

STATUTE ASSOCIATION “MŁODZI .NOWOCZEŚNI”

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. Name and identification of the Association

1. The association Młodzi Nowocześni, hereinafter referred to as the Association, is an association operating based on the Act of April 7, 1989, Law on Associations (uniform text: Journal of Laws 1989 No. 20, item 104), other acts and this Statute.
2. The association uses its own graphic signs and logos.

Art. 2. Headquarters of the Association

1. The Association operates in the territory of the Republic of Poland.
2. The Association may establish representative offices abroad and be a member of international organizations on the terms specified by the National Board.
3. The seat of the Association is the capital city of Warsaw.

Art. 3. Objectives of the Association

1. The goals of the Association are:
 - a. the action to increase the participation of young people in social and political life;
 - b. the action to promote liberal ideas and goals contained in the ideological declaration of the Association;
 - c. promoting the principles of a democratic rule of law and transparency in public life and social control over public institutions;
 - d. the protection of freedom and human rights.
2. The Association pursues its goals in particular through:
 - a. organizing meetings, training sessions, discussions and other forms of knowledge enhancement;
 - b. expressing opinions and active participation in social and political life, in cooperation with national and international organizations pursuing similar goals;
 - c. conducting research activities and preparing analysis, expert reports and opinions containing proposed solutions in areas serving the development of the Republic of Poland.

CHAPTER 2

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 4. Acquisition of membership

1. A member of the Association may be a person who:
 - a. holds Polish citizenship;
 - b. is 13 years old;
 - c. is granted all civil rights;
 - d. has not been legally convicted of an intentional offense prosecuted by public indictment or a deliberate fiscal offense;
 - e. is not a member of any other organization with purposes contrary to the goals of the Association;
 - f. has an unblemished reputation;
 - g. submits a membership declaration;

Art. 5. Conditions for acquisition of membership

1. The regional board adopts a resolution on admission to membership within 30 days from the date of receipt of the interested party's application.
2. The National Board has the right to revoke the decision referred to in para. 1, within the next 14 days of its making.
3. The National Board develops templates of membership declarations.
4. Apart from the case of unfulfilled requirements stated in Art. 5, the regional board may refuse to admit a person who:
 - a. has committed activities contrary to the aims of the Association in public or political activity;
 - b. may compromise the good name of the Association due to public, political, economic or social activity;
5. The regional board shall notify the interested party about admission to the the Association within 14 days of making the decision.
6. The regional board keeps records of members. Detailed rules for keeping the register of members are specified by the National Board.

Art. 6. Conditions for termination of membership

1. Membership in the Association is terminated as a result of:
 - a. submitting a declaration to the regional board or the Secretary General on withdrawal;
 - b. resolution of the National Board on disaffiliation from the Association;
 - c. resolution of the regional board on disaffiliation from the Association;
 - d. death;
 - e. deprivation of full public rights;
 - f. renunciation of Polish citizenship;
 - g. valid conviction for committing an intentional crime prosecuted on public indictment or intentional tax offense.
2. The regional board shall immediately inform the Secretary General of the termination of membership.
3. A member disaffiliated from the Association by a resolution of the regional board may, within 5 days from receiving the information, submit a request for a written justification. The regional board, within 7 days of receiving the application, serves the disaffiliated member with a justification. The disaffiliated member may appeal to the National Board against the resolution within 7 days of receiving the justification for the resolution. The decision of the National Board is final.

CHAPTER 3

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Art. 7. Rights of members

1. Each member of the Association has the right to:
 - a. elect the Association's bodies and being elected to the governing bodies of the Association;
 - b. membership in the bodies of the Association;
 - c. participate in activities carried out by the Association;
 - d. submit projects and ideas for supporting activities to the Association's bodies achieving the goals of the Association;
 - e. participate in all meetings, sessions, after the appointment or invitation by an authorized body;
 - f. take the initiative to establish the municipal branch;

Art. 8. Duties of members

1. Each member of the Association is obliged to:
 - a. comply with this Statute and the decisions of the Association's bodies;
 - b. protect the reputation of the Association;
 - c. actively participate in the work of the Association's bodies;
 - d. cooperate with other members of the Association in the pursuit of the Association's goals;
 - e. popularize the activities of the Association and care about its development;
 - f. pay the membership fees on time;

Art. 9. Disciplinary matters

1. Members of the Association bear disciplinary responsibility for actions violating this Statute, decisions of the Association's bodies and actions contrary to the Association's goals or damage its reputation.
2. Disciplinary penalties are:
 - a. warning;
 - b. reprimand;
 - c. ban on holding a function in the bodies of the Association for a period from 3 months to 3 years;
 - d. disaffiliation from the Association.
3. The President may issue a reminder or reprimand to a member of the Association.
4. In the event of gross violation of the Statute or acting to the detriment of the Association, the National Board may disaffiliate a member with immediate effect.

CHAPTER 4

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 10. General provisions

1. Organami krajowymi Stowarzyszenia są:

- a. the President;
- b. the National Board;
- c. the National Council;
- d. the Audit Committee;

2. The term of office of the Association's national bodies is 2 years. The term of office shall end no earlier than 30 days before the expiry of two years from the election and no later than 90 days after the lapse of two years from the election.

3. The term of office of the local authorities shall be linked to that of the national authorities. The election calendar is passed by the National Board.

4. The National Board adopts a resolution to order elections, containing the election calendar and rules for the election of individual bodies in the structures of the Association.

5. The authorities and their members shall exercise their rights and obligations until the new authorities are elected.

6. The mandate of members of the Association's bodies shall expire upon:

- a. resignation;
- b. loss of membership in the Association;

7. In the event of expiry of the President's mandate, the National Board appoints a person fulfilling President's duties and adopts a resolution to convene a National Council meeting to elect the President within 3 months from the expiry of the President's mandate.

Art. 11. President

1. The competences of the President include all competences not reserved to other bodies, in particular:

- a. managing the Association and representing it externally;
- b. conducting meetings of the National Council and the National Board and managing their deliberations;
- c. appointment and dismissal of the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the National Board Members;

Art. 12. The National Board

1. The competences of the National Board include:
 - a. determining the strategy and directions of the activities of the Association;
 - b. determining the rules and procedures of operation of the Association's bodies;
 - c. determining the amount of membership fees and the manner of their collection;
 - d. creation and liquidation of additional opinion-making and expert bodies and advisory services;
 - e. making decisions on establishing cooperation with other organizations, on the request of the President;
 - f. annulment of the decisions of lower-level authorities and making decisions for lower-level bodies pursuant to Article 19 para. 3 and 4;
2. The National Board consists of the President and a specified number of members between 3 (three) and 7 (seven). The President manages the work of the National Board. In the event of expiry of the mandate of a member of the National Board, the supplementation is made in the same manner as the election of members of the National Board.
3. The competences of the Secretary General of the Association include:
 - a. cooperation with the President in the field of representation the Association outside and incurring property liabilities;
 - b. ensuring administrative and organizational conditions of operation of the Association;
 - c. direct supervision over the activities of the local structures of the Association;
 - d. appointment and dismissal of up to 3 (three) deputies of the Secretary General;
 - e. administering the central databases of the Association's members;
 - f. performing other tasks based on the authorization granted by the National Board or the President;
4. The competences of the Treasurer include:
 - a. cooperation with the President in the field of representing the Association externally and incurring property liabilities;
 - b. ensuring the financial conditions of the Association's operation;
 - c. direct supervision over the payment of membership fees by members of the Association;
 - d. preparation of annual financial report on the activities of the Association;
 - e. performing other tasks based on an authorization granted by the National Board or the President;

Art. 13. The National Council

1. The National Council consists of:
 - a. members of the National Board of the Association;
 - b. members of the regional boards;
2. During the term of office of the Association's bodies, the mandates of the members of the National Council are also granted to persons who have statutory grounds for exercising them and exercise them until the end of this term of office.
3. The authorities of the National Council include:
 - a. election of the President by an absolute majority of votes, in the presence of at least half of the members of the National Council;
 - b. approval of the candidates nominated by the President for members of the National Board by an absolute majority of votes, with the presence of at least half of the members of the National Council;
 - c. election of members of the Audit Committee by a simple majority of votes, with the presence of at least half of the members of the National Council;
 - d. giving opinions on and supporting the activities of the National Board;
4. The President manages the work of the National Council.
5. The President convenes a meeting of the National Council on their own initiative or within 7 days at the request of the National Board, the Audit Committee or at least half of the members of the National Council.

Art. 14. The Audit Committee

1. The Audit Committee is the Association's internal control body.
2. The authorities of the Audit Committee include:
 - a. conducting financial control of the Association on its own initiative or at the request of other national bodies;
 - b. submitting post-inspection conclusions;
 - c. giving opinions on the annual financial report prepared by the Treasurer;
 - d. granting or not granting the National Board a discharge in respect of financial management;
 - e. submitting applications for consideration of the case to the National Board;
3. The Audit Committee consists of 3 (three) members.
4. Members of the Audit Committee elect the chairperson and the vice-chairperson from among themselves. The chairperson of the Audit Committee convenes the meetings of the Audit Committee, establishes the agenda, and chairs the meetings of the Committee, unless they entrust some or all of these activities to the vice-chairperson.
5. The Audit Committee may authorize some of its members to perform specific control activities on its behalf.
6. The Audit Committee is independent of the National Board, and its members may not be members of the National Board, or be in a relationship of kinship, affinity or cohabitation with them.

CHAPTER 5

FIELD STRUCTURES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 15. General provisions

1. The Association creates local structures.
2. The region is the basic organizational unit of field structures.
3. The municipal branches play auxiliary functions towards the regions.

Art. 16. Municipals of the Association

1. Each member of the Association may belong to only one municipal branch.
2. The municipal branch is appointed by the board of the territorially competent region of the Association.
3. The municipal branch must have at least one member.
4. The municipal branch of the Association, in consultation with the board of the regional board, conducts the activities of the Association in all matters of interest to the Association in a given area.
5. A member of the Association may apply for admission to the municipal branch in which they want to operate. Membership in the municipal branch is acquired upon the decision to admit a member by the municipal board. The municipal board makes a decision no later than 30 days after receiving the application.
6. A member of the Association may apply for a transfer to another municipal branch after informing the municipal board about the intention of being transferred. The membership in a new municipal branch is acquired upon the adoption of a resolution on admitting a member by the municipal board to which the member has expressed an intention to join. The municipal board makes a decision no later than 30 days after receiving the application.

Art. 17. Authorities of the municipal branch

1. The authorities of the municipal branch are:
 - a. the general meeting of municipal members;
 - b. the board of the municipal;
 - c. the chairperson of the municipal;
2. The decision on the appointment and the number of the board of the municipal belongs to the regional board.
3. Each municipal branch must have a chairperson. In the event of failure to appoint the municipal board, their authorities are exercised by the regional president.
4. The authorities of the general meeting of municipal members include:
 - a. election of the chairperson of the municipal branch by an absolute majority of votes;
 - b. selection of the board of the municipal branch;
 - c. assessing the activity of the municipal branch;
 - d. the chairperson of the municipal branch manages the day-to-day functioning of the municipal branch, the work of the board of the municipal branch and represents the municipal branch externally;
5. The President, at the request of the Secretary General, may dismiss the chairperson of the municipal and dissolve the municipal board if they fail to fulfill their duties or make decisions clearly contrary to the goals of the Association. The Secretary General then convenes the general meeting of the members of the municipal branch to elect a new chairperson of the municipal branch and its board. Until the election of a new chairperson of the municipal branch and the municipal board, their functions are performed by a commissioner appointed by the Secretary General.

Art. 18. Authorities of the region

1. The region covers at least one voivodeship.
2. The authorities of the region are:
 - a. the general meeting of members of the region;
 - b. the regional board;
 - c. the regional president;
3. The general meeting is convened by the regional president or a member of the regional board authorized by him or the Secretary General.
4. The regional president also calls a general meeting at the request of at least half of the members in the region. The general meeting is called not later than 30 days from the date of submitting the request.
5. The authorities of the general meeting include:
 - a. determining the number and electing members of the regional board by the simple majority of votes in the presence of at least half of the members of the region;
 - b. granting discharge to the regional board by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least half of the members of the region;
6. The regional board elects from among its members a president, vice-president, and secretary of the region. In the absence of an agreement, the general assembly of the region shall elect from the candidates for president from among the elected members of the regional board by a simple majority of votes. The person so elected nominates the vice-president and secretary of the region from among the members of the regional board.
7. The authorities of the regional president include:
 - a. convening a meeting of the regional board: on its own initiative, at least once every two months, or at the request of at least 1/3 of the regional board members within 7 days from the date of such request at the latest;
 - b. proposing the agenda for the regional board meetings and managing its work.
 - c. cooperation with the National Board,
8. The authorities of the secretary of the region include:
 - a. running a database of members of the region;
 - b. archiving the documents of the regional board;
 - c. development of draft resolutions of the regional board;
 - d. minutes of regional board meetings;
 - e. cooperation with the Secretary General;

9. The regional board is composed of the president, the vice-president, and the secretary. The size of the regional board is determined based on the number of constituencies in the region in elections to the parliament:

- Lubuskie Voivodeship - 3 members
- Opolskie Voivodeship - 3 members
- Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship - 3 members
- Podlaskie Voivodeship - 3 members
- Warmińsko - Mazurskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- Pomorskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- Kujawsko - Pomorskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- West Pomeranian Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- Lubelskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- Podkarpackie Voivodeship - from 3 to 4 members
- Łódzkie Voivodeship - from 3 to 5 members
- Dolnośląskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 5 members
- Małopolskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 6 members
- Wielkopolskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 6 members
- Śląskie Voivodeship - from 3 to 7 members
- Mazowieckie Voivodeship - from 3 to 8 members

10. The competences of the regional board include:

- a. coordinating the activities of the Association in the region;
- b. taking a position on matters of Association's interest in the region;
- c. creating, joining and liquidating municipals;
- d. annulment of decisions of lower-level authorities and making decisions for lower-level bodies pursuant to Art. 19 paragraph 3 and 4;

11. The President, on the motion of the Secretary General, may dismiss the regional president and dissolve the board of the region if they fail to fulfill their duties and make decisions clearly contrary to the goals of the Association. The Secretary General then calls a general meeting to elect the new regional president and the regional board. Until the election of the new regional president and the regional board, their function is performed by the receivership appointed by the Secretary General.

CHAPTER 6

FORMS OF DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Art. 19. Forms of making decisions

1. The collegial bodies of the Association express their will in the form of resolutions. One-person bodies of the Association express their will in the form of ordinances unless the Statute provides otherwise.

2. Resolutions and orders are binding for lower-level bodies and the members of the Association they concern.

3. Resolutions or orders of lower-level authorities may be repealed if they infringe the Statute, resolutions, and orders of higher-level authorities. The orders of the regional presidents and secretaries are repealed by the Secretary General, and the resolutions of the regional board are repealed by the National Board.

4. In the event of a lower-level authority avoiding the obligation to issue a resolution or ordinance resulting from the Statute, a resolution or ordinance may be issued by a higher-grade authority. For all bodies at the municipal level, the higher-level body is the regional board, for the regional presidents and secretaries, the higher-level body is the Secretary General, and for the regional board, the higher-level body is the National Board.

5. Resolutions of the National Board, National Council, regional board, municipal board, general assembly of members of the region and municipal are passed by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least half of those entitled to vote, unless the Statute provides otherwise.

6. If the resolution cannot be adopted due to the lack of a quorum, the next properly convened meeting of the authorities may be adopted by the persons present, provided it takes place after at least two days from the date of convening the meeting on the first date.

7. Resolutions are adopted in an open vote unless the Statute provide otherwise. In the event of an equal number of votes in open voting, the meeting leader has the casting vote.

8. Voting on governing bodies is secret.

9. Resolutions of the Association's bodies may be adopted by circulation mode. The rules of the circulation mode are defined by the National Board.

10. Meetings and votes of all collective bodies may be held via electronic means of remote communication. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

11. Notification of the date and place of the meeting, as well as the agenda, are made available to the members of the body at least 7 days in advance.

12. The procedure for dismissing the bodies is the same as the procedure for their appointment unless the provisions of the Statute and regulations provide otherwise.

13. Dismissal of the President, the regional president, the member of the board of the municipal, chairperson of the municipal branch or a member of the board of the municipal branch takes place, respectively, by the resolution of the National Council, the general meeting of the region's members or the general meeting of the members of the municipal, by a 2/3 majority of votes in the presence of at least half of those entitled to vote.

14. If more than one candidate obtains the lowest number of votes necessary to be elected to the collective body, the mandate is filled by an additional vote, in which only these candidates are selected.

15. Minutes are drawn up from the meetings of the Association's bodies and signed by the person conducting the meeting and the person taking the minutes.

16. Resolutions are signed by the person chairing the meeting and the person taking the minutes unless another provision of the Statute provides otherwise.

CHAPTER 7

MATTERS OF THE ASSETS

Art. 20. Assets

1. Assets of the Association are obtained from membership fees and other sources of financing provided for by the Law on Associations and other laws.
2. The detailed rules of financial management of the Association are defined by the National Board.

Art. 21. The financial economy

1. President and the Secretary General or the President and the Treasurer acting jointly are authorized to represent the Association outside and to make declarations of will, including incurring financial obligations. The treasurer may independently submit declarations of will and incur financial obligations up to the amount of PLN 5,000.
2. President acting jointly with the Secretary General, or the President acting jointly with the Treasurer, may grant powers of attorney to represent the Association outside and to incur financial liabilities within the scope and under the conditions specified in the power of attorney.

CHAPTER 8

MATTERS OF THE STATUTE

Art. 22. Amendments to the Statute

1. A draft amendment to the Statute may be submitted by:
 - a. the National Board;
 - b. the President;
 - c. a group of members of the National Council constituting at least 1/3 (one third) of the full composition of the National Council;
2. The draft resolution on the amendment to the Statute, together with its justification, is submitted to the President of the Association.
3. The consideration of a draft resolution on amending the Statute may take place not earlier than one month and not later than three months from the date of delivery to the President of the draft resolution on amendments to the Statute of Association.
4. The National Council adopts a resolution on amendments to the Statute by a majority of 2/3 of votes in the presence of at least half of those entitled to vote.

CHAPTER 10

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, MERGING WITH OTHER ASSOCIATION OR OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Art. 23. Dissolution of the Association, merging with another association or other associations

1. A proposal to dissolve the Association, merge with another association or associations may be submitted by:

- a. the National Board;
- b. the President;

2. A draft resolution on the dissolution of an association, merger with another association or associations, together with the justification, shall be submitted to the President.

3. Consideration of a draft resolution on the dissolution of an association, merger with another association or associations, may take place not earlier than one month and not later than three months from the date of delivery to the President of the draft resolution on the dissolution of the Association, merger with another party or parties.

4. The resolution on dissolving the Association, merging with another association or associations, is taken by the National Board by an absolute majority in the presence of at least half of the members of the National Board.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. The statute enters into force after the founding members of the Association pass a resolution.
2. The founding members of the Association elect a temporary National Board that will perform its function until the new national authorities are elected during a meeting of the National Council.
3. The election of new national authorities during the meeting of the National Council and the local authorities associated with them in terms of office shall be held based on this statute. Detailed rules of elections and the election calendar are determined by the National Board.