

Pursuant to the Article 18 of the Law on Associations and Foundations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 52/2010, 135/2011 and 55/2016), the Assembly of the National Association for Help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - National Association for MS Skopje, at the session held on 11.03.2019 adopted the following:

STATUTE
of the National Association for Help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MS
Skopje

GENERAL TERMS

Article 1

The National Association for Help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis -National Association for MS Skopje is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental and non-partisan citizen's association established for the realization, protection, promotion and reconciliation of the rights, needs and interests of persons with multiple sclerosis and persons who care about them, as well as performing activities in order to raise the public awareness for multiple sclerosis.

Article 2

The National Association for Help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - National Association for MS, Skopje can perform activities that can gain profits if the activities are related to the goals determined by the statute.

If the profits of the Association are accomplished, they will be used for achieving the goals determined by the Statute.

Article 3

The name of the association is:

National Association for help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MS, Skopje

The name in the English language is:

National Association for help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis

The abbreviated name of the association is:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MS

The abbreviated English name is:

National Association for MS

The address of the association is:

Franklin Ruzvelt Street 8/37, Skopje

The Association is organized and operates on the entire territory of the republic.

Article 4

The National Association for help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis, hereinafter referred to as the Association, has the status of a legal entity with rights, obligations and responsibilities from this Statute and the positive legal regulations of the state.

The Association is represented by the President.

The association has its round and square seal.

The round seal contains the name of the Association in Macedonian with Cyrillic alphabet, and in the middle is the logo of the Association.

The square seal of the association is with the following text:

National Association for help and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MS, verification number, date line, year and headquarters.

The association has its own symbol (emblem/logo) which contains the abbreviated name of the association and it will be used by and for the benefit of the members of the association.

Article 5

The National Association of MS in its activities can cooperate with organizations, associations, unions, foundations and institutions and can become member of associations in the country and abroad in accordance with the State Constitution, the Laws and this Statute.

Article 6

The Association shall realize its goals, tasks and activities in accordance with the International Agreements, the State Constitution and the laws regulating the matter in this area and this Statute. Political and religious organization is prohibited within the Association

OBJECTIVES AND TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MANNER OF THEIR REALIZATION

Article 7

The main goals and tasks of the association are:

- protection and strengthening of the rights of persons with multiple sclerosis, respect for their personality and dignity,
- raising public awareness of multiple sclerosis,
- acting in the direction of improving the quality of life of persons with multiple sclerosis,
- promotion, improvement and improvement of public health and application of the world protocols in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of persons suffering from multiple sclerosis,
- lobbying and acting in the direction of providing modern and adequate access to high-efficiency drugs, early and adequate treatment for the purpose of postponing, remedying and preventing disability in persons with multiple sclerosis,
- helping, supporting, unifying, directing, educating and informing people with multiple sclerosis; their adaptation and integration of social life,
- legal, health, economic and social assistance, and support for persons with multiple sclerosis and their families;
- providing primary legal assistance, as free legal assistance in accordance with the law, in the realization and protection of the freedoms and rights of citizens;
- acting in the direction of improvement of the health, social and rehabilitation system in accordance with the individual needs and abilities of persons with multiple sclerosis in order to promote their health,
- establishing regular communication between patients, doctors, health institutions, pharmaceutical companies and other relevant stakeholders in this field,
- educational, information and publishing activities,
- continuous monitoring of novelties in terms of scientific, theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of medicine and technology in the country and abroad related to multiple sclerosis, as well as acting in order to implement them,
- supporting scientific research work through various forms of counseling, seminars, symposia, conferences, dialogues in the interest of people with multiple sclerosis,

- Inclusion of persons with multiple sclerosis in the educational process and the labor market by exercising all their rights and benefits that are guaranteed and regulated in accordance with the positive legal regulations of our country,
- involvement of potential employers in the process of education regarding the benefits and incentives for employment of persons with multiple sclerosis, which are guaranteed in accordance with the positive legal regulations,
- assisting the professional development and qualifications of professional and health professionals in the area related to prophylaxis, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with multiple sclerosis,
- familiarization of the society with the characteristics, symptoms, prophylaxis, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of multiple sclerosis, the physiological and psychological consequences of it,
- creation and maintenance of contacts and dialogue between the Association and the authorities and institutions, organizations and associations in the country and abroad,
- undertaking measures to overcome the emotional consequences of the disease, professional retraining and social rehabilitation of persons with multiple sclerosis.

Article 8

The Association accomplishes its goals and tasks in the following way:

- continuous monitoring and analysis of the national legislation, health and practice of EU Member States and the activities of other international organizations and modern health systems,
- organizing and participating in events, presentations, symposia, conferences, seminars, trainings, consultations, scientific meetings, working sessions, meetings, workshops, debates and debates,
- direct and indirect action aimed at improving the quality of life of people with multiple sclerosis,
- counseling and consultation of people with multiple sclerosis and other factors,
- introduction of the competent institutions with the needs and problems of persons with multiple sclerosis,
- monitoring and reviewing the legislation in the direction of initiating, proposing and indicating the competent bodies for adoption, amendments and supplements to the legal and other regulations and decisions,
- support research, educational and other institutions, whose activity is related to the goals of the Society,
- organizing permanent or temporary information centers in the country and abroad,
- Organizing concerts, exhibitions and other cultural gatherings.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, EXCLUSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 9

A member of the National Association for MS can be any adult citizen and / or foreigner who accepts the program and the statute of the association, voluntarily approaches it, in order to support the goals and actions of the association.

As an exception to paragraph 1, a juvenile can become a member of the association by giving a signed statement of consent for membership by his legal representative/guardian.

Membership in the association is done by filling out an application form in electronic form, after which a confirmation/notification of membership is issued, which proves the status of a member in the association and it is delivered to the member in electronic form.

Upon expulsion or termination of the membership, the application form and membership card are returned to the association by signing a written statement.

The Association maintains a register of its members. The data contained in the register shall be updated at least once every two years. The data in the register are protected in accordance with the regulations for protection of personal data and classified information.

Article 10

Membership in the association is voluntary.

A regular member is any person with multiple sclerosis or a member of his family, who meets the general conditions for membership in accordance with the Statute and who is issued a membership card upon joining, the form and content of which is determined by the Executive Board of the National MS Association."

- Extraordinary members are:

- a) juveniles under the age of 18
- b) supporters
- c) honorary members
- d) volunteers

Members of the association are the founders as well as all members of the bodies of the association.

Article 11

Membership ceases:

- by signing a written application for leaving the association,
- by exclusion in accordance with a decision of the Assembly, in the event of failure to fulfill the decisions of the management bodies of the association, in actions that violate the reputation of the association, or does not fulfill the obligations towards the Association, described in Article 12 of this Statute, which arise from the status of a member of the Association.
- if the member is unjustifiably absent from all meetings of the Association during the calendar year,
- in case of death of the person,
- by failing to pay the membership fee in the prescribed period (if such is determined by a decision of the Assembly in the amount of which is determined by the Executive Board),
- in case of termination of the existence of the Association,
- non-realization of the association's policy,
- unethical use of the equipment of the association.

Upon termination of the membership on any ground, the member is obliged to return the equipment which he/she was previously given to.

Upon termination of the membership for any reason, the member has no right to claim a refund of anything previously paid/invested.

The decision on exclusion from membership is adopted by the Assembly of the association, the member is therefore informed of the procedure for exclusion and informs the member about the decision.

Exclusion means that that member no longer has the right to perform any activity in the association.

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 12

The members of the association have the right:

Regular members:

- to vote at the assembly of the association,
- to elect and to be elected as members of the bodies of the association,

All members:

- to have access to the information on the activity of the association and its bodies, and to express freely their opinion on all issues related to the activity of the Association,
- participate in the work of the Association.

Members' obligations:

- to fulfill conscientiously the engagement in the Association, in particular to attend meetings of the bodies of the Association in which he/she is a member, or meetings and events of the Association for which he/she will be notified, except for justified reasons for which he/she should notify the Association,
- to respect the Statute, the Program, the decisions, the rulebooks, the conclusions and other acts adopted by the bodies of the Association, as well as to work and act in order to achieve the goals of the Association,
- to preserve the good name of the Association and to propagate its goals,
- regularly pay the membership fee (if determined by a decision of the Assembly).

TRANSPARENCY

Article 13

The work of the National Association for MS is public.

Publicity is provided by regular reporting to the members, other associations or the general public about the work and activities, with an insight into the implementation of the program tasks, by submitting a report on the work of the bodies and bodies of the material and financial operations.

The press, the radio, the television, its website as well as social networks and other forms of information are used to inform members and the general public.

FINANCING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 14

The Association realizes funds from:

- membership fee (if it is determined by a decision of the Assembly),
- donations, grants, voluntary contributions, sponsorships from the state budget and the budget of the Units of Local Self-Government, other non-governmental organizations, trade companies and other legal entities from the state and abroad,
- providing services to other associations, organizations and institutions,
- commissions from authorities, organizations, communities and other institutions, from trade companies and other legal entities,
- from other services (property rights, etc.),
- from other sources provided for by law and the Statute.

Article 15

The financial assets of the association are used to achieve the goals determined by the Statute and the Program of the Association.

The use and disposition of the funds of the association obtained on the basis of the previous Article shall be performed in a manner determined by this Statute and other legal regulations.

Article 16

The National Association of MS adopts an annual financial plan for the revenues and expenditures of the Association.

The financial plan contains the revenues that are acquired under the Article 14 of the Statute, as well as expenditures for social activity, salaries of employees, allowances of engaged persons,

materials costs for the work of the Association and other expenses related to the work of the association. The financial plan can be amended at any time.

BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 17

Management bodies of the National Association for MS are:

1. Assembly
2. Executive Board
3. President

ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 18

The Assembly is the highest body of the Association.

The Assembly of the association is composed of 9 elected representatives.

The Assembly meets as needed, and at least once a year.

Article 19

The election assembly is convened upon the establishment of the Association.

Article 20

Meetings of the Assembly are assembled by the President of the Assembly on his/her own initiative. A session of the Assembly is also assembled upon a proposal of the Executive Board of the Association or 1/3 of the total number of members of the Assembly.

If the President of the Assembly fails to assemble a meeting within 14 days from the day of the given proposal, the session is convened by the Executive Board or the initiators.

Article 21

The agenda for the materials is submitted at least 5 days before the session in written or electronic form.

As an exception, in case there is a need for urgency in the proceedings, the materials can be submitted within a shorter period than prescribed in paragraph 1, and for the reasons that the proposer informs the members of the Assembly.

Article 22

The Assembly can fully decide if more than one half of the total number of members are present.

Each member is entitled to one vote.

As a rule, the Assembly shall make decisions by a majority of the votes of the present members.

The assembly operates by public voting, the voting may be done as a secret if necessary, on a proposal of 1/3 of the members.

Members of the Assembly should at all times have the goals and interests of the association over certain or special purposes.

Article 23

The Assembly performs the following tasks:

- adopt the Statute of the Association and make amendments and additions thereto,
- adopts a financial plan and a completed account,
- decides to change the purpose of the Association,
- decides on the establishment and removal of forms of organizing the Association,
- make a decision on payment of membership fee,

- elects the President and members of the Executive Board,
- upon a proposal of the President, elect a Vice President,
- adopts an annual program for the work of the Association,
- adopts rulebooks, decisions, conclusions, recommendations for regulation and regulation of issues of interest of the Association,
- decides on the termination of the Association by a two-thirds majority,
- decides on the establishment of trade companies,
- performs other activities arising from the Statute and the laws.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 24

The Executive Board of the Association is an executive body of the Assembly in which each member has equal rights, obligations and responsibilities for the work and development of the Association in accordance with the Statute.

A member of the Executive Board shall be excluded from voting on matters relating to him/her, his or her husband or relatives of second degree, and questions relating to a person over whom he/she has control or economic interest.

Article 25

The Executive Board of the Association consists of three members.

The term of the members of the Executive Board lasts four years.

The President of the Executive Board is also the President of the Assembly of the Association and the President of the Association and he/she stands for and represents the Association and is a contracting authority in the area of material and financial work of the Association.

Article 26

The President of the Executive Board assembles the sessions of the Executive Board, proposes the Agenda and conducts the sessions.

The President is obliged to assemble a meeting of the Executive Board at least twice a year, and if necessary more than twice a year or at the request of 2/3 of the members of the Executive Board.

Article 27

The Executive Board performs the following tasks:

- prepares the Assembly sessions, prepares materials for the sessions of the Assembly,
- drafts the draft statute, proposes amendments and additions to the statute, and prepares other decisions to be adopted by the Assembly,
- implements the policy, the conclusions and the decisions adopted by the Assembly,
- implement the statutory and program tasks of the Association,
- if necessary, establishes a professional service,
- Manages and is responsible for the management of the property of the Association,
- decides on association or separation, connection and membership in domestic, foreign and international associations, organizations and associations,
- determines the amount of membership fee if such is determined in accordance with the adopted decision of the Assembly,
- Proposes and implements an annual work program,
- adopts appropriate rules, accepts agreements and conclude contracts,
- establishes the acceptance of new members and the termination of membership,
- establishes permanent and temporary working bodies and commissions and directs their work,

- organizes and actively participates in the organization of various actions and manifestations,
- awards decisions for awards, acknowledgments, acknowledgments and recognitions,
- gives consent for the purchase and sale of fixed assets,
- makes decisions on appeals,
- proposes and implements a financial plan and prepares an annual financial statement of the association,
- decides on appointing and dismissing a secretary, if the Association needs a secretary,
- Performs other activities according to the Statute of the Association and the Law.

Article 28

The Executive Board is responsible for its work before the Assembly of the Association. The members of the Executive Board should at all times have the goals and interests of the Association over the separate or special goals of any other party.

PRESIDENT

Article 29

The Association has a president, who represents it. The president of the Association exercises the rights and duties in accordance with the Statute, the Acts adopted by the Assembly, the Law on Associations and Foundations, as well as other positive legal regulations. In case of temporarily deterrence, he/she is replaced by the vice-president.

Article 30

A candidate for President may nominate at least 3 (three) members of the Assembly of the Association. The candidate who receives two-thirds of votes from the total number of members of the Assembly shall be considered elected. The President has a mandate of 4 years with the right to re-election.

Article 31

The President of the Association has the following rights, duties and responsibilities:

- to convene meetings of the Assembly and the Executive Board,
- to implement the policy of the Association,
- he/she stands for and represents the Association,
- to coordinate the functioning of the Association
- takes care of implementation of the decisions, conclusions and other Acts of the Association,
- to sign acts of the Association,
- proposes a program of work for the Association,
- proposes a way and form of financing of the Association,
- proposes a Vice-President of the Association, which is elected by the assembly,
- Performs other activities that will be entrusted to him/her by the Assembly, the Executive Board or those arising from the Statute or the Law.

Article 32

The function of the President of the Assembly shall cease:

- on his/her own request and
- by dismissal from the Assembly of the Association.

The Assembly of the Association shall decide on the responsibility of the President of the Association, by a two-thirds votes of the total number of members of the Assembly, on a proposal of at least 1/3 of the total number of members of the Assembly.

Article 33

For the Vice President, in cases when he/she replaces the President, the same provisions as for the President are valid.

MEMBERSHIP IN DOMESTIC, FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Article 34

The National Association for Assistance and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - National Association for MS, can be associated and can become a member in domestic, foreign and international organizations, associations and associations that are of interest and in accordance with the goals and tasks of the Association.

MANNER OF ADMISSION, AMENDMENT AND APPENDING OF THE STATUTE

Article 35

The Statute of the Association is adopted at the Founding Assembly of the Association. When a status changes, such as change in the name, headquarters, goals for which the Association is founded, intergration of the Association with another Association or its division, a consolidated text of the statute that covers all changes is established. A proposal to amend the Statute of the Association may be submitted by the President of the Association or 1/3 of the members of the Assembly of the Association, in written form to the Assembly, with a rationale for the need to amend the Statute. A decision to amend the Statute of the Association is adopted by the Assembly with a two-thirds majority of votes from the total number of members of the Assembly. Amendments to this Statute shall be made by the same procedures as for its adoption. The statute shall enter into force on the part of its adoption, that is, after the registration of the Association in the Central Register.

MANNER OF DECISION FOR STATUS CHANGES AND TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 36

The Association is formed for an indefinite period of time, but may also cease or be deleted from the Register, as follows:

- when with 2/3 of the majority is decided by the Assembly of the Association,
- with a status change that envisages the termination of the Association,
- the number of members decreases under the number determined by law,
- If there are reasons set forth in the Article 63 of the Law on Associations and Foundations,
- the decision to terminate the Association is adopted by the Assembly with a two-thirds majority,
- The founders of the National Association for Assistance and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR MS - Skopje have the right to abolish the association.

Article 37

In case of termination of the National Association for Assistance and Support of Persons with Multiple Sclerosis - National Association for MS - Skopje, the property and assets of the Association remain in the ownership of the founders.

OTHER ISSUES

Article 38

For all issues not regulated by this Statute, the provisions of the Law on Associations and Foundations apply.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 39

Interpretation of the provisions of this Statute is provided by the Assembly of the Association, and between two Assemblies, by the Executive Board of the association.

Article 40

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

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