

Proposal to amend the statutes

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Associação de História e Arqueologia de Sabrosa

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STATUTES



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CHAPTER I

On the Nature of the Institution

Article 1

The Association adopts the name "AHAS - Associação de História e Arqueologia de Sabrosa" (Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association), establishing itself as a legal entity, non-profit, with a scientific, cultural, and educational nature.

The Association is independent of any political or religious affiliation.

Article 2

The Association is headquartered at the Archaeological Center of Garganta, located at CM1262-4, 5060-422 São Martinho de Anta, in the municipality of Sabrosa, District of Vila Real.

Article 3

The AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association is dedicated to the development of scientific, cultural, and educational activities aligned with its statutory purposes.

Article 4

The association operates nationally and internationally and may establish branches or delegations in other regions of the national territory and/or abroad.

The association is established for an indefinite period.

Article 5

The sources of income for AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association include member fees, grants, and contributions assigned to it, as well as any other donations, inheritances, legacies, and funds from spaces or activities under its full responsibility.

The provision of services by the Association, such as the issuance of technical opinions, technical-scientific support, collaboration in publications, and educational or outreach projects, may also constitute sources of income.

Article 6

Expenses of AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association include those resulting from the exercise of its activities in compliance with its Statutes and legal provisions.

CHAPTER II

On the Objectives of the Institution

Article 7

The objectives of AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association are:

1. To promote the study and dissemination of the historical, archaeological, cultural, and natural heritage of the municipality of Sabrosa;
2. To promote and encourage cultural, scientific, historical, archaeological, and educational exchanges between regional, national, and international entities;

3. To develop scientific activities in the fields of archaeology, history, anthropology, dendrochronology, environment and territory, ethnography, education, and cultural tourism;
4. To engage in editorial activities;
5. To develop activities aimed at defending, protecting, and promoting cultural, historical, archaeological, and natural heritage;
6. To produce and promote scientific and cultural events;
7. Museum-related activities;
8. Training and dissemination actions in line with the objectives and purposes of the AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association;
9. Management of historical, archaeological, cultural, and natural heritage;
10. To promote archaeology and history not only as sciences but also as an important resource with great potential for tourism, culture, and education;
11. Scientific cooperation with regional, national, and international research institutions.

Article 8

For the purposes of item 9 of Article 7 of these statutes, AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association may manage public-interest heritage resulting from the collection obtained through its field scientific activities or through donations, acquisitions, deposits, or other means, complying with applicable legal regulations and under the supervision of the said heritage, and may establish agreements with municipalities, the State, and private collective or individual entities.

CHAPTER III

On Membership Categories

Article 9

Any individual or legal entity may become a member of AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association by completing a membership form addressed to the President of the Association's Board.

Members are classified into the following categories: FULL, HONORARY, and COLLECTIVE MEMBERS.

Article 10

FULL MEMBERS: Full members are subject to an annual membership fee, the amount of which is set by the General Assembly. These members have the right to participate in all the association's activities, to elect and be elected to the social bodies, and to participate in General Assemblies with voting rights. It is the duty of full members to respect the statutes, internal regulations, and decisions of the association's governing bodies, as well as to contribute to the pursuit of its goals.

Article 11

HONORARY MEMBERS: Individuals or entities who have rendered services deserving such distinction, awarded by the General Assembly. They have voting rights in the General Assembly and are exempt from the annual membership fee.

Article 12

COLLECTIVE MEMBERS: Public or private organizations, companies, associations, or other legal entities may become collective members. They are required to pay an annual fee defined by the Board and approved by the General Assembly. Collective members can vote in the General Assembly through a representative authorized by a written and signed statement addressed to the President of the General Assembly's Board, at least 3 (three) days before the General Assembly is held, or they will not be able to exercise their voting rights.

Article 13

Members are entitled to reduced fees for courses or other activities organized by the association, after six months of valid membership with their dues up to date.

Article 14

Members lose their status:

1. By submitting a written resignation addressed to the Board;
2. Upon death;
3. If, after written notice, they fail to pay their dues for more than four years;
4. If the Board, by majority vote, decides that a member has committed a serious breach of membership duties.

Article 15

Members who are more than one year and less than four years behind in their dues must pay their outstanding dues along with an additional annual fee to regularize their membership.

Article 16

After election, the Board will propose to the General Assembly the annual membership fees to be applied during the term, at the first Ordinary General Assembly.

Article 17

Membership is prohibited for individuals who have deliberately taken actions to negatively impact the normal functioning and objectives of AHAS - Sabrosa History and Archaeology Association, whether individually or institutionally.

CHAPTER IV

On Social Bodies – General Provisions

Article 18

The social bodies of AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA are: the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the Fiscal Council.

Article 19

Only full members with full rights, who have been members for at least 2 (two) years, with up-to-date dues payments, regularized up to two months before the electoral event, can be candidates on the lists for social bodies.

Article 20

Members who have been members for more than 6 (six) months, and who have paid their dues up to date in the two months preceding the General Assembly, can vote in the General Assembly.

Article 21

The term of office of the Social Bodies will last 5 (five) years, with elections held in accordance with Articles 19, 20, 39, 40, and 41 of these Statutes.

Article 22

The candidate lists for the Social Bodies must submit to the President of the General Assembly a list of the members included and their respective program, at least 30 (thirty) days before the electoral event.

This list must include the full name, civil identification number, and membership number of each candidate.

The list must be posted 15 days before the electoral event at the association's headquarters.

Article 23

Changes to the name, Statutes, or dissolution of AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA, or proposals involving significant changes to the organization and objectives of AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA, can only be voted on in the General Assembly if at least half of the active membership, covered by Article 19, is present, and provided that the conditions stipulated in Articles 39, 40, and 41 of these Statutes, as well as in Articles 167 and following of the Civil Code, are met.

CHAPTER V

On Social Bodies – Board of Directors

Article 24

The Board of Directors consists of at least five members: the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members.

The Board must meet at least semiannually.

Article 25

The Board of Directors is responsible for the social, administrative, and financial management of the association, as well as for executing contracts, maintaining institutional relations, including performing protocol acts, providing support to approved projects, and pursuing statutory goals, among other responsibilities.

Article 26

It is the Board's responsibility to implement the appropriate mechanisms for submitting project applications, ensuring compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Article 27

All communications, deliberations, or proposals from AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA must be carried out transparently and inclusively, promoting the sharing of information with all members.

The Board is responsible for collecting and disseminating the necessary information to maintain continuous communication with the members, using available means.

Article 28

The Association is legally bound by the joint signature of two members of the Board of Directors, one of which must be the President.

CHAPTER VI

On Social Bodies – General Assembly

Article 29

The General Assembly consists of five members: the President, two Vice Presidents, and two Secretaries.

The General Assembly consists of all members in full use of their rights.

Article 30

The General Assembly is responsible for overseeing elections for the social bodies, supervising, in partnership with the Fiscal Council, the functioning of the Board of Directors, ensuring strict compliance with the Statutes.

Article 31

The powers and functioning of the General Assembly are framed by the applicable legal provisions, particularly Articles 170 to 179 of the Civil Code.

Article 32

The General Assembly consists of all members who are in full use of their rights. The leadership of the General Assembly's proceedings is the responsibility of the President of the General Assembly, who presides over and coordinates the sessions.

Article 33

The specific responsibilities of the General Assembly include:

1. Electing the Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the Council;
2. Reviewing and approving the activity report and accounts presented by the Board of Directors, as well as the opinion of the Fiscal Council;
3. Revising and amending the Statutes;
4. Deciding on the admission of honorary members;
5. Deciding on the creation of branches or delegations of the association, both nationally and internationally.

Article 34

The President of the General Assembly is specifically responsible for directing the proceedings of the General Assembly, immediately swearing in the elected Social Bodies, and distributing tasks among the Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

Article 35

The meetings of the General Assembly can be ordinary, extraordinary, or electoral.

Article 36

The General Assembly will ordinarily meet once a year to approve the activity and financial report and every five years for the election of Social Bodies.

Article 37

The General Assembly will meet extraordinarily upon the call of the President of the General Assembly, at the request of the Board of Directors, or by one-fifth of the full-right members.

The General Assembly may also be convened by the Fiscal Council.

Article 38

The General Assembly must communicate the minutes to all members within 15 (fifteen) business days after the meeting.

Article 39

The agenda for the General Assembly must be posted at the association's headquarters at least 15 (fifteen) days in advance of the meeting for consultation.

The agenda must also be communicated and made available to the members through the electronic platforms (institutional email and website) used or owned by AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA within the same timeframe.

Article 40

Considering that AHAS - ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA may have members residing in different regions, both nationally and internationally, and with the aim of promoting the active participation of all members, regardless of their location, the Board of Directors of AHAS will provide means for participation in General Assemblies and for remote voting.

Article 41

The General Assembly will be convened by digital mail sent to all members. A notice will also be posted at the association's headquarters 15 (fifteen) days in advance.

Additionally, other efficient means for this purpose may be used.

CHAPTER VII

On Social Bodies – Fiscal Council

Article 42

The Fiscal Council consists of three members: the President, Vice President, and Secretary, responsible for overseeing the administrative and financial acts of the Board of Directors and other internal bodies.

Article 43

1. The specific responsibilities of the Fiscal Council include:
2. Preparing the annual opinion on the management accounts of the Board of Directors;
3. Approving the financial statements of the Board of Directors;
4. Providing opinions on any administrative act with economic or financial implications at the request of the Board of Directors.

Article 44

The Fiscal Council must meet annually and prepare the corresponding report.

CHAPTER VIII

On the Functioning of the Statutes or Regulations

Article 45

To amend the Statutes, a specific General Assembly must be convened for this purpose. All proposed amendments must be posted at the association's headquarters for consultation 15 (fifteen) business days before the General Assembly.

The proposals must be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration 30 (thirty) days before the scheduled date.

Article 46

Non-compliance with the Statutes will result in sanctions imposed by the Board of Directors.

If this non-compliance is deemed intentional or deliberate by the Board of Directors and intended to damage the Association's reputation, the matter may be referred to the General Assembly, which will decide on the appropriate sanctions in accordance with the Statutes.

Article 47

In the event of the dissolution of AHAS: ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SABROSA, the archaeological collections or others, bibliographic, photographic, cartographic, or other assets will be allocated as stipulated in Article 166 of the Civil Code.

Sole Paragraph – Without prejudice to the provisions of this article and insofar as it does not contradict it, these assets should be assigned to an association that replaces it or to public or private entities with which collection management protocols have been established, public institutions of Local or Central Administration, provided that the scientific and logistical conditions for such are ensured. In cases where collections and other assets are not covered by any of the situations previously mentioned, the remaining assets should be handed over, preferably, to the Sabrosa City Council.

Article 48

In any matters not covered by these Statutes, the provisions of the Civil Code (Article 167 and following) and other national association legislation will apply.