first quarter of the year. Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least one-fifth of the members.

#### **Article 12: Convocation**

Members are invited to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee at least 10 days in advance. The invitation includes the agenda items.

### **Article 13: Decision-Making**

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise stipulated by the statutes or law. Each active member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

#### **B. Executive Committee**

#### **Article 14: Composition**

The Executive Committee consists of at least 2 members, including:

- President
- Vice-President

#### **Article 15: Election and Term**

Executive Committee members are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Re-election is possible.

#### **Article 16: Powers and Duties**

The Executive Committee manages the Association's affairs and represents it externally. Its duties include:

- Implementing decisions of the General Assembly
- Managing the Association's finances
- Preparing and convening General Assemblies
- Proposing strategies and activities

### **Article 17: Decision-Making**

The Executive Committee meets as required. Decisions are made by a simple majority of members present. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

# V. Miscellaneous Provisions

#### Article 19: Financial Year

The financial year starts on the 1st January and ends on the 31st of December.

# **Article 20: Dissolution**

The Association may only be dissolved by a two-third majority vote of all Members.

In such a case, the Board shall proceed with the liquidation of the Association.

The assets of the Association shall first serve to pay its creditors.

Remaining assets will be entirely assigned to a non-profit entity, which pursues similar public interest purposes and which is tax exempted.

In no event may the assets of the Association be returned to its founding members or Members, nor should they use some or all of the assets for their own benefit in any way.