



STATUTE

OF “FEDERATION OF BULGARIAN FOLKLORE GROUPS”-

A NON-PROFIT-MAKING ASSOCIATION

Chapter One: General Regulations

Article 1. The association is a legal entity, separated from its members and established in accordance with the provision of the Law for legal Non-profit Entities, the Statute and the Decision of the founder-member assembly.

1.1. The Association vouches for its obligations providing warranty of its property.

1.2. The members of the Association are not responsible for Association's obligations.

Name

Art.2. The name of the Association is “Federation of Bulgarian Folklore Groups”. The name in Bulgarian is - “
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Registered address of the Association

Art.3.1.

3.2. Headquartered in : 19a, Ludogorie Str., Zavet

Art.4. The Association is not restricted on a set period.

Art.5. The Association defines itself as a legal entity for community service directed to the development and confirmation of spiritual values and culture (according to the Law for Legal Non-profit Entities).

Chapter Two : Aims and Activities

Main purposes of the Association are :

- To develop , popularize and confirm Bulgarian musical and dance folklore ; to keep the traditions of Bulgarian folklore and to confirm its

social significance as well as to popularize it among the general public , using the modern information technologies ;

- To work for the recognition and the preservation of Bulgarian traditions in order to provide their contribution to the after generations and to look for modern forms and ways for the popularization of our folklore heritages ;
- To stimulate the co-operation among folklore groups and to stand up for them with appropriate national and international activities ;
- To interact with similar international associations and foundations for the popularization of Bulgarian folklore abroad and for the coming of foreign folklore groups in Bulgaria ;
- To represent and plead for the interests of its members at institutions , state organs and individuals ;

Activities of the Association :

- To organize and promote the producing and spreading of products which brand and popularize Bulgarian dance and music folklore ;
- To organize concerts on the territory of the country and abroad
- To interact with state , public and private institutions for the realization of projects helping the development and support of folklore groups;
- To encourage and coordinate national and international meetings with experts , which meetings are connected with the aims , problems and activities of folklore groups ;
- To cultivate contacts with mass-media purposefully intended to introduce the aims and the work of the Association to the general public.

Chapter Three : Membership, Rights and Duties

Termination of Membership.

Art.6. Members of Association can be able individuals and legal entities willing to contribute to the achieving of the aims of the Association. The members are regular and honorary.

6.1. The membership in the Association is a volunteer act.

6.2. A candidate for membership submits a written application to the Board of Managers. In the application the candidate declares that s/he knows and accepts the instructions of the present Statute. The candidates that are legal entities submit a letter-certificatory for their actual business status and also the decision of their boards for membership in the Association.

6.3. The Board of Managers obligatory presents the application for voting on its next meeting. The membership is considered actual from the date of the decision of the Board of Managers.

6.4. Honorary members can be citizens and organizations with special contribution and concern to the realization of the Association's aims , as well as individuals whose official and social status , or their functions and experience have proved to be useful for the realization of the aims of the Association.

Honorary members can participate in the work of the General Assembly with advisory powers.

Art.7. The members of the Association have the following rights:

7.1. To participate in the management of the Association.

7.2. To be informed about its functioning.

7.3. To use the Association's property as long as this is connected with activities and functions of its managing bodies or of any other assigned through a decision of these organs.

7.4. To make use of the results of Association's work under the terms of the Statute.

Art.8. The members of the Association are obliged :

8.1. To follow the instructions of the present Statute and to fulfil the decisions of the Association's managing bodies.

8.2. To participate in the Association's activities and to work for the implementation and realization of its aims.

8.3. To rise the esteem of the Association and not to do actions or inactions contradictory to its aims or in some way discrediting it.

8.4. To pay in their membership fees up to 31st March of the current year.

Art.9. The termination of the subscription occurs at the presence of the following occasions :

9.1. Through handing in an application (for termination) by a member.

9.2. With the termination of the legal entity.

9.3. The Board of Managers with a majority of 2/3 can suspend a membership until the coming General Meeting. This is actual in the case of members who do not meet the requirements and do not respond to the conditions for membership in the Association. An opportunity for hearing at the General Meeting should be granted.

9.4. Members who haven't paid their membership dues by the end of the calendar year are considered excluded.

Chapter Four: Management

Art.10. Bodies of the management of the Association:

10.1. General Assembly.

10.2. Board of Managers.

10.3. Chair of the Board of Managers.

10.4. Control Committee.

Art.11. The General Assembly:

11.1. Changes and expands the Statute.

11.2. Passes plans, programmes and reaches decisions for achieving the tasks and aims of the Association.

11.3. Votes for the members of the Board of Managers and of the Control Committee, as well as the Chair of the Board of Managers.

11.4. Discusses and approves the annual report, submitted by the Board of Managers and the Control Committee and also exonerates from responsibility the bodies' members.

11.5. Approves the annual budget.

11.6. It terminates the Association with a decision and also the possible consequences of such termination.

11.7. Confirms the decisions of the Board of Managers for approving of the new members and for excluding members.

11.8. Approves the symbols of the Association after submitted offer of the Board of Managers.

11.9. The General Assembly is on legal grounds if it is attended by at least half of the members of the Association, or by their representatives- delegates. At a shortage of quorum the meeting is put off until an hour later, on the same place and with the same agenda and it is carried out regardless of the number of members presenting. The members of the Association have the right of one vote. Each member of the Association can represent no more than two other members on the base of letter-warrant. An authorization of the authorized person to a second one is not allowed.

11.10. The decisions of the General Assembly are reached through majority of the votes of the presenting members, but for a change in the Statute, Termination of the Association, or its merging with another one – a majority of 2/3 presenting members is needed.

11.11. It is an open vote ballot unless the Assembly decides differently for a proper case.

11.12. A record of the sessions of the General Assembly is kept and it is signed by the person presiding the meeting and the record – keeper.

11.13. The General Assembly is called once a year - a regular general meeting. The Call is through a written invitation. The invitation contains the agenda, the date, hour and place of meeting. The time from the publication of the announcement for the meeting and the opening of the General Assembly shouldn't be less than 30 days.

11.14. The General Assembly can be called up at any time by the Board of Managers or by 1/3 of Association's members - the latter is a special session.

Art.12. The Board of Managers consists of at least 3 members with a mandate of 5 years. The members of the Board of Managers can be re-elected. The Board of Managers gathers for regular meetings at least once in three months.

12.1. The meetings of the Board of Managers are summoned by the Chair of the Board of Managers, through a written invitation, sent at least 7 days before the date of the intended meeting. The invitation contains a project-agenda. Each member of the Board of Managers can require from the Chair to call a meeting for discussing of different issues.

12.2. The meeting is on legal ground if it is presented by at least half of the members of the Board.

12.3. The decisions are reached through majority of the members.

Art.13. Competency of the Board of Managers:

13.1. Works, carries and submits for discussion and approval by the General Assembly- plans, programs, reports, etc.

13.2. Carries out and puts into practice the management of the Association and reaches decisions on these issues.

13.3. Accepts and submits for ratification the joining and expelling of members of the Association.

13.4. The distribution of the functions among the members of the Board is on the base of presented motion by the Chair and is followed by a decision of the Board.

13.5. Works on and submits for ratification the symbols of the Association.

13.6. The releasing of members of the Board is on the base of a decision by the General Assembly connected with their written request or with a motivated offer by a member of the Association.

13.7. The Board of Managers discusses and makes decisions on any other issues except for these of the competence of the General Assembly.

Art.14. The Association is represented by the Chair of the Board of Managers:

14.1. The Chair of the Board of Managers:

- Represents the Association to third individuals/entities
- Calls the meetings of the Board
- Presides and chairs the meetings of the Board
- These functions are carried out by the Secretary of the Board,

empowered by the Chair to represent him when he is absent. The Secretary is voted by the Board

- Organizes, manages and puts into practice the operative management
- Directs the budget and the financial assets of the Association and bears responsibility for this
- Executes and monitors the implementation of the decisions of the

Board of Managers

- Keeps and registers the documentation of the Assembly.

Art.15. The Control Committee consists of 3 (three) members elected with a mandate of 5 (five) years:

15.1. Members of the Control Committee can not be people in labour agreement with the Association or relatives to the members of the Board and the Chair, presenting a direct line of descent or kinship by marriage.

15.2. The Control Committee controls the work of the Board and the Chair concerning observing the law, the Statute and the decisions of the General Assembly.

15.3. At found breaches the Control Committee notifies the General Assembly of the Association, and when information about committed crime is available - the Control Committee notifies the Prosecutor's office.

Chapter Five: Property

Art.16. The property of the Association consist of the right of property of real movable property and immovable, intellectual property, securities, the right for participation in firms and association, as well as other rights foreseen and admissible according to Bulgarian legislation.

Chapter Six: Resources

Art.17. The means of livelihood of the Association are provided through:

17.1. Membership fees.

17.2. Donation by physical and juridical individuals.

17.3. Other forms of acquisition compatible with the law.

Chapter Seven: Termination, Liquidation, Obliteration

Art.18. Association “Federation of Bulgarian Groups” terminates its existence after a decision of the General Assembly or after a decision of Razgrad County Court.

Art.19. At the cessation of the Association is done a liquidation. The liquidator is determined by the Board of Managers except for the cases, when the liquidator is determined by the court.

Art.20. After the distribution of the property the liquidator is under the obligation to demand obliteration of the Association by Razgrad County Court.

Chapter Eight: Closing Instruction

Issues undecided in the Statute submit to the common regime of the law for Legal Non-profit Entities and the operative legislation in Bulgaria.