

# debian.ch – Articles of Association

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## §1 INTRODUCTION

debian.ch is an association under article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, based in Bern.

## §2 PURPOSE

1. debian.ch is the official representative of the Debian Project in Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
2. The Association holds assets on behalf of the Debian Project in Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
3. It supports the Debian project and its activities using the Association's assets.

## §3 ASSETS

The Association is financed by donations and other voluntary contributions. There is no membership fee.

## §4 SPONSORS

1. Persons or companies may request to become a sponsor/patron by making a donation of at least CHF 100. Their status as a benefactor of debian.ch may be noted on the web page.
2. They may in return advertise their status as a patron or sponsor of debian.ch in any of their publications.
3. The debian.ch patronage is valid for one year.

## §5 MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Debian project with permanent residence or citizenship in Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein may choose to assert membership of the Association and their membership is automatically accepted.
2. Any member may propose another person for admission as a member. The General Meeting will decide on their inclusion. The proposed member must be present at the meeting unless it is impractical for them to attend.
3. A member can leave the Association debian.ch at his own request at any time.
4. A General Meeting may choose to exclude a member without cause. A majority of 2/3 of members present must vote in favour of such a motion for it to be carried.

## §6 EXECUTIVE BODIES – GENERAL MEETING

1. The Committee must call a General Meeting at least once per year. All members must be given

at least two weeks notice by email.

2. The invitation period may be less if all members agree.
3. If a General Meeting resolves to amend the articles of association, the revised articles do not take effect until the close of the meeting.

## §7 EXECUTIVE BODIES – THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee consists of President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is permitted for one person to hold more than one office, but essential that the Office of the President and Treasurer be occupied by two different people.
2. The Committee may undertake business on behalf of the Association as permitted by law.
3. In addition to the Officeholders, the Committee may contain non-executive Officers who each have an equal vote in decisions of the board but hold no formal title or office.
4. The AGM elects the members of the board for a term of one year.
5. The Committee members agree the allocation of the Offices amongst themselves.

## §8 EXECUTIVE BODIES – DEBIAN PROJECT LEADER (DPL)

The Debian Project Leader may direct the way in which all the assets held by the Association are used.

## §9 DIGITAL SIGNATURE

A digital signature may be made in place of a hand written signature, provided the key used is compliant with the requirements for a Debian Developer key.

## §10 ACCOUNTING YEAR

The accounting year is the calendar year.

## §11 DISSOLUTION

1. A decision to dissolve the Association requires a two thirds majority of the General Meeting. It must be attended by at least 50 members or, if the Association has fewer than 66 Members, three-quarters of all members must be present.
2. Upon dissolution, all assets must be transferred to Software in the Public Interest, Inc., Indianapolis, USA.

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