

Articles of association of the Friends of the Danish House in Palestine (Det Danske Hus i Palæstina) (DHIP) as adopted at the General Assembly on 27 October 2007 - with amendments adopted at the General Assembly on 24 October 2009, amendments adopted at the General Assembly on 30 October 2010, amendments adopted at the General Assembly on 26 October 2013, amendments adopted at the annual General Assembly on 7 March 2015 and amendments adopted at the annual General Assembly 7 April 2018.

Further: **Charter of the Danish House in Palestine (DHIP)**

1. Name

1.1. The name of the association is: The Association of the Friends of the Danish House in Palestine (hereafter referred to as the 'Association').

2. Purpose

2.1. The Purpose of the Association is

- to strengthen and develop relations between Palestine and Denmark.
- to establish a place in Palestine where Danish students, teachers, researchers, journalists, NGOs, artists and others with an interest in the Arab world in general and in Palestine in particular can stay and/or get assistance and inspiration.
- to establish a place where Danish and Palestinian culture can meet and cultural and political dialogue can unfold.

2.2 The Association seeks its purpose promoted by establishing and running a house in Palestine currently placed in Ramallah. The Danish House in Palestine is established and run as a separate entity by the name of the Danish House in Palestine (DHIP). The specific rules of DHIP are laid down in a separate charter.

3. Membership

3.1 Any individual who can accept the purpose and laws of the Association can become a member. The members may form local groups geographically whose function is determined in an agreement with the board of DHIP.

3.2 Any organisation, institution, association, private business, confederation or other union which can accept the purpose of the Association and which wants to contribute to the work of the Friends and DHIP, can become member as a legal person.

3.3 The Board approves the membership of legal persons and informs the General Assembly thereof subsequently.

3.4 Membership for legal persons is for at least one year. The Board may adopt types of membership fee of longer duration.

3.5 The membership takes effect at the time when the Board has registered the payment of the membership fee into the account of the Association.

3.6 A member will be deleted as a member if the said person is still in arrears after the submission of a reminder and subsequent arrears letter.

3.7 The right to speak, vote and eligibility at the General Assembly of the Association requires that the membership fee has been paid at the time when the general Assembly is held.

4. General Assembly

4.1 The General Assembly is the ultimate authority of the Association and is held once a year in the second quarter with the following agenda:

1. Election of convener of the meeting and keeper of minutes.
2. Presentation of report.
 - 2.a. Presentation of the annual report of the Board for adoption.
 - 2.b. Presentation of the annual review of DHIP for information.
3. Presentation of audited financial statements of the Association for adoption.
4. Determination of membership fees and presentation of budget of the Association for adoption.
5. Discussion of proposals received, including amendments to articles of association.
6. Election of members and alternates of the Board.
7. Approval of Palestinian members and alternate of the Board of the Association of Friends of the Danish House in Palestine.
8. Appointment of auditors.
9. Any other business.

4.2.

Amendments to the articles of the Association require the acceptance from two thirds of the voters appearing. Other decisions are made by a simple majority. Each member has one vote.

4.3.

An extraordinary General Assembly must be held if the Board so requires, or if one third of the members make a claim for that in writing.

4.4.

The General Assembly is convened in writing by submission of an agenda, giving at least three weeks' notice. Audited financial statements and any appendices of the other items on the agenda are sent at the latest eight days before the General Assembly is held. Proposals sought to be discussed at the General Assembly, including any proposals for amendment to the articles of association, must be received by the board no later than 15th January.

Convening and submission of appendices are made by e-mail to the individual members. Members without an e-mail address can receive the notice convening the meeting by mail after having contacted the Board.

4.5. Collective membership organisation enrolled as legal persons with more than 3,000 members may participate in the General Assembly with a voting member for each fraction of 2,500 members of the said organisation, but no more than three participants per organisation.

5. Board

5.1 The board comprises seven members (five living in Denmark and two living in Palestine) to be elected for two years. In even years, two members are elected, and in odd years three members are elected.

Further, each year three alternates are elected (two Danes and one Palestinian). The alternate period is one year.

Based on a recommendation from the Board, the General Assembly approves the two Palestinian members of the Board, and an alternate.

Re-election may take place.

5.2. Election for the Board :

Any member may run for the board by publishing their candidacy no later than at the General Assembly.

Voting takes place at the presentation of candidates followed by ordinary secret ballot. The two or three candidates, respectively, who receive most votes have been elected for the board.

In the event of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, lots between them are drawn.

Alternates are elected by a separate presentation.

5.3 Employees of the Association and in DHIP cannot be elected for the Board.

5.4. Members of the Board may receive a fee for the performance of an assignment for the Association and for DHIP. However, the fee may not exceed DKK 25,000 per year if not approved by the Board in advance.

The Board is kept informed on an on-going basis.

5.5. The Board holds at least four meetings a year. One meeting in Denmark, one in Ramallah and two on Skype.

5.6. The Board may engage one to two external representatives with special competences for specific tasks for a period of one year. The external representatives may participate in Board meetings but do not have the right to vote and are subjects to the same rules and regulations as Board members.

5.7. The working languages of the board are Danish and English. Minutes must be in English.

5.8. The Board constitutes a quorum by the presence of two thirds of the board members. Each member has one vote.

5.9. The Board meetings are open to alternates, who may attend without voting rights.

5.10. The alternate joins the board as a member if an elected member resigns from the board during a Board year.

5.11. The Board elects its own chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and secretary. The board determines its own rules of procedure.

6. Finances and financial statements

6.1. The activities of the Association are based on membership fees, income from activities and funds from public and private foundations.

6.2. The financial statements of the Association and the balance sheet are audited by an internal auditor elected at the General Assembly.

The audited and adopted financial statements of DHIP are enclosed to the financial statements of the Association. DHIP's equity must appear as an individual item in the statement of the equity of the Association.

6.3. The Association can be bound by the treasurer with either the chairman or the vice-chairman.

6.4. The Association is liable for its obligations solely with its assets.

6.5. The financial year is the calendar year.

7 Membership fee

7.1 The membership fee of individual members is determined by the General Assembly.

7.2 The membership fee of legal persons is determined by the Board following negotiation with the said member.

8. Dissolution of the Association

8.1 Dissolution takes place following adoption by two thirds of the voters at two consecutive General Assemblies.


8.2 In case of dissolution, the assets of the Association are transferred to a related purpose determined by the dissolving General Assembly.

Vedtægter for DHIP godkendt på Generalforsamlingen og af Bestyrelsen d. 7 april 2018:

Formand: Lone Bildsøe Lassen

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 


Næstformand: Gry Krogager Lund

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 


Kasserer: Kirsten Jensen

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 

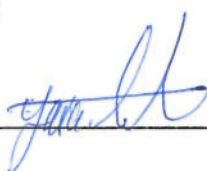
Bestyrelsesmedlem: Bilal Al-Issa

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 


Bestyrelsesmedlem: ~~BIORN MEIDELL~~ BIORN MEIDELL

Dato: 28.10.18 Underskrift: 

Bestyrelsesmedlem: Yara Odeh

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 

Bestyrelsesmedlem: Ghassan Abdullah

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 

Daoud Ghoul

Dato: _____ Underskrift: 