



Association Franco Anglaise

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Statutes of the Association

1: At the General Assembly held 12.07.2005 it was agreed by the members that an association would be formed in accordance with the Law of 1st July 1901 and the decree dated 16th August 1901, entitled Association Franco Anglaise (AFA)

2: The **aims** of the Association are to encourage cultural and social ties between the Francophone and Anglophone communities of the Pays Royannais (and beyond) with an accent on learning languages. The Association welcomes everyone wishing to enlarge their circle of friends and acquaintances, whatever their nationality.

3: The **headquarters** is located at: Cabinet Tolède, 89 bis, rue Font de Chèrves, 17200 Royan. An Annex is situated at 4 rue des Roses Tremières, 17600 Saujon; run by the same Committee. The Headquarters can be re-located by a decision of the Administrative Council (or Committee), to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

4: The Association will comprise:
(a) Honorary Members
(b) Benefactors
(c) Paid-up membres

5: In order to be a member of the Association, applicants must be voted in by the Administrative Council (or Committee) which will consider applications at Committee meetings.

6l: Honorary members consist of persons having given special help to the Association and are not required to pay membership fees.

Benefactors consist of those who pay a membership fee of €500 and an annual membership fee as fixed annually at the AGM

Paid-up members are those who have agreed to pay an annual fee as fixed annually at the AGM.

(NB A subscription can be reimbursed at a minimum cost of ten times the annual subscription, with a maximum payment of €15.25 (Article no 6 – 1 of the Law of 1st July 1901, modified by the law no 48-1001 of 23rd June 1948.)

7: **Cancellations:** Membership can be terminated by:
(a) Resignation
(b) Death
(c)Termination pronounced by the Administrative Council for non-payment of subscriptions or for Serious reasons when the member concerned must be requested by Registered Letter to attend a Committee meeting to explain his/her actions.

8: **Financial Resources:** These will include:
(a) Entry Fees and Annual Subscriptions
(b) Subsidies derived from the State, Department or Local Commune Authorities.

9: **Administrative Council (or Committee)** The Association will be managed by a Council of members, elected for 2 years at the AGM. Members may be re-elected.

The Administrative Council can choose, by secret vote an organisation composed of:

- (a) A President
- (b) One or more Vice-Presidents
- (c) A Secretary, and if necessary, Assistant Secretaries
- (d) A Treasurer, and one or more Assistants

Each year 50% of the Council members will be re-elected, those in the first year being chosen by lots. Over a holiday period, the Council may, for a short time, designate replacement members. Permanent replacements should be ratified at the next AGM. The period in office of such members will expire at the time that the replaced member would have reached the end of their term of office.

10: **Meetings of the Administrative Council:** The Administrative Council should meet at least once every six months, when called either by the president or as requested by at least a quarter of its members. Decisions are made by a majority of votes, but in the event of an equal number of votes, the President's casting vote will be final.

Any member of the Administrative Council who has not previously presented their excuses for absence, will, after three consecutive absences, be considered as having resigned.

Administrative Council members must be over 18 years old.

11: **Annual General Meeting (Ordinary):** An AGM consists of all Association members, irrespective of their type of membership. The AGM will take place each year in September. Members of the Association will be informed, at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the time and place of the meeting. The Agenda will be included with the call to the meeting. One third of the paid-up membership is required for the AGM to be quorate.

The President, assisted by the members of the Administrative Council, will chair the meeting and present a report on the state of the Association

The Treasurer will present the financial situation for approval by members.

After the completion of the set agenda, a secret vote will be taken to determine the replacement of the out-going members of the Administrative Council.

Under normal circumstances, only the items detailed on the Agenda will be discussed.

12: **Extraordinary General Meeting:** If necessary, or at the request of half the paid-up members plus one, the President may call for an EGM, following the rules laid down in Rule 11.

13: **Internal Rules:** Internal Rules may be established by the Administrative Council, in which case, they must be approved at the AGM. This ruling is aimed at fixing the various points not covered by the Statutes, particularly those items concerning the internal organisation of the AFA.

14: **Dissolution:** In the event of the dissolution of the Association, decided by at least two thirds of the members present at an AGM, one or more liquidators are appointed and the assets, if any, are distributed in accordance with Article 9 of the Law of 1st July 1901 and Decree of 16th August 1901.

Royan, 21 September 2009

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary