



1. Name and domicile

lifecircle is an association in the sense of Art. 60 ff ZGB, with domicile in Biel-Benken, Switzerland. *lifecircle* is independent and neutral, regarding politics, religious beliefs and affiliation to any country. *lifecircle* has no commercial purpose whatsoever, but exclusively charitable aims.

2. Intention

lifecircle campaigns for self-determination in any aspect, in any situation of life, but mainly in the case of severe illness, and at the end of life. Members are assisted and given advice by the association to accomplish their right for self-determination professionally.

lifecircle attaches importance to maintaining and conveying life-quality. The association ameliorates life-quality in psychological, physical and spiritual ranges. «In doing so, the individual perception of life-quality shall be respected, as any individual is a person with his/her own needs and does not have to correspond with our own cognition of indigence».

An important concern of the association is the prevention of suicides. *lifecircle* offers not only preventive events, but also personal consulting to members and non-members. Furthermore, Swiss Organizations who offer prevention of suicide are supported by *lifecircle*.

lifecircle assists palliative medicine to also support the wish for natural dying in dignity. This relates always to the consideration of self-determination at the end of life. «Whether life is life-worthy or not, is to be measured only by that particular life, and by that person him or herself, and never by consideration through community, government or a religious institution».

lifecircle is offering a living will to all members without any costs. And it gives advice to fill in the living will if needed. Also, *lifecircle* will make all efforts to push through the living will with doctors, nurses and family members in case of complete or partial loss of mental capacity, or in case of death of the member concerned.

lifecircle credits each member with CHF 700 per active year of membership towards the costs of assisted assisted voluntary death (AVD) until the amount of CHF 4'900 is reached. An active year

begins on 1.1. of the current year. The credit will be issued if the membership fee is paid by 30.9. of the current year. An AVD can only be carried out via the Life-End Association. The costs for an AVD at Life-End are currently CHF 4'900 for Swiss nationals living in Switzerland, and CHF 10'500 for all others. Additional costs for travel, hotel, meals etc. are not included in this amount. If the costs for the AVD are exceeded by additional services or by inflation, the member shall pay the difference.

3. Financial means

To fulfill the aims of the association, the association works with the membership fees, which are to be fixed every year by the members meeting. The annual membership fee is at least 50 Swiss francs, the membership fee for a lifetime is at least 1000 Swiss francs.

lifecircle is authorized to accept benefits of any kind as well as aids of other private or public judicial persons respectively institutions.

Members who are in a difficult financial situation, can apply for exemption of costs. The board will decide about the application for this exemption of costs.

4. Use of means / Projects

lifecircle supports organizations and institutions located in Switzerland, who's aims are the same or similar to the ones of *lifecircle*. In particular, it especially supports projects which help to promote life quality within all situation of life as well as all stages of age.

lifecircle also supports single persons who need nursing or any other help. Besides this *lifecircle* is offering aids to seniors and handicapped people such as walkers, wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs and so on.

It is not compulsory to be a member of the association to get help by information or by financial means.

5. Membership

Every mentally competent person who is interested in the pursuit of the association's aims, can become an active member with a right to vote. Applications are to be directed to the president. The board will decide about the acceptance.



6. Expiry of membership

The membership expires:

- a) for natural persons in case of retirement, disqualification or death.
- b) for judicial persons in case of retirement, disqualification or cancellation.

7. Retirement and disqualification

Retirement from the association is possible at the end of each calendar year with taking into account a cancellation period of 6 months.

A member can be excluded from the association at any time without indication of any reason. The board will make the decision irrevocably. A redress to the general assembly is not possible.

8. Organs of the association

The organs of the association are:

- a) the general assembly
- b) the board
- c) the financial controllers

9. The general assembly

The supreme organ of the association is the general assembly. An annual general assembly is taking place every year during the first half year.

The convention will be announced by invitation of the members through the board at least three weeks prior to the general assembly, indicating place, time and agenda items. The invitation will be carried out by mail or if there is no mail address, by post. The general assembly has the following duties:

- a) Election respectively deselection of the board as well as of the financial controllers
- b) Agreement and change of the bylaws
- c) Certification of the annual account and of the report of the financial controllers
- d) Decision about the discharge of the board
- e) Agreement to the membership fee
- f) Agreement to the annual budget

On the annual meeting every member has one vote. The decision is made by single majority of all members who are present.

The bylaws and the protocol of the general assembly are to be read in the internet www.lifecircle.ch

10. The board

The board is elected for three years and consists of at least three persons, at the most seven persons, who fill the following charges:

- a) chairman
- b) vice chairman
- c) cashier

The board represents the association externally and leads the current dealings. The board is competent when more than half of its members are present. In case of equality of votes, the chairman decides.

11. The financial controllers

The General Assembly will annually appoint an accounting firm to audit the annual accounts and to provide the General Assembly with an appropriate report.

12. Signature

The association is obligated by the collective signature of the president together with a member of the board.

13. Liability

For outstanding debts the association's sole liabilities are the association's assets. A personal liability of members respectively of the board is excluded.

14. Change of the bylaws

These Articles of Association may be amended if two thirds of the members present approve the proposed amendment at an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting.

15. Annulation of the association

The annulation of the association is carried out by single majority, as long as at least three quarters of all members are taking part in the assembly.

If there are less than three quarters of all members attending the assembly there must be held a second assembly within one month. During this assembly the association can be annulated with single majority even if less than three quarters of the members are present.

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall pass to the same or similar institutions, domiciled in Switzerland.

16. Legal validity

These bylaws were adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of 15.12.2022 and are in order as of that date.