

Pursuant to Articles 4, 16 and 18 of LAF (Official Gazette No.52/10), the Assembly of Association - Center for Investigative Journalism SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje, at its session held on 04.11.2016 passed the following

REVISED STATUTE

of Association - Center for Investigative Journalism, SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Association - Center for Investigative Journalism SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje (hereinafter: Association) is an independent and voluntary organization established for professional development of investigative reporting in Skopje and Republic of Macedonia.

Article 2

Due to the realization of common goals and interests, the Association may associate with other associations of similar or another character.

Article 3

The name of the association is Association - Center for Investigative Journalism SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje.

It is based in Skopje, address: 11 Oktomvri St. No. 2/5-4.

Article 4

Association - Center for Investigative Journalism SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje is a legal entity. In legal relations with third parties the Association acts on its behalf and for its account. Association is responsible for its obligations with its entire property and assets.

Article 5

The seal of the Association is round with a diameter of 30 mm, with inscribed text Association - Center for Investigative Journalism SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje.

Article 6

The work of the Association is public. Public information is provided through the organs of the Association and the media.

Article 7

Mutual relations in the Association are established with this Statute and other acts of the Association.

2. MAIN OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

Main objectives and tasks of the Association are the following:

- Promoting, supporting and encouraging investigative journalism through training of journalists towards investigative reporting, their financial support for investigative stories
- Introduction to the reporters and editors of the Macedonian media about the basic idea of investigative journalism, the tools used (such as Computer Assisted Reporting, Networking, Freedom of Information Act ...) and the general importance of investigative journalism as a path to greater transparency of public and state institutions as an important prerequisite for democracy, reducing the level of corruption and organized crime.

- Training, development and encouraging investigative journalism at the local level through local media
- Creating a strong network of cooperation between investigative journalists in Macedonia to encourage cross-border collaborations in investigative stories and projects, using contacts with other centers in the region and beyond
- Organizing training and specialization of journalists and editors
- Training students in state, public and private-public universities where there are faculties of journalism, but no courses in investigative journalism.

The Association will realize its objectives through:

1. Establishing a fund to support investigative stories
2. Organizing training seminars for journalists and editors
3. Concluding agreements with certain universities for including investigative journalism as a separate subject in the faculties of journalism, where within a year students will be trained by experienced investigative journalists from Macedonia and abroad
4. Networking Project for Journalists in Macedonia in their investigative work
5. Investigative projects for specific topics that will be realized by the journalists of Center SCOOP-Macedonia

Article 9

In order to realize these objectives, the Association takes care of:

- Accordance of the program and development of investigative journalism in whole
- Improving the financial position of the Association
- Taking initiatives or actions for propaganda of investigative journalism
- Realization of the system of stimulating measures, awarding prizes, prizes for successful work of journalists

To achieve the above objectives, the Association may open branches on the territory of RM and abroad.

3. ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Article 10

The Association is organized on the basis of voluntary membership. Membership is made with a membership card with Association's stamp.

Article 11

Bodies of the Association are:

1. Assembly
2. Management Board
3. Representative

ASSEMBLY

Article 12

Assembly is the highest body of the Association and consists of all five (5) founding members of the Association.

Delegates are elected from among the founding members.

The founders are entitled to one vote.

Members of the Association are entitled to vote in a way that at least five members of the Association shall designate a delegate who will represent their interests at the Assembly's sessions.

Delegates and their number will be determined with the ongoing work of the Association.

Article 13

The meeting of the Assembly of the Association and its bodies is public and democratic respecting the opinion of each delegate and participant in it. Making decisions on all substantive matters is with public voting.

Article 14

Election of Association's delegates is performed at least 30 days before the expiration of the term of the current members of the Assembly.

Article 15

Assembly's delegate of the founders is permanent, and delegates of the sponsors are elected for a term of one year. At the Assembly's election meeting delegates' terms are verified. Members of the Association give a proposal for election of a new delegate.

Article 16

The Assembly works at sessions.

Electoral Assembly is convened at least once a year and the constitution must be completed no later than 15 days before the expiration of the term of the old members.

Article 17

Due to the nature of the Association's work, upon the proposal of the President and founders, the Assembly can be extraordinary, at least once a year. The one who convenes the extraordinary Assembly is obliged to submit materials with agenda to the delegates.

Article 18

The Assembly meets at least once a year when it adopts an annual report, guidelines and work plan.

Article 19

The Assembly is convened by the President, and an invitation with the agenda materials in written form shall be submitted to the delegates at least seven days before the meeting. Upon request of the Management Board or 1/5 of the total number of delegates to the Assembly, Assembly session may be convened. If the President of the Assembly within 14 days of the given proposal does not convene a session, the session is convened by the Management Board or the initiators, if there are reasonable conditions prescribed by law.

Article 20

The Assembly works with an absolute majority and decides with an absolute majority of delegates present when it comes to essential issues: change of statute, expelling a member, new founders and adopting regulations of particular interest to the Association.

The Assembly can work fully entitled to make decisions with a simple majority of the delegates present, if more than half of the delegates of the total number of members are present at the session when it comes to current obligations Association's work.

Article 21

The Association's founders elect a President of the Association from the founders, who is also the President of the Management Board and elect a Management Board of four (4) members and a president. President's term last 4 years.

Article 22

The Association's Assembly:

- Adopts a statute, program and other acts
- Adopts the annual report, guidelines and work plan

- Adopts the financial plan and the annual financial statement
- Decides upon the change of the goal of the association
- Decides upon establishing and terminating branches and other organizational aspects of the association
- Decides upon joining or splitting from other association and membership in alliances and international organizations
- Determines admission of new members and termination of membership
- Elects bodies of the association
- Decides on the termination of the association with a two-thirds majority
- Decides on other issues that are other bodies of the association are not competent for
- Performs other duties in accordance with the statute and Association's general laws

Article 23

The Assembly's decision-making is public.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

Article 24

Management Board is a collective and executive body of the Association. Board members are elected from among the founders, and the Board has a total of five (5) members with the President. The term of office is four years.

Article 25

The President convenes and manages the sessions and offers an agenda. In case of absence of the President of the Board the meeting is held by one of the members of the Management Board. The President shall call a meeting every three months and if necessary several times and upon request of at least four members of the Management Board.

Article 26

The Management Board works and makes decisions in the presence of a majority of members present.

Article 27

The Management Board performs the following tasks:

- Prepares the meetings of the Assembly
- Prepares the draft statute and decisions adopted by the Assembly
- Implements the policy, conclusions and decisions adopted by the Assembly
- It can set up a professional service and control its work
- Manages and is responsible for managing the assets of the association
- Prepares annual or interim report on its work and
- Performs other duties

Article 28

The President of the Management Board is responsible for the material and financial operations of the Association.

The President of the Management Board represents the Association.

Representative

Article 29

Association have one or more persons authorized for representation of the Association – representative elected by the Assembly.

Rights and commitments, representative is obligated to do according to the law, statute and documents of the association.

4. ACQUISITION AND HANDLING PROPERTY

Article 30

Association - Center for Investigative Journalism, SCOOP-MACEDONIA Skopje provides a means for meeting the needs from:

- Membership fee;
- Contributions, donations, gifts, advertising through direct and indirect agreements with legal entities, support from civil legal entities and individuals.
- Municipal budget.

Article 31

The Association will amicably regulate under the law the mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities in relation to the shared use of facilities and other items, gaining profit from mutual performance of activities.

1. METHOD AND PROCEDURE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

Article 32

Membership in the Association is voluntary.

The founders are members with equal rights and responsibilities as other members.

The Association keeps a register of members and records of members of bodies. Details about members are updated at least once every two years.

2. TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATION

Article 33

The Assembly will stop working for reasons in accordance with Article 63 of the Law on Associations and Foundations.

The Association will stop working when the Assembly decides it with the majority of the delegates present and with the consent of the founders.

After the termination of the work of the Association, the assets and funds remaining after payment of liabilities are transferred into ownership of founders.

3. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 34

Interpretation of the provisions of this Statute is given by the Management Board and it is subject to confirmation by the Assembly of the Association.

Article 37

Amendments to this Statute shall be made by the same procedure as for its adoption.

Article 38

This Statute shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

Round seal of
the Central Register of RM

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