

台灣兒童文學研究學會章程

Taiwan Children's Literature Research Association Articles

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Chapter 1 General Regulations

- Article 1.** The name of this association is the Taiwan Children's Literature Research Association (hereinafter referred to as the association).
- Article 2.** The association is established by law, and is a non-profit organization. The purpose is as follows: to promote the research standards of children's literature in Taiwan and to promote overseas as well as domestic academic exchanges.
- Article 3.** The association includes all administrative regions as part of the organization.
- Article 4.** The site of the association is located in the region of the competent authority, and any branch offices must be approved by the competent authority. The branch office regulations will be drafted by the board of directors, to be approved by the competent authority before being put into effect. When establishing or changing the site of the association and branch office(s) the competent authority should be notified for approval.
- Article 5.** The objectives of the association are as follows:
1. Promoting children's literature research collaboration between overseas and domestic universities/colleges.
 2. Promoting overseas and domestic academic exchanges of children's literature research.
 3. Holding children's literature conferences, reading clubs, and workshops.
 4. Providing information on overseas and domestic children's literature research.
 5. Encouraging graduate students to pursue children's literature research.
- Article 6.** The competent authority of the association is the Ministry of Interior, and the industry competent authority is the Ministry of Education. Industry activities should be under the supervision of the industry competent authority.

Chapter 2 Membership

Article 7. The application criteria for the membership of the association are as follows:

1. Individual membership: Agreement with the objectives of the association, over the age of 20, working in the field of or having an interest in children's literature research, and recommendations from two members of the association.
2. Student membership: A student of university/college (or above) that is over the age of 20, having an interest in children's literature research, and recommendations from two members of the association.
3. Group membership: Private and public institutions or organizations that agree with the objectives of the association.
4. Sponsor membership: An individual or group that has been a sponsor to the association's works with a sponsorship of over NTD 10,000. The association will also present a certificate of appreciation to the sponsor.

When applying, please fill out the designated application form. After the approval from the committee, please pay the membership fee. A group membership will require a representative to exercise the membership rights.

Article 8. Members (representative members) have the right to vote, to stand for election, to be elected, and for recall. One member (representative member) has one right. Student members and sponsor members are not included for the above mentioned rights.

Article 9. Members are obligated to follow the regulations of the association, to make decisions, and to pay the membership fee. Members that have not paid the fees are devoid of membership rights. Members that have not paid the fees for two consecutive years will be automatically withdrawn from the association. Members that have left the association, withdrawn from the association, or been suspended must pay back the membership fees when applying to rejoin the association or to retrieve rights, except for the ones that have been approved by the board of directors.

Article 10. Members (representative members) breaking the law, regulations, or went against the resolutions made by the member assemblies will be given warnings or suspensions according to the board of directors. In case of serious jeopardize to the whole association, said member may be removed from the association with the resolution of a members' assembly.

Article 11. Members that have been disqualified or removed by the members' assembly are withdrawn from the association immediately.

Article 12. Members may present a written report to apply for withdrawal from the association.

Chapter 3 Organization and Functions

Article 13. The members' assembly is set as the highest authority in this association. When there are over 300 members, member representatives must be chosen and distributed according to regions. Then a members' assembly will be called to exercise membership functions. The term of a member representative is 3 years, the number and election of the representative is decided by the board of directors with the approval of the competent authority.

Article 14. The functions of the members' assembly are as follows:

1. To set up and adjust the regulations.
2. To elect and dismiss the members and supervisors of the board.
3. To make resolutions on the membership fee, entrance fee, other funds, member donations amount and methods.
4. To make resolutions on the annual work progress plans, reports, budgets, and final accounts.
5. To make resolutions on the disciplinary measures for dismissed members (member representatives).
6. To make resolutions on the handling of properties.
7. To make resolutions on the dissolution of this association.
8. To make resolutions on the membership rights and related matters of importance.

The aforementioned matters of importance will be designated by the board of directors.

Article 15. The association will include 9 board members and 3 supervisors, elected by the members (member representatives), which will set up the directors and supervisors of the board respectively. When electing the aforementioned board members and supervisors, 3 board member candidates and 1 supervisor candidate must be chosen according to the count of votes. In case of board member or supervisor vacancies, the candidates will fill in under proper order. The current board members must provide a referential list of board member and supervisor candidates for the next term. Board member and supervisors are to use all-mail-ballot elections, but multiple applications are prohibited. The all-mail-ballot election measures are put into effect after being passed by the board and approved of by the competent authority.

Article 16. The functions of the board of directors are as follows:

1. The examination of member (member representative) qualifications.

2. The election and dismissal of executive board members and supervisors.
3. To make resolutions on the resignations of board members, executive board members, and director.
4. The employment and dismissal of staff members.
5. Draft the annual work progress plans, reports, budget, and final accounts.
6. Any other designated tasks.

Article 17. The board of directors will include 3 executive board members chosen by the members. A director will be chosen among the executive board members. The director inwardly supervises the association, outwardly acts as a representative for association, and acts as the chairperson members' assembly as well as the board of directors. When the director is unable to carry out the duties, an executive board member must be appointed as acting director. In the case of the director being unable to appoint a substitute, the executive board members must select one. When there is a vacancy for the director or executive board members, the spot must be filled in within a month.

Article 18. The functions of the board of supervisors are as follows:

1. To supervise the workings of the board of directors.
2. To examine and approve the annual final account.
3. The election and dismissal of executive supervisors.
4. To pass resolutions on the resignation of supervisors and executive supervisors.
5. Other designated works to supervise

Article 19. The board of supervisors includes 1 executive supervisor chosen by the other executive members to supervise the routine works, who also acts as the chairperson for the board of supervisors. When the executive supervisor is unable to carry out the duties, a board supervisor must be appointed as acting executive supervisor. In the case of the executive supervisor being unable to appoint a substitute, the board supervisors must select one. When there is a vacancy for the chairperson on the board of supervisors (executive supervisor), the spot must be filled in within a month.

Article 20. Board directors and supervisors are both positions without remuneration. The term of office is 3 years and is renewable. The director of the board is only valid for renewal once. The terms of office of board directors and supervisors begin on the first board member meeting of this year.

Article 21 In the event of any of the following situations, the board director or supervisor must be dismissed:

1. Membership (member representative) disqualification.
2. Resigned with the approval of the board of directors or board of supervisors.
3. Having been recalled or dismissed.
4. Having been suspended for more than half of the term of office.

Article 22. The association will include on head secretary, working under the orders of the board director along with a few staff members. The head secretary is to be nominated by the director and appointed with the approval of the board, then reported to the competent authority for future reference. The aforementioned staff members cannot be an appointed member of the board. The responsibilities and functions of each staff members are to be decided by the board of directors.

Article 23. The association may establish a variety of councils, groups, or other interior work divisions. The organization regulations will be put into effect after being passed by the board of directors, the same goes for any alterations to the regulations.

Article 24. The association has to include an honorary director engaged by the director. The honorary director, advisors, etc. have the same terms of office as the director and supervisor.

Chapter 4 Meetings

Article 25. The members' assembly is divided into two kinds, regular and extra assemblies. The assembly's convener is the director, and written notifications must be sent out 15 days prior with the exception of extra assemblies. Regular assemblies are held once a year, while extra assemblies are held when deemed necessary by the board of directors with demands from one fifth of the members (member representatives) or when the board of supervisors filed an official request.

Article 26. When members (member representatives) are unable to attend the members' assembly, a written commission for another member to fill up his/her position. One member (member representative) is limited to filling in one other position.

Article 27. Resolutions made at the members' assembly are decided by the higher number of votes with more than half the number of the members present. But the formulation and change of articles, withdrawal of members, the dismissal of directors and supervisors, financial affairs, the disbandment of the association, and other major events related to members' rights and obligations will need the consent of more than 2/3 of the members present. Once the association is registered as a legal corporation, any changes made to the articles will need the consents of more than 3/4 of the members

present or the written consents from more than 2/3 of all the members. The disbandment of the association will require the consents of more than 2/3 of the current total number of members.

Article 28. The board of directors and board of supervisors are to hold one meeting every 6 months, joint meetings or extra sessions are to be called when necessary. The aforementioned meetings must send out written notifications 7 days prior, with the exception of extra sessions. The resolutions of the meetings will need more than half of board members and supervisors present and decided by the higher number of votes.

Article 29. The director should attend the meeting of the board of directors, as should the supervisor attend the meeting of the board of supervisors. The director and supervisor may not commission someone else to attend. If the director and supervisor are absent from the meetings for more than 2 consecutive times, this will be deemed as the act of resignation. The respective meetings of the board of directors and the board of supervisors, as well as the joint meetings of directors and supervisors, can be convened by video conferences. Directors and supervisors who attend each video conference are deemed to have attended in person, and sign-in and voting methods shall be handled in accordance with the functions of the video equipment. However, for matters involving elections, by-elections, recalls, and the formulation of organizational regulations, video conferencing shall not be adopted.

Chapter 5 Finance and Accounting

Article 30. The financial sources of the association are as follows:

1. Membership fees: individual membership is NTD 1000, student membership is NTD 500, and group membership is NTD 3000.
2. Annual membership fees: individual membership is NTD 1200, student membership is NTD 600, and group membership is NTD 6000.
3. Operation expenses.
4. Member donations.
5. Entrusted incomes.
6. Funds and the interest.
7. Other incomes.

Article 31. The accounting year of the association is according to calendar year, starting from January 1 to December 31 of every year.

Article 32. The board of directors of the association will start composing annual work plans, financial balance budget statements, and staff payment plans two months before the start of the accounting year, then go on to propose to the members' assembly for approval (if the members' assembly is canceled, propose to the board of supervisors meeting instead) and to send to the competent authority for approval for reference. Within two months after the end of the accounting year, the board of directors will compose annual work reports, financial balance final statements, cash flow statements, balance sheets, property catalogs, and fund income statements to send to the board

of supervisors for examination. An examination report will be sent back to the board of directors to be proposed to the members' assembly for approval, and then to send to the competent authority for approval for reference (if the members' assembly is canceled, report to the competent authority first).

Article 33. At the disbandment of the association, the leftover properties will belong to the local self-governing body or an organization appointed by the competent authority.

Chapter 6 Additional Articles

Article 34. Items not mentioned in the articles of the association will be handled according to related law regulations.

Article 35. The articles are approved by the members' (member representatives') assembly and sent to the competent authority for approval of reference before putting into effect. When alterations are made, the process will be the same.

Article 36. The articles are approved on the first members' (member representatives') assembly on July 20, 2012. And the articles have been reported to the Ministry of Interior for future reference under the number 1010396811 on Dec. 26, 2012.