

# **Statutes of the Czech Art Therapeutic Association**

## **Art. I Basic provisions**

- 1.1. The name of the association is "Česká arteterapeutická asociace, z.s." (hereinafter "Association").
- 1.2. The seat of the Association is Prague.
- 1.3. The Association is established for an indefinite period.

## **Art. II Purpose of the Association**

- 2.1. The purpose of the Association is to bring together art therapists and those interested in art therapy, to support and develop the professional level of members, to help the possibilities of applying art therapy in all adequate areas and to strive to increase the level of ethical awareness in the field of art therapy.
- 2.2. For this purpose, the Association performs its main activity. The subject of the main activity of the Association is:
  - 2.2.1. care for professional and personal growth of members (collection and dissemination of professional literature, organization of educational programs, conferences, publishing of the journal Arteterapie and other non-periodical publications),
  - 2.2.2. in cooperation with other subjects, setting the conditions for obtaining the qualification of a professional art therapist,
  - 2.2.3. cooperation with other organizations with a similar focus at home and abroad,
  - 2.2.4. activities aimed at protecting the public against unskilled professions and misleading advertising,
  - 2.2.5. formulation of scientific and professional opinions in the field of art therapy,
  - 2.2.6. representation of its members in negotiations with institutions of the Czech Republic and abroad and defending the interests of the field.

## **Art. III Membership**

- 3.1. The association has four types of membership: regular, guaranteed, professional and honorary. Czech and foreign natural and legal persons can become a regular member of the Association, who submit a written application, agree with the purpose and statutes of the Association, have a written recommendation of two CAA members and pay a membership fee. The Association Committee decides on admission as a regular member. The list of members of the Association is published on the website of the Association. The registration of a new member will be published in the list of members upon admission to the Association. If a member does not agree to have his name published on the Association's website, he shall state this fact in the application.
- 3.2. A regular member who has met the following requirements for granting guaranteed membership in the Association becomes a guaranteed member of the Association:
  1. initial education: completed university education in the humanities or arts - psychological, medical, social, pedagogical, artistic;
  2. education in art therapy: a) training with art therapy focus (in the range of at least 500 hours) guaranteed by CAA, or completed education in art therapy (Bc.), B) art therapy courses (education, conferences, workshops, etc.) guaranteed by CAA in the range of 150 hours;
  3. supervision: a total of 50 hours of supervision work, of which at least 20 hours are group art therapy supervision and 20 hours are individual art therapy supervision;
  4. practice: at least 2 years of direct art therapy practice (500 hours of art therapy).

The Association Committee decides on the granting of guaranteed membership on the basis of the submitted application and the attached documents on the fulfillment of the requirements for the granting of guaranteed membership.

3.3. A regular or guaranteed member who has met the following requirements for the granting of professional membership of the Association becomes a professional member of the Association:

1. initial education: completed university education in the humanities or arts - psychological, medical, social, pedagogical, artistic;
2. psychotherapeutic training: completed comprehensive psychotherapeutic training (self-experience + theory + supervision) accredited by ČLS, ČAP, EAP;
3. education in art therapy: a) training with art therapy focus (in the range of at least 500 hours) guaranteed by the CAA, or completed education in art therapy (Bc.), Art therapy courses (education, conferences, workshops, etc.) guaranteed by the CAA in the range of 250 hours;
4. supervision: a total of 150 hours of supervision work, of which at least 50 hours are group art therapy supervision and 50 hours are individual art therapy supervision;
5. experience: at least 5 years of experience in helping professions, of which at least 2 years of direct art therapy practice (500 hours of art therapy);
6. further continuing education.

The Association Committee decides on the granting of professional membership on the basis of the submitted application and the attached documents on the fulfillment of the requirements for the granting of professional membership.

3.4. An honorary member may be a prominent expert in a related field or a person who has demonstrable merits for the development of art therapy, who agrees with the purpose and statutes of the Association. The General Assembly decides on admission as an honorary member.

3.5. A member has the right to vote and be elected to all bodies, to propose amendments to the statutes and vote on them, to participate in events organized by the Association, to participate in the creation of plans and concepts of the Association, to use information and materials of the Association.

3.6. The member is obliged to act in accordance with the purpose of the Association, to assist in the realization of its mission, to observe the statutes, the code of ethics and to pay membership fees.

3.7. An honorary member is not obliged to pay fees and perform activities for the benefit of the CAA, but adheres to the statutes, the code of ethics, respects the resolution of the CAA, protects the interests of the CAA. He can vote and be elected.

3.8. Membership expires by:

a) written notification of the member on the day of delivery to the registered office of the Association,

b) expulsion for serious violation of the Articles of Association and the Code of Ethics, damage to the good reputation of the Association, damage to the interests and activities of the Association, misuse of information, conflict of interests, activities damaging the Association. A proposal for expulsion may be submitted in writing by any member of the Association; the proposal shall state the circumstances justifying the reason for expulsion. The proposal for expulsion is submitted by the ethics committee or the control committee and the expulsion is decided by the committee of the association. Within fifteen days of the delivery of the decision in writing (in the form of a registered letter to the address of the member communicated to the Association), the member may propose that the decision on his expulsion be reviewed by the General Meeting,

c) non-payment of the membership fee by 31.12. of the given year,

d) the death of a member or the dissolution of a member's legal entity.

## **Art. IV Bodies of the Association**

The bodies of the Association are:

1. General Assembly
2. President of the Association
3. Committee of the Association
4. Control Commission
5. Ethics committee

### **4.1. General Assembly**

4.1.1. It is the highest body of the Association, consisting of all members. All members are informed about the meeting of the General Assembly by a written invitation stating the place, time and agenda of the session sent by e-mail, or at the request of a member by post at least 14 days before the date of the session.

4.1.2. The General Assembly is convened by the Committee at least once a year. It is also obliged to convene it if at least 1/3 of the members or the control commission so request.

4.1.3. The General Assembly has a quorum when at least half of the members are present. If the required number of members does not meet at the specified hour, it has a quorum for any number of members after half an hour, but it may only discuss the program specified in the invitation. In this case, the resolution is valid if a two-thirds majority of those present votes for them, otherwise it decides by a simple majority of votes.

4.1.4. The General Assembly decides in particular on amendments to the Articles of Association, adoption and amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics, the amount of membership fees, plans and concept of the Association, elects and removes members of the committee and audit committee, adopts management and activity report, approves financial statements. The Chairman of the Committee shall ensure that the minutes of the General Assembly are prepared within thirty days of its closing. If this is not possible, the minutes shall be made by the person who chaired the meeting or who was authorized to do so by the General Assembly. The minutes must show who convened the meeting and how, when it took place, who opened it, who chaired it, what other officials the general meeting elected, what resolution it adopted and when the minutes was drawn up. Each member of the Association may inspect the minutes of the General Meeting at the registered office of the Association.

### **4.2. Chairman of the Committee**

4.2.1. It is a statutory body of the Association. The Chairman of the Committee represents the Association externally independently. The chairman of the committee convenes and directs the meetings of the committee and in the meantime decides on routine matters of activity and management. It stipulates remuneration for members of the Association and voluntary collaborators of the Association, including the remuneration of the President of the Association.

### **4.3. Committee**

4.3.1. It is the executive body of the Association, elected for a 2-year term. It has 7 members, at the first meeting it elects the chairman and 2 vice-chairmen, who in the absence of the chairman assume his powers. The Committee manages the activities of the Association between General Assemblies, is obliged to comply with the resolutions of the General Assembly and to decide on matters on which the General Assembly has not decided. Committee members are entitled to remuneration for the performance of their duties.

#### **4.4 Control Commission**

4.4.1. It has three members.

4.4.2 The members of the Control Committee are elected by the General Meeting, the term of office is two years.

#### **4.5 Ethics Committee**

4.5.1 It has three members.

4.5.2 The members of the ethics committee are elected by the General Assembly, the term of office is two years.

4.5.3 It prepares proposals for the amendment of the Code of Ethics of the Association, which it then submits to the General Assembly for approval.

4.5.4. It discusses all complaints about the activities of the members of the Association, makes findings and presents the results to the Committee.

### **Art. V Principles of management**

5.1. The financial resources of the Association are:

5.1.1. membership fees,

5.1.2. property of the Association,

5.1.3. funds for defended projects, for obtained grants,

5.1.4. income from its own economic activity,

5.1.5. income from donations, sponsorships and other forms of support.

5.2. In its management, the Association is governed by generally applicable legal regulations.

### **Art. VI Final provisions**

6.1. The decision to dissolve the Association with liquidation or transformation of the Association requires the consent of a two-thirds majority of the members present at the General Assembly. The liquidation balance can be handed over only to a natural or legal person whose purpose is close to the purpose of the Association.

6.2. These Articles of Association shall take effect on the date of approval by the General Assembly.

The approval of the Articles of Association by the CAA General Assembly took place on: 1 November 2019.