## Dossier No W313000828 At the AGM 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## **Association Rules**

1. An association is hereby formed according to the Law of July 1<sub>st</sub> 1901, having as its title "The English Speaking Ladies Group". Following a majority vote by members in October 2005, this title has been changed to "Toulouse Women's International Group".

2. The aim of the Association is to provide social, cultural, and sporting activities for its members.

3. The Association will be of unlimited duration.

4. The Headquarters will be situated at «20 chemin de la Fontaine, 31820 PIBRAC». The Headquarters can be moved to any other part of France by simple decision of the administrating Committee.

5. The Association will be composed of Active and Honorary Members. An Honorary Membership may be conferred at the discretion of the Committee. An Honorary member does not pay a subscription, but retain their voting rights.

6. There is an annual Membership Fee. The amount of this annual subscription shall be reviewed each year. Members of the Committee shall be exempt from payment of the annual fee for the duration of their service on the Committee.

7. The Annual Membership Fee cannot be changed except by vote at the Annual General Meeting.

- 8. Membership shall cease:
  - on non payment of membership fee
  - on resignation of a member
  - on death
  - by decision of the Committee
- 9. The Committee shall be empowered to invalidate a membership for:
  - non-payment of subscription in any one calendar year
  - misconduct
- 10. The Association's resources shall come from:
  - subscriptions
  - grants
  - fund raising

11. A Committee elected annually from among the members at the AGM by simple vote shall manage the Association. The Committee shall consist of:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Plus, a maximum of twelve other members

In the event of a Committee Member being absent or leaving office during the year, the Committee can select a replacement from amongst the members of the Association. The replacement so selected shall serve the term of the member replaced. The members of the Committee are non-salaried, but will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the interests of the Association after discussion with the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once every six months as decided by the Chairman, or by special request of two Committee Members. A quorum is formed by more than 50% of the Committee Members. Decisions shall be taken by a majority vote of all Committee Members present. The Secretary shall prepare an Agenda for each meeting, and shall take minutes of each meeting.

12. An Ordinary General Meeting of all members (the A.G.M.) shall be held once per year in March/April. The Committee may call additional General Meetings at other times, as required. The Committee shall prepare an Agenda that shall be circulated at least fifteen days before the meeting. The AGM shall be conducted by the outgoing Committee. They shall report on the year's business and present a simple written Statement of Accounts for approval. A majority of two-thirds to decide on matters proposed. Only active members who are present, or have given a proxy to another member may vote. A quorum is formed by a quarter of the members. When all items of the agenda have been discussed, the meeting shall elect the Committee Members for the coming year.

13. When electing Committee Members, the Chairman should not have a casting vote. Lots shall be drawn to decide which of those receiving equal votes shall be elected.

14. The AGM shall nominate an Auditor to verify the accounts and present a report to the AGM. The Auditor cannot be:

- a member of the Committee
- associated with, or employed by the Treasurer, either directly or indirectly
- employed by the same company or business as the Treasurer

15. The Association can only be disbanded by a General Meeting called expressly for this purpose. A quarter of the members must be present and two-thirds must be in favour in order to validate the decision to disband. This meeting must nominate one or more liquidators to wind up the affairs of the Association in accordance with Article 9 of the Law of  $1_{st}$  July 1901 and the Decree of  $16_{th}$  August 1901.