

Contribution Regulations of the Association “Unapendwa e.V.”

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Principles

1. These contribution regulations govern the contribution obligations of association members as well as fees and levies.
2. These contribution regulations are not part of the association’s statutes. Their legal basis is found in §4 of the association’s statutes in the version dated 24 October 2024.
3. These contribution regulations may only be amended by a unanimous decision of the board.
4. These contribution regulations enter into force on 28 August 2025.

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Contribution Obligation

1. Membership contributions are an essential basis for the association’s financial resources. The association depends on all members fulfilling their contribution obligations punctually and in full. Only in this way can the association fulfil its responsibilities toward its members.
2. The membership fee is due quarterly at the beginning of each quarter (01 January / 01 April / 01 July / 01 October) or annually at the beginning of the year (01 January). Members who join during a quarter become liable for contributions starting from the following quarter.
3. Members are responsible for ensuring timely payment and sufficient funds in the account used. Payment must be received in the association’s bank account no later than 14 days after the specified payment date. If the contribution has not been received by then, the member is in default. If the member’s account lacks sufficient funds at the time of the SEPA direct debit, the member is liable for all costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of the contribution and any return debit fees. This also applies if the account has been closed and the member failed to notify the association. The member will be requested in writing to make the payment 7 days after the specified payment date.
4. If payment is not made within the specified period, the board may impose a penalty fee of up to €50 per case.

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Resolutions on Membership Contributions

1. The minimum amount of the membership fee is determined by the board. Any change to the membership fee takes effect in the following quarter. The legal basis is §3 of the association regulations in the version dated 24 October 2024.

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Contribution Amount

1. The minimum membership fee is €10 per quarter for quarterly payments or €40 per year for annual payments.

2. Members may choose their own contribution amount, but it must meet the minimum amount set in these regulations.
3. A member's status (active or passive, see §4 of the association regulations) has no effect on the contribution amount or the obligation to pay contributions.
4. The board is authorised to defer, reduce, or waive contributions upon request. There is no legal entitlement to such payment relief.

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Payment Methods

1. Membership fees, charges, and levies are collected via SEPA basic direct debit or paid by bank transfer. Members must choose one of these payment methods upon joining. If SEPA direct debit is chosen, the member must issue a SEPA mandate upon joining. The association collects the membership fee via SEPA basic direct debit using its creditor ID [in progress] and mandate reference [in progress] quarterly on 01 January / 01 April / 01 July / 01 October or annually on 01 January. If this date is not a banking day, the debit occurs on the next banking day.
2. The association's account is held at Sparkasse Rhein-Nahe in Bad Kreuznach with the following details:
Account holder: Unapendwa e.V.
IBAN: DE53 5605 0180 0017 1714 63
BIC: MALADE51KRE
3. Transfers to other accounts are not permitted and will not be recognised as valid payments.

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Data Processing

1. Contribution collection is carried out using electronic data processing. The required member data (name and bank details) are stored in accordance with GDPR requirements.

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Leaving the Association

1. The obligation to pay contributions ends with the termination of membership.
2. A member may resign by submitting a written declaration to the board with one month's notice to the end of the financial half-year (30 June or 31 December).
3. A member may be expelled by resolution of the board if they act contrary to the association's objectives or fail to fulfill their obligations to the association.