

Lithuanian Anthropological Association  
(*name of association*)  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Lithuanian Anthropological Association (hereafter referred to as the Association) is a legal entity of limited civil liability and in its legal form is referred to as Association.
2. The Association's duration of activities shall be unlimited.
3. The Fiscal Year of the Association shall start on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECTIVES, FIELDS AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

4.1. Objectives of the Association:

- 4.1.2. to bring together for common activities those anthropologists who work in Lithuania, study Lithuania or are connected in other ways to Lithuania;
- 4.1.2. to develop anthropological scientific and applied research, studies and public anthropology in Lithuania;
- 4.1.3. to promote and popularise anthropology in Lithuania;
- 4.1.4. to develop cooperation with Lithuanian and foreign scientific communities, academic and public organisations, state institutions and media.

4.2. Activities of the Association.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Association shall:

- 4.2.1 organise formal and informal meetings with members in order to create opportunities for professional peer support, collaboration, scientific feedback and to promote an environment that is conducive for joint activities;
- 4.2.2 organise public lectures, conferences, seminars and other scientific and promotional events in order to contribute to the development, strengthening, visibility and popularisation of anthropological science in Lithuania;
- 4.2.3. prepare and publish textual, audio, visual and other materials and actively communicate with the media in order to contribute to the development, strengthening, visibility and promotion of the discipline of anthropology in Lithuania;
- 4.2.4. develop and implement anthropological research, dissemination, academic and public projects and advise anthropology students on research and related activities;
- 4.2.5. develop ethical guidelines for anthropological research and research-related activities and ensure their dissemination;
- 4.2.6. develop connections and collaborate with relevant Lithuanian, foreign and international organisations;
- 4.2.7. provide expert opinions and advice to public and governmental organisations and the media on a wide range of issues requiring anthropological expertise;
- 4.2.8. disseminate information on anthropological events, publications, ongoing or planned research and projects, and other relevant information among the members of the Association and beyond;
- 4.2.9. In order to ensure adequate representation of anthropological science, the organisation participates in the policy-making process for national science.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

5. Membership of the Association is open to legally capable natural persons aged 18 years or over with at least a bachelor's degree who have handed their application for membership to the Executive Director of the Association and have been recommended by at least one existing

member of the Association. Upon joining the Association, members shall be bound by the Articles and the internal rules of the Association and shall pay the joining fee in accordance with the procedure laid down by the General Meeting. Natural persons without a Bachelor's degree and/or the recommendation of an existing member may become members on an exceptional basis, subject to the approval of the Board of the Association.

6. The procedure for payment of admission fees, membership dues, withdrawals and expulsion from membership of the Association shall be adopted by a decision of the General Meeting of Members.

7. The rights of the members of the Association are not different from those set out in the Law on Associations of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Law on Associations).

8. Duties of members of the Association:

8.1. to abide by the Articles of the Association;

8.2. to carry out the decisions of the General Meeting and the governing bodies;

8.3. to participate in the General Meetings.

#### **IV. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

9. Bodies of the Association are:

9.1. the General Meeting of Members;

9.2. the Association's single-person governing body — the Executive Director;

9.3. the Association's collegial management body — the Board;

9.4. the Auditor.

10. The competence of the General Meeting shall not differ from that laid down in the Law on Associations.

11. The Ordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Management Board once a year, no later than 4 months after the end of the fiscal year. If the Board does not convene a General Ordinary Meeting within the time limits laid down in these Articles, the Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Director. Notice of the General Meeting shall be given to each member at least 10 days before the date of the Meeting in accordance with the procedure set out in point 27 of the Articles. The Meeting may be held face-to-face, remotely or in a hybrid format; the type of Meeting shall be decided by the Board. If the quorum is not present at a General Meeting, a new General Meeting shall be reconvened within 20 days and shall have the power to take decisions on the agenda of the unconvened General Meeting. A General Meeting may be convened outside these time limits if at least 2/3 of the members of the Association agree in writing.

12. The General Meeting may pass resolutions when more than 1/3 of the members are present. Decisions shall require the votes of at least 2/3 of the members of the Association present at the Meeting when a decision is taken to amend the Articles of the Association, to restructure, to reorganize or to liquidate the Association.

13. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be initiated and organised by an initiative group consisting of at least 1/3 of the members of the Association, the Board or the Executive Director.

14. The General Meeting shall elect the Executive Director of the Association for a period of 3 years. All matters of election, termination, compensation and Staff Regulations of the Executive Director shall be approved by the General Meeting.

15. The Executive Director acts on behalf of the Association in his/her relations with other persons, and engages in transactions on behalf of the Association.

16. In addition to the functions set out in Article 2.82 of the Civil Code, the Executive Director of the Association shall:

16.1. be responsible for the implementation of the objectives of the Association;

16.2. recruit, dismiss and conclude contracts of employment with staff members;

16.3. prepare a report on the annual activities of the Association for the previous fiscal year and submit it to the General Meeting of Members;

16.4. submit the data, information and documents of the Association to the Register of Legal Entities;

- 16.5. submit information and documents to the General Meeting, the Board and the members of the Association;
- 16.6. implement the resolutions of the General Meeting of Members;
- 16.7. analyse proposals from the Board;
- 16.8. publish or arrange for the publication of information required by law;
- 16.9. arrange the organisation of voluntary work in accordance with the Law on Volunteering of the Republic of Lithuania;
- 16.10. perform any other functions arising from the activities of the Association and required by law, these Articles of Association and the Executive Director's Staff Regulations.
17. The Board is elected by the General Meeting for a period of 3 years after which it is dismissed by law. The Board shall be composed of 5 members (including the Chair of the Board): the Executive Director of the Association and 4 other elected persons. The members of the Board may be natural persons — members of the Association — and natural persons nominated by the legal persons who are members of the Association.
18. In the election of the members of the Board, each member of the Association shall have a number of votes equal to the number of all the candidates nominated to the Board. A member of the Association shall have the right to distribute the votes he/she holds at his/her discretion in favour of one or several candidates. The candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected as members of the Board. If the number of candidates with equal votes exceeds the number of vacancies on the Board, a re-vote shall be held, in which each member of the Association may vote for only one of the candidates with an equal number of votes.
19. The Board shall elect the Chair of the Board from among its members.
20. Members of the Board may be compensated for their activities on the Board in accordance with the internal rules adopted by the General Meeting.
21. The Board shall:
  - 21.1. analyse the results of the Association's activities, the use of financial resources, data from tax inspections and audits, inventories and other valuables and make proposals on these issues to the General Meeting of Members and the Executive Director of the Association;
  - 21.2. adopt resolutions on the purchase, transfer, lease and restriction of ownership of real estate, within the limits on the Association's activities imposed by law;
  - 21.3. consider questions raised by members of the Board, members of the Association and the Executive Director;
  - 21.4. determine the organisational structure of the Association's administration and the staff positions, and approve the salary levels of the administrative staff;
  - 21.5. implement the resolutions of the General Meeting of Members;
  - 21.6. decide on other issues arising in the activities of the Association which fall within the competence of the Board under the legislation and these Articles.
22. The Board shall make decisions at its meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Chair of the Board. The Board shall be able to make decisions when more than ½ of its members are present at its meetings. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of 3/5 of the members of the Board present at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S FUNDS AND INCOME AND THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES**

23. The funds and income shall be used for the purposes of the Association.
24. The Executive Director shall, within 4 months of the end of the fiscal year, but not more than 4 months, prepare and submit to the Ordinary General Meeting a report on the activities of the previous fiscal year.
25. The activity of the Association shall be controlled by an Auditor elected by the General Meeting for a period of 3 years.

## **ARTICLE VI NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

26. Where the announcements of the Association are to be made public, they shall be published in: the electronic publication "Public Announcements of Legal Entities" published by the State Enterprise Centre of Registers.

27. Decisions and notices of the Association's bodies and other relevant information shall be sent to members by e-mail. All information shall be made available to members by contacting the Association's Executive Director.

28. The procedure for the submission of documents and other information on the activities of the Association to the members shall be approved by the Board.

29. The documents of the Association, copies thereof or other information shall be made available to members free of charge.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**PROCEDURE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CLOSURE OF BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

30. The decision to establish and close branches and representative offices of the Association, to appoint and dismiss the heads of branches and representative offices shall be taken, as well as the regulations of the branches and representative offices shall be approved by the Board of the Association, in accordance with the legal acts.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

31. The Articles of Association shall be amended by a decision of the General Meeting of Members.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

32. The registered office of the Association shall be changed by decision of the General Meeting of Members.

**ARTICLE X**  
**RESTRUCTURING AND TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

33. If there are fewer than 3 members remaining in the Association, the Association shall notify the Register of Legal Entities within 30 days.

34. The Association shall be restructured, terminated (reorganised or liquidated) in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Civil Code.