

Regulations of the Society „Cultural Heritage of Mecklenburg-Strelitz“

§ 1

Name, Residence and Goal of the Society

1. The name of the Society is „Cultural Heritage of Mecklenburg-Strelitz“.
2. The place of its residence is Neustrelitz.
3. The Society pursues exclusively the goals of general utility according to the section “Tax Concessions Goals” of the Tax regulations.
4. The objective of the Society is - to contribute to the development of culture, to raise interest in the homeland, and to raise funds for the „Cultural Heritage of Mecklenburg-Strelitz“ in order to achieve the Tax Concessions goals. The goals can be achieved by:
 - spreading information about the cultural heritage of Mecklenburg-Strelitz;
 - cooperation with organisations who have similar goals.
5. The Society has the right and duty to collect donations.
6. A business year for the Society corresponds to a calendar year.
7. The Society’s activities are voluntary; it has no financial goals.
8. All financial resources of the Society are to be spent on the achievement of the regulations goals only. The members of the Society receive no grants.
9. No one can receive a disproportionately large fee.
10. In case of dissolution of the Society or abolition of the Tax Concessions goals the resources of the Society “Cultural Heritage of Mecklenburg-Strelitz“ will be spent on the development of the culture of Mecklenburg-Strelitz for the public’s benefit.

§ 2

Membership

1. Members of the Society can be natural or juristic persons.
2. To become a member one has to make a written application; the decision will be made by simple majority of the Board. If the decision is negative, the candidate can write an objection, which will be sustained or overruled at the following Meeting of the members of the Society by simple majority.
3. Persons, who have rendered services to the achievement of the Society goals, or whose membership could help to achieve these goals, can be elected as honorary members with no membership dues according to the suggestion of the members of the Board. The decision will be made by simple majority.

§ 3

Rights

Members have the right to:

- take part in the meetings of the Society and to vote,
- make suggestions about the activity of the Society in accordance with its goals, and demand a vote on the membership question should the need arise.

§ 4

Duties

1. By joining the Society members accept the articles of the Regulations. They are obliged to contribute to the accomplishment of its tasks.

2. The Society shall collect an annual fee to secure the accomplishment of the tasks. The amount of the fee is suggested by the Board and is determined at the Meeting of the members. The annual fee is to be paid in advance and before January 31st of the current year.

§ 5 Bodies

The bodies of the Society are:

- a. the Meeting of the members,
- b. the Board.

§ 6 Meeting of the Members

1. The Board is obliged to call a general Meeting once a year to:
 - hear the report of the Board and the accounting report,
 - reallocate responsibility,
 - approve a draft budget,
 - conduct the necessary elections.
2. During the year following meetings of the members can be called by the Board in order to inform, discuss, and pass resolutions on the activity of the Society.
3. A Meeting of the members is called:
 - by invitation of the Board, or
 - if at least 10 % of the members demand it, giving a written application with their reasons.
4. The Board is obliged to send members of the Society written invitations to the annual general Meeting and any following meetings a month before the event.
5. The proceedings and resolutions of the Meeting shall be recorded by one of the elected members of the Society.
6. The Meeting is competent to pass resolutions, if it has been called in accordance with the regulations.
7. Every member of the Meeting has a vote, which is not transferable. Resolutions are passed by simple majority, however the exceptions mentioned in §§ 8 and 9 can take place. In the event of a divided vote the Chairman of the Board has the right to make a decision.
8. If no candidate gains a majority of the votes, a second ballot with the two candidates who gained the most votes, will take place. If the votes are equally divided again, then the final decision is made by lots.
9. The Society elects by simple majority two persons from its members to serve on the Board of the Fund.
10. The Meeting elects 2 auditors, who will each serve a 3 year term.

§ 7 Board

1. The Board consists of:
 - a Chairman,
 - a vice-chairman,
 - a treasurer,
 - and up to four other members.

The Board is elected by the Meeting of the members. The positions are honorary.

2. The Chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer can individually represent the Society in its dealings with outside organisations or persons. Other members have this right but only if done in pairs.
3. The term of office for the Board members is 3 (three) years.
4. If one of the Board members drops out, another member of the Board will act for him until a by-election can take place at the following Meeting.
5. It is the Board's duty to run the affairs of the Society, manage its financial means, and fulfil the resolutions adopted by the Meeting of the members.
6. The Board can call commissions of experts to fulfil some of the tasks.

§ 8

Changes in the Regulations

1. Any changes in the Regulations can only be passed by the Meeting of the members.
2. For changes proposed by the Meeting of the members to take effect, the following preconditions must be met:
 - information about changes in the Regulations should be sent together with the invitation to the Meeting,
 - two thirds of votes should be given for making changes.

§ 9

Dissolution of the Society

1. A proposal on the dissolution of the Society can be made by the Board or half of the competent members of the Society. The resolution can be passed by the Meeting of the members.
2. To have a resolution on the dissolution of the Society passed the following is necessary:
 - information about the proposal of the dissolution should be given together with the invitation to the Meeting,
 - 75 % of the competent members of the Society should be present at the Meeting,
 - two thirds of votes should be given for the dissolution.
3. If there is no quorum, a new Meeting is to be called during the following four weeks. It has the right to pass the resolution on the dissolution of the Society if there is a two thirds' majority vote irrespective of the general number of the presented members.

The Regulations mentioned above are adopted at the Meeting of the founders of the Society on 30.05.2011 and approved by the following signatures of the founders on the same day.