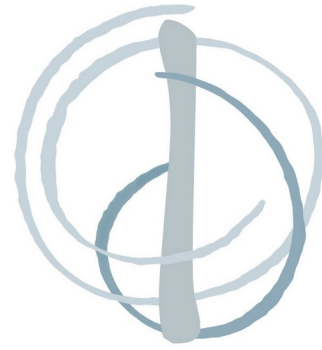


IAABT



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANTHROPOSOPHIC BODY Therapies

## STATUTES

### NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

**Name:** International Association for Anthroposophic Body Therapies (IAABT)

**Registered office:** IAABT, Goetheanum, Medical Section,  
Dornach/Switzerland

### Preamble

The members of the IAABT see in Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy a scientific method which enables them to acquire knowledge about the connections of the spiritual aspects in the human organism.

They develop a holistic understanding of pathologies and their healing processes on the basis of anthroposophic insight into the world and the human being and thus enlarge and replenish their therapeutic training in academic medicine:

healing processes are stimulated through therapeutic work on the physical body through touch (such as massage), movement, baths and external applications.

This augments and supplements conventional medical training in the various types of body Therapies, while fully recognising their validity and value.

Beyond their specific occupations, the members of the IAAB endeavour to advance anthroposophy. They engage in ongoing further development of their capacities in anthroposophy, both with regard to Anthroposophic Body Therapies, the personal path of schooling of the therapist, his or her social and

ethical attitude, the respect for one's fellow human beings, and the sustainable use of the environment.

Research and further development in the field of anthroposophic bodytherapies is a core aim of the IAABT.

The IAABT promotes the basic and advanced training of therapists who wish to extend their therapeutic work with the methods of anthroposophic spiritual science.

Knowledge about anthroposophic body therapies is open to anyone interested.

The IAABT advocates therapeutic freedom and a diversity of methods.

The IAABT is link between the anthroposophic bodytherapists (ABT) and the Medical Section/International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine (IKAM).

## **§ 1 Purpose**

The IAABT

### **Para.1**

is responsible for the development and implementation of certification requirements of the ABT. These are regulated in the certification guidelines of the IAABT.

### **Para.2**

sees itself as a perceptive and coordinating organ for the concerns of its members.

### **Para.3**

promotes networking and collaboration among the members, as well as the formation of networks to promote the establishment of practices, therapeutic communities and therapeutic centres.

### **Para.4**

helps with the recognition and promotion of the various anthroposophic body therapies as well as the global training of them.

### **Para.5**

supports the representation of anthroposophic body work to the public if necessary in collaboration with appropriate institutions.

### **Para.6**

promotes basic and advanced training, as well as research in the various anthroposophic bodytherapeutical methods.

**Para.7**

helps with encounters and communication within anthroposophic bodytherapeutical methods.

**Para.8**

collaborates with similar associations, organisations and interested institutions.

**Para.9**

influences the national and international acceptance and protection for anthroposophic bodytherapies and champions therapeutic freedom and pluralism in medicine.

**Para.10**

represents therapeutic methods with regard to authorities, courts, health insurance companies and other relevant organisations.

**Para.11**

works out professional ethics which shall be agreed at the Members' Meeting.

**Para.12**

is responsible for certifying those wishing to become anthroposophic body therapists.

**§ 2. Non-profit status**

The Association is subject to Swiss association law, Civil Code Art. 60. ff. It thus directly pursues non-profit aims.

The funds of the incorporated body may only be used for the purposes as set out in the statutes.

The members shall only receive allocations from the funds of the incorporated body when they are active by order of the IAABT.

No one may obtain benefit through expenditures which lie outside the purposes of the incorporated body or through disproportionately high remuneration.

**§ 3. MEMBERSHIP**

**Para.1**

**Active**

All therapists who are entitled to receive an IAABT certificate can become a member. Every active member has one vote.

## **Para.2**

### **Supporting member**

All natural and legal persons who wish to support the work of the IAABT can become supporting members. They are entitled to use all services of the IAABT and have the right to be heard in the members meeting but do not have the right to vote.

## **Para.3**

### **Honorary membership**

For special merits, the Executive Board can appoint honorary members. They do not pay any membership contributions.

## **§ 4. Obtaining membership**

### **Para.1**

The admission to the IAABT has to be applied for in writing.

### **Para.2**

The Council decides on admissions.

## **§ 5. Membership contributions**

### **Para. 1a**

Guideline is: each member shall pay an annual contribution. The amount of this contribution corresponds the cost of a therapy hour in the therapists' homeland.

### **Para. 1b**

This regulation will be discussed in each meeting of members.

### **Para.2**

Additional contributions are welcome. They can be acknowledged by a donation receipt.

### **Para.3**

The Council can grant a reduction if it is reasonable.

## **§ 6. Voting/Elections:**

Only the active members present are entitled to vote.

Voting is on the items of the agenda by simple majority of the active members present.

Voting shall be carried out by secret ballot if a member so wishes.

### **§7 Resignation/Notice of cancellation**

#### **Para.1**

Notice of cancellation: no later than September for the current calendar year. The notice of termination must be addressed in writing to the Council.

#### **Para.2**

Membership shall end on the death of a member.

### **§8. Exclusion**

#### **Para. 1**

A member of The IAABT can be excluded from the Association by a unanimous decision of the Council.

#### **Para. 2**

The reasons shall be communicated confidentially.

#### **Para. 3**

It is possible to appeal against exclusion in writing within four weeks after receiving the exclusion.

#### **Para. 4**

In the case of an objection, the Members' Meeting decides thereon with simple majority. The membership is suspended until a decision is made.

## **§ 9. ORGANS**

### **Members' Meeting**

#### **Ordinary Members' Meeting**

#### **Para. 1**

An ordinary Members' Meeting shall take place every year.

The date shall be communicated at least three months in advance by email or, if requested, by post.

**Para. 2**

Motions with grounds may be submitted in writing to the Council no later than six weeks before the Members' Meeting.

These motions shall become an element of the agenda.

**Para. 3**

The invitation and the agenda shall be issued no later than four weeks in advance.

**Para. 4**

The Members' Meeting shall resolve on all significant affairs of the IAABT. Its decisions thus take precedence over all others in the Association. Its decisions are binding for all other organs of the Association.

**§10. Tasks of the Members' Meeting**

**Para.1**

Its tasks include in particular:

- Election of the Council,
- Receipt of the activity report as well as report and statement of accounts, Granting discharge of the Council,
- Amending the statutes and
- Dissolving the Association.

**Para. 2**

The Members' Meeting shall, furthermore, resolve on corporate memberships and their annual contributions.

**Para. 3**

The Members' Meeting shall adopt its resolutions by a simple majority of the votes of the present and members who are entitled to vote

**Para. 4**

Amendment of the statutes, including amendment of the purpose of the Association, requires a two thirds majority of the active members present.

**Para. 5**

Minutes of the Members' Meeting shall be prepared which shall be signed by the minute taker and an additional member of the Council.

**Para. 6**

The Members' Meeting shall discuss and resolve on the membership contributions.

**Para. 7**

Two auditors shall be chosen by the Members' Meeting. Their task is to audit the annual accounts, report to the Members' Meeting and propose a motion of discharge.

**§ 11. Extraordinary Members' Meeting**

**Para. 1**

The Council can call an Extraordinary Members' Meeting. It must be called if 10% of the active members wish this to be done.

**Para. 2**

The invitation to the Extraordinary Members' Meeting specifying the agenda shall be issued by email or, on application, by post no later than four weeks in advance.

**Para. 3**

Motions for the agenda shall be submitted to the Council in writing with grounds no later than two weeks before the meeting date. The motions shall be communicated to the members in writing by no later than one week before the meeting date by email or, on application, by post.

**§ 12 Council**

**Para. 1**

The Council is responsible for executing the tasks of the IAABT as set out in the statutes.

**Para. 2**

It shall support and coordinate free initiatives and working groups from among the members.

Half the Council shall consist of members of the IAABT who may not hold any functions in other associations. The other half shall consist of members proposed by anthroposophic method associations. A further member shall be proposed by the Medical Section and the latter may not hold any functions in other associations either. The Council must thus have a minimum of three members. All council members must be elected by the Members' Meeting.

**Para. 3**

Each year, a quarter of the Council members shall be elected in rotation by the Members' Meeting for a term of four years.

Re-election is permitted.

**Para.4**

If a Council member drops out during his or her term, the Council as a whole can appoint a successor until the next Members' Meeting.

Members appointed in the interim shall be integrated into the rotation.

**Para.5**

The Council may appoint a chief executive. It may grant authority to the chief executive or individual members to undertake specific tasks on behalf of the IAABT.

**Para. 6**

The Council shall give itself its own standing orders. They must be approved by the Members' Meeting.

Remuneration/reimbursement of expenses may also be regulated therein.

**Para.7**

Working groups and specialist groups may be formed within the Association with the consent of the Council.

**Para.8**

In legal matters the IAABT shall be represented by two members of the Council.

**Para.9**

Two members signing jointly shall be authorised signatories.

**Para.10**

The Council forms itself (Assignment of tasks).



## **§ 13 FINANCES**

### **Para.1**

The Association shall be financed by membership contributions, extraordinary contributions and donations.

### **Para.2**

The members shall not receive any share in the profits and neither shall they, in their capacity as members, receive any other allocation from the funds of the IAABT.

### **Para.3**

The IAABT may not benefit any persons or institutions through expenditures which lie outside its purpose §1 of the Statues, or through disproportionately high remuneration.

### **Para.4**

The assets of the Association shall be solely liable for the liabilities of the Association. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

## **§ 14 Financial year**

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

## **§ 15 CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

### **Dissolution**

#### **Para.1**

The dissolution of the IAABT shall be resolved by a Members' Meeting specifically called for that purpose and the vote of a two thirds majority of the members present.

#### **Para.2**

If the Association is dissolved or discontinued, or if its current purpose ceases to apply, then the assets of the Association shall be allocated to organisations or associations which shall use them exclusively and directly for non-profit purposes.

**Para.3**

The Members' Meeting dissolving the Association shall resolve on allocation to one or more suitable institutions.

In such an event resolutions adopted may only be implemented following approval from the competent tax office.

Read, approved and signed at the general meeting on 14 September 2019 in Dornach.

These statutes replace the statutes of September 2011.