

AIMFR STATUTES

SECTION I – ESTABLISHMENT-HEAD OFFICE-OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE 1- Is established by organizations of Family Education Centers of Formation via the Alternating Cycles (CEFFA) which adheres and shall adhere to these Statutes under the name of “ASOCIACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE MOVIMIENTOS FAMILIARES DE FORMACIÓN RURAL” (AIMFR, International Association of Family Movements for Rural Education), as an educational and family oriented body spread across every country in the world without discrimination whatsoever, be it due to ethnic origin, nationality, personal beliefs, sex, ideologies nor economic state.

ARTICLE 2- The life of the AIMFR is unlimited.

ARTICLE 3- The home office of the AIMFR is established at PARÍS (France). It can be transferred to another city or country via a majority vote of 2/3 of the Administrative Council. For that matter, a new office can be created in any country.

ARTICLE 4- The CEFFA¹, are centers of education and vocational training and general comprehension for rural youth, whatever their original and previous education, characterized by the following fundamental principles:

- a) The **alternating cycle education** that allows related training: professional and general.
- b) The **participation of family based associations** in the training, management and routine operation of each center and, by extension, all rural areas.
- c) The **integral education and formation** that encourages personal and collective development.
- d) The **promotion and development of the territory** in which they are integrated, as well as a social and cultural animation that promotes lifelong learning.

ARTICLE 5- The objectives of the AIMFR are:

- a) Encourage and promote the development of the activities of all CEFFA organizations at the country, continent and world levels.
- b) To represent the interests of the CEFFA to supranational and international bodies and establish relationships with them.
- c) To disseminate the principles defined in the statutes of the AIMFR before public opinion, especially in the rural, work and family areas.
- d) To ensure relationships and exchanges of experience and educational materials between the CEFFA organizations at country, continent and world levels.

¹ Depending on the different countries, the names are diverse. For example: MFR (Maison Familiale Rurale), CFR (Casa Familiar Rural; Centro de Formación Rural; Colegio Familiar Rural), EFA (Escuela de la Familia Agrícola; Escuela Familiar Agraria; École Familiale Agrarie), NUFED (Núcleo Familiar Educativo para el Desarrollo), CEFER (Centro Familiar de Educación Rural), CEFEDH (Centro Familiar de Educación para el Desarrollo de Honduras), EFR (Escola Familiar Rural), CEA (Casa Escola Agrícola), CEPT (Centro Educativo para la Producción Total), CRFA (Centro Rural de Formación por Alternancia), ICEFAT (Instituto por Cooperativa y Educación Familiar para el Trabajo), FFS (Family Farm School)...

- e) Establish common services necessary for the proper conduct of the Association and in particular a central service for information and educational research.

SECTION II - COMPOSITION

ARTICLE 6 – The AIMFR consists of:

1. Active members :
 - a) The National Unions/Federations of CEFFA that represent the totality of the CEFFA in a given country.
 - b) National or regional agencies that group-up only one part of a CEFFA in that country.
 - c) The isolated CEFFA association when no regional or nacional representation exists.
2. Associated members :
 - a) Institutions that are dedicated to the promotion and support of the CEFFA in their different modalities.
 - b) CEFFA associations or entities that would like to put into practice the fundamental principals defined in Article 4 of these Statutes, and whom are given 5 years to become compliant.

ARTICLE 7- Membership in the International Association can be lost by:

- a) Resignation.
- b) Exclusion of a member by a 2/3 decision of the Administrative Council. The General Assembly would ratify that decision for the following reasons:
 - Breaching repeatedly ones obligations with respect to AIMFR.
 - Have caused serious injury to the AIMFR and its objectives.
 - Not having attended three consecutive meetings of the General Assembly without justified reasons.
 - Not having paid the membership dues for 5 consecutive years.

ARTICLE 8 – The members have the right to:

- a) Participate in all AIMFR activities which concern them.
- b) Vote in the General Assembly meetings in accordance with the conditions stipulated in Articles 10 and 11 of these Statutes.
- c) Qualify as a candidate for any formal position in the AIMFR.
- d) Be able to propose to the Administrative Council any projects, initiatives and suggestions that you think may be useful to AIMFR.

SECTION III – GOVERNING BODIES

ARTICLE 9- The governing bodies of the AIMFR are the General Assembly and the Administrative Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 10 – The General Assembly is the supreme body. She governs the AIMFR. All members attending the General Assembly have a deliberative vote.

ARTICLE 11- Members are represented in the General Assembly for a number of delegates in the following proportion:

1. Active Members - Article 6-1 a) y b) :
 - a) Two delegates per member who has between 2 – 10 CEFFA.
 - b) Three delegates per member who has between 11 – 25 CEFFA.
 - c) Three delegates plus one per set of 25 CEFFA for members having more than 26 CEFFA.
No member may have more than 20% of the total votes in the votation.
2. Active Members - Article 6-1 c): Only have the right to one delegate per Association.
3. Associate members - Artículo 6-2: Each one is represented by one delegate. The votes of Associate Members shall in no case be greater than 20% of the total votes.

ARTICLE 12- The General Assembly shall meet in ordinary meetings mandatorily once every 5 years to:

- Validate the previously posted agenda.
- Validate the electoral commission.
- Review and validate the activity report of the Board of Directors.
- Discuss and approve the financial report of the previous five years.
- Vote on the proposed budget.
- Adopt a policy report.
- Set the rate of contributions and payment arrangements.
- Validate the admission of new Members presented by the Council.
- Renew the members of the Administrative Council.
- Validate the members of the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE 12 bis- The Internal Regulations approved by the Administrative Council shall define the modalities of implementation of the Statutes.

ARTICLE 13- The General Assembly shall be convened at least three months before the date fixed for the meeting along with the draft agenda.

ARTICLE 14- The General Assembly is legally constituted with the presence or representation of a simple majority on its first call. If no quorum can be reached, a second call will be held within 24 hours of the General Assembly, which will then be constituted by those members present or represented.

Except as provided in Article 16, decisions are taken by simple majority vote of those present or represented.

A Member who cannot attend the General Assembly may be represented by another

member of the General Assembly through a written proxy, but no person may carry more than two proxies in addition to his/her personal vote.

ARTICLE 15- Any other assembly or meeting other than the Annual General Meeting provided for in Article 12, shall be classified as an Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Administrative Council or 1/3 of the Members if there are reasons relating to the interests of the AIMFR following the procedures of Articles 13-14 of these Statutes, unless for those decisions that need the agreement of 2/3 of the voters.

ARTICLE 16- You need the favorable vote of 2/3 of the members present or represented for the following matters that are the exclusive competence of the Extraordinary General Meeting:

- a) Amendments to the Statutes.
- b) Ratification of the definite admission or exclusion of members.
- c) Dissolving of the AIMFR.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/ STEERING COMMITTEE /ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE 17- The Administrative Council shall be composed of:

- a) A maximum of eight Administrative Council members per continent nominated by the delegates of the Active Members of that continent and ratified by the General Assembly.
- b) A maximum of eight qualified Administrative Council members proposed to the General Assembly. Among the qualified members, the number of Associate Members per Article 6-2. a) may not exceed four.

All Administrative Council members have a deliberative voice. Members of the Administrative Council shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting after their election. All may be reelected.

ARTICLE 18- Members of the Administrative Council will choose between them, for a period of 5 years, via secret ballot and simple majority, a President who must have been nominated by a Union, Federation or equivalent. The President may be reelected for one consecutive term.

The President should propose, for the approval of the Administrative Council, a maximum of three Vice-Presidents, preferably from different continents, a Secretary General, a Deputy Secretary General and Treasurer. These members would form the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 19- The Administrative Council shall meet at least once a year. It will make its decisions by simple majority from the members present or represented; each member representing a continent may be carrying a term of another member of their continent. In case of tie votes, the President's vote will be decisive.

ARTICLE 20- The Powers of the Administrative Council are the following:

- a) Elect the President and approve his proposed Steering Committee, in accordance with Article 18.
- b) Deliberate on applications for admission and present these for ratification at the General Assembly.
- c) Propose to the General Assembly the permanent expulsion of a Member.
- d) Establish appropriate administrative and a technical secretariat that are given the means to perform the task assigned by the Steering Committee of the Administrative Council.
- e) Implement the decisions of the General Assembly and ensure the implementation of the Statutes.
- f) Manage the funds of the Association and in so doing, allow the opening of bank accounts, manage funds, and apply for credit.
- g) Represent the International Association on all usual or legal acts necessary for the development of their activities and fulfillment of its objectives.
- h) Draw up a list of members of the Advisory Council.
- i) Cooperate with the functioning of the continental structures.
- j) Decide on the location of the AIMFR home office.

ARTICLE 21 – The President represents AIMFR and has the following specific powers:

- Convene and preside over the General Assembly, the administrative Council and the Steering Committee.
- Sign to legalize the minutes and certifications prepared and signed by the Secretary General.
- Ensure the general unity between all AIMFR actions and the Administrative Council.
- Implement the decisions of the Administrative Council and the Steering Committee.
- Initial the financial agreements drafted by the Treasurer.

If unable to perform his duties or in case of his resignation, he will be replaced by an interim President, elected by the Administrative Council from among the Vice Presidents.

ARTICLE 22 – Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is an autonomous body whose main mission is the support, advice and guidance of all structures and governing bodies of the International Association. It shall be composed of people chosen by taking into account their experience and qualifications in institutions, civic organizations, and development in the world of culture, business, science, education, etc. It also takes into account their ability to contribute financially to the functioning of the AIMFR.

The inclusion of new members to the Advisory Council shall require the agreement of the Administrative Council. These members may be invited to the General Assembly and its President to the meetings of the Administrative Council, however in no case with the right to vote.

SECTION IV - PATRIMONY AND RESOURCES

ARTICLE 23 – The AIMFR is a non-profit organization. Its funding is made possible through the contributions of membership dues being paid by each member.

The AIMFR may also apply and benefit from any source of funds legally entitled to it, and use it for itself and its members. These financial contributions will be managed and approved by the Administrative Council.

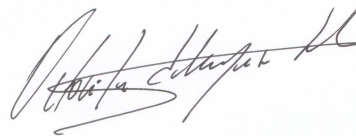
The functions of the members of the Administrative Council are done for free, and the costs inherent to each member will be paid by the entity they represent. However, some expenses of members which are properly documented can be reimbursed. In the case where funds are available, grants may be given.

ARTICLE 24 - In case the AIMFR is to be dissolved, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened for that purpose and shall decide on its liquidation.

Lima (Peru), 21 September 2010



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