

Chapter I Of the scope and aims of The Institute of Valencian studies

Article 1. Denomination

The Institute of Valencian studies is a cultural organization constituted in the city of Valencia, which is in force by statutory law 1/2002 of 22nd of March, regulatory of the right of association and under protection within the article 22 of the Constitution, with no profit in mind. These present statutes are the consequence of effective legislation although The Institute of Valencian studies tries to keep alive the spirit of the institution founded on 2nd of February of 1937.

Article 2. Legal personality

The Institute of Valencian studies has its own legal personality and full authority to proceed to administer and to make use of its goods and to fulfil the aims set out.

Article 3. Address and scope of action

The address of The Institute of Valencian studies is located in Valencia in street Conde de Altea, nº 15 door 12, postal code 46005.

The Institute of Valencian studies will mainly realise its activities within the territorial scope of the Regne of Valencia, currently denominated Valencian Community.

Article 4. Aims

The Institute of Valencian studies has an aim to stimulate and to propagate the knowledge of the Regne of Valencia in all aspects, through the study and the investigation of its peculiarities, and also the defence of the Valencian culture in all manifestations.

Totally excluded are all activities that persecute political and religious aims.

Article 5. Activities

Of the activities to be realised by The Institute of Valencian studies, the following will be of high-priority interest: Culture of the Valencian Language through the study of its local varieties without reduction of the literary unit; work sessions; trips to get to know the geographic characteristics, customs and all kind of artistic manifestations and folklore; seminars and courses of spreading and conferences; projections, contests and acts of analogous character, publications etc....

Chapter II Of the members of The Institute of Valencian studies

Article 6.

The Institute of Valencian studies will be formed by a limited number of members, not exceeding twenty-five, that will have the status of permanent.

Requests will be admitted until completing the limit of twenty-five, which will be formulated in writing and guaranteed by three permanent members and approved by the General Meeting previous report of the Board of Directors.

The permanent members will be able to be grouped in Sections, that in principle will be those of History, Linguistic, Geography, Ethnography, Publications, File and Library although others will be able to be created as it is considered advisable. It will be possible to take part in whichever Section is desired. Each Section will be directed by a Director appointed by the Board of directors.

Article 7. Collaborators

The Collaborator's entrance will be admitted who will be added to the Sections, with permanent status or for certain studies. The admission will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Article 8. Corresponding members

Corresponding members will be able to be named in limitless number in as many populations are considered advisable. The appointments will be carried out by the Board of Directors.

Article 9. Protectors

They will also be able to have protective members that help economically to The Institute of Valencian studies, with periodic status or with more or less circumstantial donations. The recognition as Protectors will be carried out by the Board of Directors.

Article 10. Rights of the members

The rights that correspond to the members are the following:

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a) To participate in the activities of The Institute of Valencian studies and in the control systems and representation, to exert the right to vote, as well as to attend the General Assembly, in agreement with the statutes. In order to be able to be a member of the representation organs it is essential requisite to be of legal age, to be in the heat of use of civil rights and not to be to blamed in the established reasons for mutual incompatibility in the effective legislation.

b) To being informed about the composition of the control systems and representation of the Institut, the statement of its accounts and the development of its activity. They will be able to accede to all the information through the representation organs.

c) To being heard with previous character to the adoption of disciplinary measures against him/herself and to being informed into the cause that give rise to such measures, having to be motivated by the agreement that, where appropriate, imposes the penalty.

d) To oppose the agreements of the organs of the Institut that considers opposites to the Law or the Statutes.

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Article 11. Duties

The duties of the permanent members are:

- a) To share the purposes of The Institute of Valencian studies and of collaborating for the attainment of the same, as well as faithfully fulfilling the inherent obligations to the position carried out.
- b) To pay the fees, special taxes and other contributions that, in accordance with the Statutes, could correspond to each partner.
- c) To accept and to fulfil the agreements validly adopted by the control systems and representation of the association.
- d) To fit its actions to the statutory dispositions.
- e) To attend the meetings of the General Meeting.

Article 12. Causes of withdraw

The causes of withdraw in The Institute of Valencian studies are:

- a) The interested one's will, communicated in writing to the representation organs.
- b) Not to satisfy the determined fees, if stopping doing so during three consecutive months.
- c) Not to attend three consecutive sessions of assembly call.

Article 13. Sanctioning regime

The removal of the members of The Institute of Valencian studies by reason of sanction will take place when they commit acts that make them unworthy to continue belonging to that one. It will be presumed that this type of acts exists:

- a) When the member deliberately prevents or sets up obstacles to the fulfilment of the social aims.
- b) When the member deliberately prevents in a manner the operation of the control systems and representation of The Institute of Valencian studies

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In any case to decide the removal on the part of the control system, the procedure of a disciplinary file will be necessary that contemplates the hearing of the affected associate.

Chapter III The control system

Article 14. The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of government of The Institute of Valencian studies, integrated by all the permanent members, which adopts its agreements by the majority principle or of internal democracy.

All the members will be subject to the agreements of the General Assembly, even the absentees, the dissidents and those that still being present have abstained to vote.

Article 15. Meetings of the Assembly

The General Assembly will meet in ordinary session as a minimum once a year, within the first trimester.

The General Assembly will meet with extraordinary character whenever it is necessary, to requirement of a number of associates that represents at the very least a 20 percent of the totality.

Article 16. Call of the Assemblies

The call of the General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, will be made in writing. Whenever it is possible will summon the members individually. The call will express the day, the hour and the place of the meeting, as well as the daily routine.

The secretary will write up the minutes of each meeting that will reflect an extract of the deliberations, the text in the agreements that have been adopted and the numerical result of the ballots. In the beginning of each meeting of the General Assembly the minutes of the previous meeting will be read in order to be approved or not.

Article 17. Competences and validity in the agreements.

The Assembly will be validly constituted in first call with the attendance of a minimum of a third of the present or represented associates; and in second call, whatever number of them, will have to congregate half an hour after the first one and in the same place.

In the meetings of the General Assembly, The Institute of Valencian studies corresponds a vote to each permanent member of the Institut.

Competences of the General Assembly are:

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- a) To approve if needed, the management of the representation organ
- b) To examine and to adopt or to reject the annual budgets of income and expenses, as well as the annual record of activities.
- c) To establish the main lines of action that allow The Institute of Valencian studies to fulfil their aims.
- d) To prepare all the directed measures to guarantee the democratic operation of The Institute of Valencian studies.
- e) To determine ordinary or extraordinary fees.
- f) To choose and to dismiss any of the members of the Board of Directors.
- g) To adopt agreements referring to:
 - Ejection of the partners, following a proposal by the Board of Directors
 - Request of declaration of public utility
 - Dissolution of the Association
 - Modification of the Statutes
 - Disposition and expropriation of goods
 - Approval of representation expenses in concrete situations

The agreements will be taken by simple majority, when the affirmative votes surpass the negatives. However, they will require a qualified majority, which will take place when the affirmative votes surpass half, the agreements regarding dissolution of the association, modification of the Statutes, disposition or expropriation of goods and remuneration of the members of the representation organ, whenever the corresponding assembly has specially summoned itself with so object.

Chapter IV The representation organ

Article 18. Composition of the representation organ

The Institute of Valencian studies will be governed, administered and represented by its organ of representation denominated Board of Directors formed by the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Vice-secretary, Treasurer and two vowels.

The election of the members of the Board of Directors will be by free and secret suffrage of the members of the General Assembly. The candidacies could be closed with a maximum number of seven members or individuals to complete the Board of Directors if the chosen list contains less of the seven members stipulated as a maximum.

The exercise of the positions will have gratuitous status, except when the Assembly approves expenses of representation in concrete situations.

Article 19. Duration of the mandate in the representation organ

The members of the Board of directors will exert the position during a period of 4 years and could be re-elected indefinitely.

The retirement before the prescribed term being extinguished could be due to:

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- a) Submitted voluntary retirement application in writing in which the reasons are explained.
 - b) Disease that incapacitates the exercise of the position.
 - c) Withdraw as a member of The Institute of Valencian studies.
 - d) Penalty imposed by one's non-commitment during the exercise of the position.
- The vacancies that take place in the Board of Directors will be covered when the first General Assembly is celebrated. However, the Board of Directors will be able to designate, provisionally, until the next General Assembly, with a member of The Institute of Valencian studies for the vacant position.

Article 20 Competences of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors hold the following faculties:

- a) To show and to exercise the representation of The Institute of Valencian studies and to carry out the direction and the administration in the broadest manner within the law and to fulfil the decisions taken by the General Assembly, and in agreement with the

- general norms, instructions and directives that this General Assembly establishes.
- b) To take the necessary agreements for the appearance before the public organisms, for the exercise of all kind of legal actions and to interpose the pertinent resources.
 - c) To solve on the admission of new associates, being taken the up-to-date relation of all the associates.
 - d) To propose to the General Assembly the establishment of the fees that the members of the Association must satisfy.
 - e) To summon the General Assemblies and to control the fulfilment in the adopted agreements.
 - f) To communicate to the Registry of Associations, the modification of the Statutes decided by the General Assembly within a month.
 - g) To display the balance and the statement of account of each exercise to be approved by the General Assembly, and to make the budgets of the following exercise.
 - h) To take an account according to the specific norms to obtain the faithful image of the patrimony, the result and the financial situation of the organization.
 - i) To carry out the inventory of the goods of The Institute of Valencian studies.
 - j) To elaborate the annual record of activities and to put it under the approval of the General Assembly.
 - k) To solve provisionally any case not anticipated by the present Statutes and to give account of it in the first subsequent General Assembly.
 - l) Any other faculty not attributed in any specific way within these Statutes to the General Assembly.

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Article 21. Meetings of the representation organ

The Board of Directors, summoned to the effect by the president or the person who replaces him, will meet in ordinary session with the regularity that their members decide, which in any case could not exceed to two months. They will meet in extraordinary session if asked by a third of their components.

The Board of Directors will validly be constituted with previous call and a quorum of half plus one of its members.

The members are forced to attend all the meetings that are summoned, being able to excuse their attendance by justified causes. In any case, the attendance of the President and the Secretary or whoever may replace them will be necessary.

In the Board of Directors the agreements will be taken by simple majority of votes from the assistants. In case of tie, the vote of the President will be decisive.

The agreements of the Board of Directors will be pointed out in the act book. At the beginning of each meeting the act of the previous session will be read so that it is approved or rectified.

Article 22 The President

The President of The Institute of Valencian studies will preside over the Board of Directors.

The following functions are of President's own:

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- a) Those of direction and legal representation of The Institute of Valencian studies, by delegation of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- b) The presidency and the direction of debates of the representation and control systems.
- c) To sign the calls of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- d) To approve the acts and certificates made by the Secretary of the Association.
- e) The own remaining attributions of the position and those delegated to the General Assembly or the Board of directors delegates by the President.

The President will be replaced, in case of absence or disease, by the Vice-president.

Article 23. The Treasurer

The Treasurer will function in the safekeeping and the control of the resources of the Institut, as well as the elaboration of the budget, the balance and liquidation of accounts, in order to put them under the approval of the Board of Directors, in agreement as indicated in article 20 of these statutes. He will sign receipts, fees and other documents of treasury. He will pay the invoices approved by the Board of Directors, which will have to be sighted, previously, by the President.

Article 24. The Secretary

The Secretary must guard the documentation of the Institut, write up and sign the acts of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, to write up and to authorize any other certifications that may be required to be issued, as well as to have updated the relation of the associates.

Chapter V Economic regime

Article 25. Initial patrimony

The initial patrimony of The Institute of Valencian studies is valued in zero Euros.

The annual budget will be adopted every year in the Ordinary General Assembly.

The economic resources of the Institut will be comprised of:

- a) Of the fees that the General Assembly members determines to its members
- b) Of the official or particular subsidies.
- c) Of donations, inheritances or/and legacies.
- d) Of the rents of its patrimony or of other income that could be obtained.

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Article 26. Fees.

All the members of the Institut have an obligation to maintain it economically, through fees or special taxes, in the manner and the proportion that the General Assembly determines following a proposal by the Board of Directors.

The economic exercise will be closed with the call of the Ordinary General Assembly.

Article 27. Funds Disposition

In the current accounts or savings bank accounts in credit establishments, must appear the signature of the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

In order to dispose of the funds two signatures will be required.

Chapter VI Dissolution of the Association

Article 28 Causes of dissolution

The Institute of Valencian studies could be dissolved:

- a) If in agreement on at the General Assembly specifically summoned for this aim and with the favourable vote of the absolute majority of the permanent members of right.
- b) By the causes determined in article 39 of the Civil Code
- c) By firm judicial sentence

Article 29. Liquidation

The dissolution of the association opens up the period of liquidation, until the aim of which the organization will conserve its legal organization.

The members of the Board of Directors at the time of the dissolution become liquidators, unless the General Assembly designates to others, or those that the judge, where appropriate, decides.

It corresponds to the liquidator:

- a) To guard the integrity of the patrimony of the Institut
- b) To conclude the pending operations and to carry out the new ones that are precise for the liquidation
- c) To acquire the credits of the Institut
- d) To eliminate the patrimony and to pay to the creditors
- e) To apply the leftover goods of the Institut to the aims anticipated by the Statutes
- f) To ask for the cancellation of the seats in the corresponding Registry

In case of insolvency of the Institut, the Board of Directors, or if it is the case, the liquidators, have to immediately promote the opportune competing procedure before the competent judge.

The net surplus that is result from the liquidation will be destined directly to the Valencian Association of Charity, or if this would dissolve to another one of identical aims.

The members do not respond personally of the debts of the association