

Statutes

Advanced UV for Life e.V.

Association for the Promotion of UV Semiconductor Technologies

§1 NAME, DESIGNATIONS

- (1) The association bears the name "Advanced UV for Life e. V. - Association for the Promotion of UV Semiconductor Technologies".
- (2) In all references to persons in these statutes, words in the masculine shall always include all other genders.

§2 DOMICILE AND FINANCIAL YEAR

- (1) The seat of the association shall be Berlin.
- (2) The business year shall be the calendar year.
- (3) It shall be entered in the register of associations.

§3 PURPOSE AND TASKS

- (1) The purpose of the association is to promote science, research, development, cooperation and education in the field of semiconductor-based UV components and their applications. The association shall represent the common interests of its members at the level of science policy, nationally and at the European level.

The association is committed to achieving broad acceptance of UV technologies among the general public, the media and politicians.

Its goal is

- to achieve a broader acceptance of highly effective, environmentally friendly and economical UV technologies, especially those using UV-LEDs,
 - to promote and accelerate the technical development of semiconductor-based UV components,
 - to increase and accelerate their industrial use, and
 - to initiate and promote the development of new applications with UV-LEDs.
- (2) The association realises its purpose by
 - acting as a platform for the discussion of all scientific and technological issues relating to the use of semiconductor-based UV components;
 - representing the interests of all developers and users of UV technologies, in particular of semiconductor-based UV components, with one voice towards governmental and parliamentary institutions;
 - organises workshops and national and international conferences on the development and application of semiconductor-based UV devices;
 - encourages the creation of legislation, standards and other regulations and participates in their development;

- promotes education and training in the field of semiconductor-based UV components and supports the securing of skilled workers and the promotion of young talent;
 - participates in expert committees that develop and review funding programs and projects that serve the further development and implementation of semiconductor-based UV technologies;
 - regularly informs its members about new developments in the field of UV technologies in the national and international context;
 - supports its members in their public relations work
 - supports its members in applying for publicly funded projects and regularly informs them about relevant funding programs;
 - publicises developments that particularly highlight the advantages of semiconductor-based UV components and their use, especially with regard to environmental protection, occupational health and safety and sustainability.
- (3) The association shall initiate and develop research projects, in particular in the field of pre-competitive joint industrial research and with the special involvement of small and medium-sized enterprises. It shall network research institutions with industrial enterprises in inter- and transdisciplinary, application-oriented projects.

The association is particularly active in the following sub-areas:

- Artificial UV radiation sources and UV sensors, in particular semiconductor-based UV components such as UV LEDs, UV photodiodes and UV laser diodes,
 - Development of materials for UV technology, especially semiconductor materials and materials for packaging and optical beam shaping
 - Technology of semiconductor-based UV lamps and modules,
 - UV LED radiation measurement technology and standardisation,
 - UV radiation sources and UV sensors for disinfection of water, air and surfaces,
 - UV radiation sources and UV sensors in medicine,
 - UV radiation sources and UV sensors in environmental technology and life sciences,
 - UV radiation sources and UV sensors in photochemistry and manufacturing technologies,
 - UV radiation sources and UV sensors in analytics and sensor technology.
- (4) The working method of the association is interdisciplinary. The free participation of all members is guaranteed and shall be the basis for effective work. Cooperation with other associations of related disciplines, nationally and internationally, is sought.
- (5) The association shall act selflessly and shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. The funds of the association may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the association's funds. No person shall be favored by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration. Members who leave the association have no claim to the assets of the association.

§4 MEMBERSHIP

- (1) In principle, all interested natural and legal persons who are committed to the objectives of the association as laid down in the statutes and who actively promote or passively support them may become members.
- (2) Legally dependent parts of an institution or a company may acquire their own membership. In this case, they shall be represented in the General Assembly by a representative appointed by them and shall each have their own voting right.
- (3) Honorary membership may be conferred by resolution of the Executive Board on private persons who have shown special commitment in the sub-areas according to §3 (3). Honorary membership is a membership without active and passive voting rights. Honorary members are exempt from the obligation to pay membership fees.
- (4) A written application must be submitted for admission as a member. The Executive Committee of the association shall decide on applications for admission. An appeal against the rejection of an application for membership may be lodged with the Executive Committee within one month of the written notification of the rejection, and a final decision on this appeal shall be taken at the next ordinary General Meeting.
- (5) The association shall levy membership fees. Details are regulated by the membership fee regulations.
- (6) The minimum duration of membership is one year. It ends by resignation, which can be declared in writing to the Executive Board with a notice period of 3 months to the end of the business year. In case of a late declaration of resignation, membership fees are due for the following business year.
- (7) Members may be expelled by the General Assembly:
 1. in case of gross violation of the statutes,
 2. in the case of damage to the interests or reputation of the association,
 3. non-payment of dues.Membership shall otherwise end
 - by death in the case of natural persons or by dissolution in the case of legal persons.
 - by exclusion, which may be affected by resolution of the general meeting. The member must be given the opportunity to comment.

§5 ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The organs of the association are:

1. the General Meeting,
2. the Executive Board,
3. the Advisory Board.

§6 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to vote at the General Assembly of the association. Each member present at the General Meeting shall have one vote. The transfer of a vote from a non-present member to a present member is possible. The delegation of votes shall be made in writing by proxy.
- (2) Members are entitled to use all services of the association.
- (3) Members are entitled to participate in all events of the association.

§7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

- (1) The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held at least once a year and no later than 30 June of the year. It passes resolutions with a simple majority of votes, in particular on:
 1. motions to amend the statutes,
 2. the election and dismissal as well as the discharge of the Executive Board,
 3. the election of the Advisory Board
 4. the guidelines for the work of the association,
 5. the statement of accounts of the Executive Committee,
 6. the expulsion of a member from the association,

7. the amount and due date of membership fees,
8. the budget prepared by the Executive Committee and the financial report,
9. the participation in associations and societies,
10. the dissolution of the Association (§ 12 of these statutes).

In the case of elections to 2. and 3. which are to be held by secret ballot on request, in the event of a tie, the decision shall be taken by drawing lots; otherwise, in the event of a tie, a proposal for a resolution shall be rejected. Re-election to 2. and 3. is permissible.

- (2) The Executive Committee shall convene the General Assembly by invitation to the members, stating the agenda. The invitation must be sent to the members at least three weeks before the meeting. The invitation shall be deemed to have been received by the member if it is sent to the last address (postal or e-mail address) given to the association by the member.
- (3) Motions for the General Assembly must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least two months before the latest date of the General Assembly according to paragraph 1 and must be communicated to the members with the invitation to the General Assembly.
- (4) Any General Assembly duly convened shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present and represented. A General Assembly may also be held by video conference or individual members may participate in General Assemblies by video conference. In the case of elections to the Executive Board, amendments to the statutes and dissolution of the association, a written vote is permissible. The General Assembly is not open to the public; the elected chairperson may admit guests.
- (5) In the General Assembly, resolutions are passed by a simple majority of the members present and represented. Each member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote. Resolutions concerning the purpose of the association, amendments to the statutes or the dissolution of the association require a majority of two thirds of the members present or represented.
- (6) Voting shall be by show of hands unless the General Assembly decides on a secret ballot at the request of a member.
- (7) Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings and resolutions of the General Assembly and shall be made available to the members. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be signed by the chairman of the board of the association (or, if he is not present, by a deputy member of the Board) and the keeper of the minutes.
- (8) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee within one month if the interests of the association so require or if at least 10 per cent of the members request such a meeting in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons. In all other respects, the provisions for the ordinary general meeting shall apply accordingly.

§8 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- (1) The Executive Board shall consist of
 1. the chairperson,
 2. three vice-chairmen,
 3. the treasurer.
- (2) The Executive Board shall be elected for a term of two years. The election shall normally take place six months before the expiry of the term of office of the Executive Board. The election of the Executive Board by the General Assembly shall determine the beginning of the term of office. If no new board is elected before the end of the term of office, the Board shall remain in office until a new board is elected.
- (3) Only members of the association from among the natural persons or the representatives of the legal persons may be appointed as members of the Board. Each member of the board shall be elected individually by naming his or her function (chairperson, deputy chairperson, treasurer). If a board member leaves the board before the end of his/her term of office, the

General Assembly may elect a successor for the remaining term of office.

- (4) The Executive Board shall manage the association and conduct its business in accordance with the guidelines of the General Assembly and shall be accountable to it. It shall be responsible for the day-to-day business of the association. He shall prepare all meetings and events, represent the association in discussions and negotiations with other bodies and with other interest groups such as politicians. It is authorised to make decisions on the adjustment or reduction of membership fees of individual members in individual cases and if there are objective reasons.
- (5) The chairperson and his/her deputies shall be the Executive Board in the sense of § 26 BGB. The chairperson and one deputy chairperson shall represent the association in and out of court.
- (6) The Executive Board shall meet at least twice per calendar year and minutes shall be taken. A board meeting may also be held by videoconference or individual participants may attend board meetings by videoconference. The board decides in these meetings by simple majority. Invitations to meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent out with at least 10 days' notice by the chairman or, if he is unable to attend, by one of his deputies. The members shall be informed of the results and resolutions in an appropriate form.
- (7) All offices are honorary offices. No remuneration shall be granted to members for their activities. Costs for travel, cash expenses and similar expenses incurred in direct connection with the purposes of the association may, however, be reimbursed in accordance with the available funds.

§9 BUSINESS OFFICE

- (1) The Executive Board shall be supported in its management by an office. This office shall consist of a Managing Director and, if necessary, other employees who shall work closely with the Managing Director.
- (2) Until further notice, the office shall be located at the Ferdinand-Braun-Institute gGmbH, Leibniz Institute for Highest Frequency Technology.
- (3) The Managing Director shall appoint the staff of the office. They shall be suitably qualified for the tasks of the Association.
- (4) The Managing Director shall be responsible for the day-to-day operational and organisational tasks of the Association.
- (5) The Managing Director is bound by the instructions of the Executive Board. He/she shall be responsible for the implementation of the resolutions passed at the General Meetings as well as for the proper bookkeeping and the annual accounts. The Managing Director shall attend the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Meetings. The board may appoint a deputy of the Managing Director. In day-to-day business, in particular in the execution of resolutions of the board, the Managing Director may legally represent the Association alone.
- (6) The remuneration of the employees of the office shall be based on the TVÖD (public service pay scale).

§10 ADVISORY BOARD

- (1) The Association shall have an Advisory Board. Its members shall support and advise the Executed Board and may be entrusted with special tasks by the Executive Board.
- (2) The Advisory Board shall consist of at least three, but no more than nine persons and shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. The election procedure corresponds to that of the Executive Board.

- (3) Members of the Advisory Board shall be drawn from among the members of the association.
- (4) Members of the Advisory Board cannot be members of the Executive Board at the same time.
- (5) The Advisory Board and the Executive Board discuss the national and international goals. Together, the Advisory Board and the Executive Board set the guidelines and direction of the association in the period between General Meetings.
- (6) The Advisory Board shall meet with the Executive Board at least once a year for a joint meeting. The joint meeting shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Board. The joint meeting shall adopt resolutions by a simple majority of the valid votes cast.

§11 FINANCING

In addition to membership fees, the association may, within the scope of its tasks, acquire public funding and donations or take on commissions financed from third-party funds.

§12 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (1) The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a General Assembly convened especially for this purpose with a majority of two thirds of the members present and represented.
- (2) After the dissolution of the association or if the purpose of the association ceases to exist, the assets of the association shall be made available exclusively and directly for charitable purposes.

§13 COMING INTO FORCE

The above articles of association shall enter into force with effect from 26.08.2021.

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Only the german version of the articles of association filed with the register of associations shall apply.