

# **Statutes of the association**

## **Blockchain Student Association**

### **Title I**

#### **Denomination, seat, and purpose**

##### **First article**

Blockchain Student Association (hereinafter referred to as "the association") is a non-profit association established in accordance with the provisions of Article 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Law.

##### **Article 2**

The headquarters of the association is in Lausanne.

##### **Article 3**

<sup>1</sup> The association's goals are :

- Develop the student ecosystem around blockchain technology and other technologies related to decentralized systems (academic initiatives, companies, start-ups, organizations, associations).
- Share scientific information on this area (during events, publications on social networks and articles).
- Make available to the students the resources of the association (partnerships with other organizations etc.).

<sup>2</sup> It achieves this through events (training, talks, hackathon, debates), an active blog and dedicated pages on social networks.

<sup>3</sup> The association is supported by the EPFL IC faculty for the sharing of scientific information.

<sup>4</sup> The association is free from any orientation and attachment of a political or religious nature.

### **Title II**

#### **Members**

##### **Article 4**

Students from EPFL and UNIL may be admitted as members of the association.

## **Article 5**

<sup>1</sup> The admission of a new member is the responsibility of the executive committee, with the possibility of recourse to the general assembly in case of refusal.

<sup>2</sup> The application for admission is submitted in writing to the executive committee.

<sup>3</sup> By applying for admission, the candidate adheres without reservation to the statutes of the association and undertakes to respect the decisions of the general assembly and the executive committee.

## **Article 6**

<sup>1</sup> Membership is lost through resignation, exclusion or when the admission requirements are no longer fulfilled, in particular in the event of an exemption from EPFL or UNIL.

<sup>2</sup> The member may resign at any time from the association. The announcement of the resignation is made in writing to the executive committee.

<sup>3</sup> On the proposal of the executive committee, the general assembly may exclude a member who seriously contravenes the aims or interests of the association.

## **Title III Resources**

### **Article 7**

The resources of the association are constituted by the possible contributions of the members, the receipts of the events organized by the association, by the subsidies, the sponsorships, the donations or the bequests, as well as by any other receipts.

## **Title IV Accounting and balance sheet**

### **Article 8**

<sup>1</sup> The association keeps an accounting and a balance sheet.

<sup>2</sup> The treasurer presents to the general assembly the accounts and the annual balance sheet with the report of the auditors.

## **Title V**

### **Organization**

#### **Article 9**

The organs of the association are the general assembly (hereinafter "GA"), the board of directors, the committee and the auditors.

#### ***The general assembly***

#### **Article 10**

<sup>1</sup> The GA brings together all the members of the association.

<sup>2</sup> The GA is the supreme power of the association. Its tasks and competencies are those which are not attributed to any other body, namely:

- elect the members of the executive committee and the auditors;
- decide on the admission of new members on appeal and on the exclusion of members ;
- decide on the activities of the association in relation to its goals;
- set the amount of any contribution;
- approve the budget, the accounts, and the annual balance sheet, as well as the report of the executive committee ;
- determine the maximum amount by which the President and the Treasurer can commit the association;
- dispose of social assets;
- modify the statutes;
- pronounce the dissolution of the association.

#### **Article 11**

<sup>1</sup> The GA shall meet in ordinary session at least once a year, within three months after the end of the last financial year. It is convened by the executive committee, by notice given thirty days in advance.

<sup>2</sup> An extraordinary GA shall be convened whenever the executive committee considers it advisable or at the request of the auditors or one-fifth of the members of the association.

<sup>3</sup> The invitation to the GA mentions its date, place, and agenda.

<sup>4</sup> Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Association, the GA is valid regardless of the number of members present.

<sup>5</sup> The GA is chaired by the president of the association or, if applicable, by one of the vice-presidents or another member of the executive committee.

<sup>6</sup> The decisions of the GA are recorded in its minutes.

<sup>7</sup> The GA may make decisions by circulation, including through an online voting computer platform.

## **Article 12**

<sup>1</sup> Each member has one vote at the GA.

<sup>2</sup> The GA decides by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

<sup>3</sup> The GA elects the members of the executive committee by an absolute majority of the votes cast in the first ballot and by a relative majority in the second ballot.

<sup>4</sup> The GA decides on the admission on appeal and the exclusion of members by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

<sup>5</sup> The GA amends the statutes by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

<sup>6</sup> The GA declares the dissolution of the association by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an extraordinary GA convened specifically for that purpose and bringing together at least half of the members. If this quorum is not reached, an Extraordinary GA is convened again within twenty days. It sits then regardless of the number of members present.

### ***The committee***

## **Article 13**

<sup>1</sup> The committee is the coordinating body of the association. It includes, among others, heads of the poles of the association.

<sup>2</sup> The members of the committee are elected by the GA for a period of one-year renewable.

<sup>3</sup> The committee is responsible for the organization choices of the various events of the association.

### ***The executive committee***

## **Article 14**

<sup>1</sup> The executive committee is the executive body of the association. It is composed of 4-7 members, including the president, vice-presidents, administrator and professors of the IC faculty.

<sup>2</sup> The members of the executive committee are elected by the General Assembly, with the exception of Professors from the IC Faculty, from among the members of the committee, for a period of one year renewable. At least one of them must, if possible, have been a member of the executive committee during the last term.

### **Article 15**

The executive committee has the following tasks:

- administer the association;
- execute the decisions of the GA;
- direct, coordinate and represent the association;
- manage resources and budget;
- hold cash ;
- keep the accounts and the balance sheet;
- ensure the proper functioning of the association;
- safeguard the interests of the association;
- report his activity to the general meeting.

### **Article 16**

The President and a member of the executive committee commit the association by the collective signature of two.

### **Article 17**

<sup>1</sup> The executive committee shall meet upon call by the President as often as the conduct of business requires. It must be convened if at least two members of the executive committee request ed it.

<sup>2</sup> The executive committee may deliberate only if the President or a Vice-President is present.

<sup>3</sup> The decisions of the executive committee are recorded in its minutes.

<sup>4</sup> The executive committee takes its decisions by an absolute majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

<sup>5</sup> In case of urgency, the executive committee may take decisions by circulation, provided that none of its members objects.

### ***The auditors***

### **Article 18**

<sup>1</sup> Two auditors are elected by the General Assembly from among the members of the association, for a period of one year renewable.

<sup>2</sup> The auditors are responsible for submitting to the GA a report on the accounts. They can at any time check the status of the fund, obtain the production of books and accounting documents, as well as convene an extraordinary GA.

## Title VI Dissolution

### Article 19

<sup>1</sup> In the event of dissolution of the association, the liquidation mandate rests with the current executive committee.

<sup>2</sup> The net assets available are entirely paid to an association of students with goals similar to those of the association, chosen in agreement with the EPFL.

## Title VII Final provisions

### Article 20

The present statutes are enacted in French and published on the website of the association. The present statutes were adopted by the general assembly of October 30, 2018. This is the official translation of these statutes in English.

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