

Action Professionals' Association for the People -APAP



***MEMBERSHIP RULES
AS STATED IN THE ARTICLES OF
ASSOCIATION***

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Preamble

We, members of the Action Professionals' Association for the People, whose names and signatures are placed at the bottom of this document:

The Action Professionals' Association for the People (hereafter called “Association”) supporting the objective of giving Information and disseminating the notion of basic legal and human right to the section of the society who are at low life standard especially the poor, women and children and concerned justice and administration bodies. And make them actively participate in a fruitful manner,

Recognizing the Association has got now better opportunity than ever before and that it should design a convenient system of work to make use of the opportunity it has got, though it has made numerous efforts since its establishment,

Believing that it should be established on the foundation which is based on moral values, and an experience which shapes the future move of the Association, which can produce an efficient, transparent, responsible, accountable and can make the participation of its member fruitful,

We have, hereafter, approved these amended Articles of Association of the Action Professionals' Association for the People as the “Articles of Association”

Article 1 Foundation

These Articles of Association are based on the Ethiopian Civil Code No. 409, 411 and 447 as well as Association' Registration Regulation No. 321/1959.

Article 2 Name of the Association governed by these Articles of Association

These Articles of Association govern the Association whose name is “Action Professionals' Association for the People” which was established by the amended establishment document of October 1, 1993 and which is non-profit organization registered by the Office of Association' Registration, Ministry of Justice, of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia under certificate No. 96.

Article 3 Definitions

Unless otherwise given another meaning, in these Articles of Association,

1. “Board of Directors” or “Board” means the Board of directors established by Article 15 of these Articles of Association.
2. “Director” or “Board Member” means the director of the Board who is the member of the Board of directors of Association.
3. “Executive Director” is the executive director of the Association who is appointed as per these Articles of Association.
4. “General Assembly” or “Assembly” is the meeting of all the members of the Association in accordance with Article 12 of these Articles of Association.
5. “Member” means a person who is a member of the Association in any way as stated under Article 7 of these Articles of Association.
6. “Regular Member” means a person who is a regular member of the Association according to Article 7 of these Articles of Association.
7. “Honorary Member” means a person who is an honorary member of the Association according to Article 7 of these Articles of Association.
8. Expressions in the masculine in these Articles of Association are also applicable to feminine gender.

Article 4 Head office of the Association, Address and Branches

1. The head office of the Association is in Addis Ababa, and it can have branch offices in any part of Ethiopia by decisions of the General Assembly.
2. The address of the head office of the Association is:

Addis Ababa City Administration, Arada Sub-City, Kebele 11/12

House No. 959

Telephone: 251-11-1243555/56/57

Fax: 251-11-1243558

P.O.Box: 12484

E-mail: apap@ethionet.et

Website: www.apapeth.org

3. The address of the head office of the Association and changes in address will be disclosed to the concerned bodies.

Article 5 General objectives of the Association

The objectives of the Association are the following:

1. To facilitate a situation where volunteer professionals can provide their knowledge and skills to help the poor who live both in urban and rural areas free of charge;
2. To identify mechanisms to alleviate the problems of both urban and rural poor, especially women, through the use of the knowledge of professionals;

3. To reinforce the knowledge of the society, and examine the root causes of obstacles which hinder its development and together seek their solutions;
4. To offer legal and other professional services to those persons living with a low standard of life and living in poverty, especially women;
5. To prepare teaching materials, written materials, pamphlets, brochures, forums, meetings and the like to disseminate legal and other professions' knowledge to the society for free.

Article 6 Membership

1. The founding members of the Association and other members who have been accepted as per the criteria set by the General Assembly are the members of the Association.
2. Any person whose age above 18:
 - A. Who accepts the objective of the Association,
 - B. Who is willing to pay contributions or to serve the Association physically or by his skill,
 - C. Who meets the criteria set out by the General Assembly in connection with the nature of the Association can become a member of the Association.

Article 7 Types of Membership

1. Membership of the Association is categorized as follows.
 - a. Honorary member
 - b. Regular member
2. Honorary members are members whom the Board believes will contribute to the Association, and who are given honorary membership by the General Assembly.

3. The Regular members of the Association are those who are willing to pay the membership contribution and ready to voluntarily serve the Association and who are registered upon fulfilling the criteria set out by the General Assembly.

Article 8 Rights of Members

1. All members have equal rights.
2. Membership is an individual right which is not transferable to another person or heirs.
3. A regular member of the Association shall have the following rights:
 - A. A right to participate in a General Assembly, to elect, to be elected and to vote,
 - B. In accordance with the work program of the Association, to participate in educational and training workshops prepared by the Association,
 - C. Depending on the capacity of the Association, to receive statement, publications, and similar information for free or at a discount price,
 - D. To participate in travels and social gatherings organized by the Association,
 - E. Can obtain an evidence of his membership upon request.

Article 9 Obligations of Members

Members of the Association shall have the following obligations:

1. To pay a membership registration fee of Birr 10 (ten birr) and monthly membership contribution of Birr 3 or one time payment of Birr 25 (twenty five birr) for one year, starting from the date he has registered as a regular member.
2. A member should pay the amount he/she owes to the Association upon leaving the Association.

3. Every member of the Association is obliged to respect the objectives of the Association and offer services expected of him/her.
4. A member can not exercise his rights unless he pays contributions or services expected from him/her.

Article 10 Conditions in which membership terminates

Where a member

1. dies, or
2. is dismissed by a decision of a competent court or by the General Assembly in accordance with these Articles of Association, or
3. submits a written resignation request,

his/her membership shall terminate.

Article 11 Structure of the Association

The Association shall have the following structure

