

STATUTES OF THE ANGLO AMERICAN GROUP OF PROVENCE

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Article 1 An Association was formed on September 7, 1982 and is governed by the French law of July 1st, 1901 and decree of August 16th 1901 concerning Associations. The Statutes of the Group hereunder conform to that law.

Article 2 The aim of the Group is as follows:

- a) To help English speaking newcomers (as defined in Article 6 section a) to adapt to life in Provence
- b) To preserve and share our traditions, language and culture and c) To promote a continuing exchange of friendship and understanding with the French community.

Article 3 The name of the Association is the Anglo American Group of Provence The official address of the Group is Maison des Associations, Mairie Aix Sud, 75, Route des Milles (CD9), Pont de l'Arc, 13090, Aix en Provence. This address can be changed at any time by decision of the Board and must be ratified by the next Annual General Meeting.

Article 4

The Group shall be composed of:

- a) Honorary Members
- b) Active Members

Article 5 The Consuls-General of Great Britain, the United States of America and Canada and their families are honorary members, The AAGP board members shall be Honorary Members of the Group. Active Members are those paying annual subscriptions.

Article 6

Membership of the Group shall be open to:

- a) All Anglo American (which term shall be defined as passport holders and/or English speaking nationals of the following countries, Great Britain, United States of America, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, together with such other affiliated countries as the Board shall at their absolute discretion from time to time decide upon) adults living in Provence, together with their spouse/partner and children living at home and below the age of 21. (This is further clarified in section 1.7 of the Rules and Regulations.) The Board may also, at their absolute discretion, consider applications from widows/widowers and divorcees of Anglo American spouses and reinstatement of non Anglo American families.
- b) Membership is also open to adults (and their families) of other nationalities, having close affinities with Anglo American culture and who speak the English language fluently. This membership will be limited to one sixth of the total membership and need board ratification before any such application is confirmed.

Article 7 Persons may lose membership for the following reasons:

- a) Resignation (Non payment of membership fees by 31st December following the due date will be assumed as resignation).
- b) Death.
- c) Expulsion by the Board for serious reasons. The member will first be invited to appear before the Board to give an explanation.

Article 8 A Board consisting of members elected at the Annual General Meeting shall govern the Group. These Board members can be re-elected in accordance with the Group's Rules and Regulations section 3.3. The Board shall be composed of elected members: (the number is defined by the board.)

The Board will have:

- 1) A President
- 2) A Vice-President
- 3) A Secretary
- 4) A Treasurer

In the case of vacancies, the Board may appoint temporary officers from among the members of the Group. At the next General Meeting, elected members shall fill these vacant posts. The mandate of the members thus installed shall expire at the time when the mandate of the person replaced was due to expire.

To be elected on the board a member must be a personal member paying his fees (over 18 years old).

Article 9 The Board shall meet once a month (from September to June) convened by the President, or at the request of one third of its members. Two thirds of the Board shall constitute a quorum and decisions shall be taken by the vote of a simple majority of the Members present. In the case of a division, the President or Vice President in the President's absence shall have the casting vote. Any officer absent without reasonable excuse for three consecutive Board meetings may be considered as having resigned. No person under the age of 18 may serve on the Board.

Article 10 The Group may have open meetings (called Ordinary General Meetings) in addition to the Annual General Meeting., if deemed necessary. Members shall be notified in the Group's Newsletter one month in advance, of the agenda, date and venue of such meetings.

Article 11 The President or Acting President may, if she/he deems it necessary, call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group. Such meeting may also be convened at the request of one fifth of the members of the Group.

Article 12 Rules and Regulations may be drawn up and altered by the Board, to be approved at any General Meeting. These Rules and Regulations shall cover all matters not dealt with in the Statutes, particularly with regard to the internal administration of the Group.

Article 13 The Group shall be entitled in its own name and not in that of any individual member or group of members to undertake from time to time any fund raising activity which the Board shall consider to be in the best interests of the Group and its members. Any monies thus raised shall be applied at the discretion of the Board to promoting the activities of the Group or such charitable or other activities, as it shall from time to time decide upon.

Article 14 In case of dissolution of the Group, which may be decided if, at any time, 75% of the members of the Group so desire, one or more liquidators shall be appointed by the members present at such meeting. Such assets as the Group may possess shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the French Law of July 1, 1901 and the Decree of August 16, 1901, concerning associations.

Article 15 The Board binds itself to ensure that no form of political activity shall be carried on within the Group by any of the members.

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