



IKT – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CURATORS
OF CONTEMPORARY ART LTD
Statutes
Preamble

These statutes govern the operations and governance of IKT International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art Ltd, hereinafter referred to as IKT.

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Name and Domicile of the Organisation

- 1.1. The name of the organisation is IKT International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art Ltd, hereinafter referred to as IKT.
- 1.2. It is domiciled in Llandudno, Wales, UK.
- 1.3. IKT is a private company limited by guarantee without share capital with company registration number 13994281.

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Purpose and Tasks of the Organisation

2.1. The primary purpose of IKT is to advocate for the professional and cultural interests of individuals engaged in organising exhibitions of contemporary art worldwide, mainly on a non-commercial basis in both public and private institutions. An additional objective is to enhance the overall conditions under which art exhibitions are curated and presented.

2.2. IKT, as a not-for-profit organisation, is dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes and does not pursue economic objectives. The realisation of its objectives includes:

- Advocating for the professional and cultural interests of individuals engaged in organizing exhibitions of contemporary art worldwide, providing a platform for exchange and solidarity.
- Contributing to public awareness of 21st-century art through exhibitions, conferences, seminars, and other activities.
- Promoting extensive training and optimising education in the field of contemporary art curation.

2.3. The assets of the organisation are strictly earmarked for statutory purposes and must not be diverted for other uses.

2.4. Members are not entitled to receive benefits directly from the organisation's assets. No individual shall gain undue advantage through expenses or unreasonably high reimbursements. The Board is responsible for determining the appropriate level of compensation for incurred expenses.

2.5. The business year for accounting purposes within IKT spans from April 1st to March 31st. It's important to note that the membership year aligns with the calendar year.

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Membership

3.1. The organisation comprises associated members, seven of whom constitute the elected Board. Membership is exclusive to individuals who are qualified curators or professional organisers of contemporary art exhibitions, primarily affiliated with non-commercial institutions.

3.2. Membership must be applied for in writing to the Board and be approved at the General Assembly by at least two-thirds of the votes.

3.3. Membership is terminated when a person resigns, is excluded or passes away. Resignation from the organisation must be in the form of a written declaration to a member of the Board.

3.4. If a member's activities become incompatible with their membership status, particularly if they act contrary to the organisation's interests, expulsion can be resolved by a two-thirds majority vote during the General Assembly.

3.5. Members are required to meet their financial obligations, including dues. The amount and due date are determined by the General Assembly, with the current annual membership fee set at €50.00.

3.6. Members, upon approval and acceptance into IKT, enjoy certain rights and carry responsibilities to uphold the organisation's values and contribute to its dynamic community. These include:

- Voting Privileges: Members have the right to actively participate in decision-making processes through voting at the General Assembly or/and online, ensuring democratic representation.
- Access to Organisational Resources: To facilitate professional development and collaboration, members are granted access to various organisational resources, including networking opportunities, and participation in events and projects organised by IKT.
- Active Participation Expectations: Members are encouraged to play an active role in the organisation by engaging in the General Assembly, contributing to organisational activities.

3.7. Members of IKT are expected to adhere to a Code of Conduct that prioritises professional integrity, respectful collaboration, compliance with organisational policies, confidentiality, inclusivity, commitment to professional development, and constructive conflict resolution. This code ensures a positive and collaborative environment, fostering a community of members who contribute to the organisation's shared values and goals.

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Organs of the Organisation

The organs of the Organisation are:

4.1. The General Assembly,

4.2. The Board.

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General Assembly

5.1. The General Assembly is composed of active IKT Members who have paid their dues, and convenes once a year during the IKT Annual Congress.

5.2. The General Assembly is chaired by the President, or in their absence, the Vice President. If both are absent, any other Board member assumes this role. The voting method is regularly determined by the person chairing the assembly. Votes must be cast in writing if this is requested by one-third of the members present.

5.3. An extraordinary General Assembly must be convened if the organisation's interest necessitates it or if 20% of the organisation's members, in writing, demand it from the Board, stating the objective and reasons.

5.4. General resolutions require a two-thirds majority of votes. However, the dissolution of the organisation demands a nine-tenths majority vote. Refer to §7.4 for details on the nomination of a liquidator in case of dissolution.

5.5. All active IKT Members are entitled and encouraged to attend the General Assembly. Active participation is essential for collective decision-making and the progress of the Organisation.

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The Board

6.1. The Board represents the organisation judicially and extra-judicially. It oversees current operations and prepares for the General Assembly.

6.2. The Board consists of the President (Chair) and six members: a vice president (deputy chair), a treasurer and four other members.

6.3. To be considered for the position of Board Member, candidates must fulfil the following requirements: having been members of IKT for a minimum of two years, maintaining an active membership status with a complete payment record, and demonstrating engagement with the organisation by attending at least one annual Congress within the three years preceding their application. New Board members can be elected by either the General Assembly or through an online vote, where eligible members can cast their votes electronically.

6.3. The term for Board Members is three years, with a maximum of two terms allowed. Upon the expiration of the term, the Board will continue in office until a new Board is elected. In the event of Board members leaving for personal reasons, the Board can supplement itself by selecting new members. These individuals will be proposed as Board members for re-election at the next General Assembly.

6.4. Board meetings have a quorum when at least four members are present.

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The Assets of the Organisation

7.1. The assets of the Organisation are exclusively dedicated to promoting the purpose of the Organisation. Expenditures require the signature of the President. Expenditures up to €3,000 can be authorised by the President alone. Expenditures exceeding €3,000 must be confirmed in writing by both the President and the Vice President.

7.2. The General Assembly is responsible for approving the annual report submitted by the Board and the annual budget for the upcoming year.

7.3. If the organisation is dissolved or if the tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets of the organisation are earmarked for tax-privileged purposes. Resolutions regarding the future use of these assets are subject to approval from the tax office and cannot be implemented without their consent.

7.4. If the organisation is dissolved, the General Assembly will nominate the liquidator. The nominated liquidator should ideally possess expertise in legal, financial, and administrative matters relevant to the winding down of the organisation. The nomination of the liquidator requires approval by a majority vote of the members present at the General Assembly. In the absence of a resolution on this matter, the President will assume the role of the liquidator for the organisation. The liquidator, once nominated and approved, is responsible for overseeing the orderly dissolution of the organisation, including the settlement of outstanding obligations, distribution of remaining assets, and compliance with legal requirements.

§8 Definitions

General Assembly: The annual gathering of active IKT Members during the IKT Annual Congress to discuss and make decisions on organisational matters.

Active IKT Member: Individuals who have fulfilled their membership obligations by paying the required membership fees. These members are considered active participants within the IKT community, eligible to enjoy the benefits and privileges associated with their membership status.

Annual Congress: The pivotal annual meeting of IKT, attended by esteemed curators of art museums/galleries and independent professionals. Held in different locations each time, the Congress fosters collaboration, providing unique opportunities for private tours to leading art galleries, alternative art spaces, commercial galleries, and private collections. It serves as a significant event for curators, fostering collaboration among museums, visual art professionals, artists, and modern and contemporary art institutions.

Board: The elected body responsible for representing the organisation judicially and extra-judicially, overseeing current operations, and preparing for the General Assembly.

Earmarked: Funds or assets designated for specific statutory purposes and not to be diverted for other uses.

Liquidator: In the event of the dissolution of the organisation, the individual or entity nominated by the General Assembly to oversee the winding down of the organisation's affairs.

Tax-privileged Purposes: Purposes that qualify for tax benefits as determined by relevant tax regulations.

Quorum: The minimum number of members required to be present at a meeting for it to be officially recognised and conduct its business.

Statutory Purposes: The primary objectives and goals outlined in the statutes of the organisation.