

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF ARMENIA

(NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION)

THE STATUTE

1. GENERAL THESES

- 1.1. National Youth Council of Armenia (NYCA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization which is dedicated to consolidate the legal youth NGOs of the Republic of Armenia (RA) on the principle of federality.
- 1.2. NYCA organizes its activities relating on its Statute, the Constitution of RA, acting legislation of RA and on the international agreements of RA.
- 1.3. NYCA works on the whole territory of RA and in foreign countries (according to their constitutions).
- 1.4. The address of NYCA is:
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2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NYCA

- 2.1. The aims of NYCA are:
 - To promote the consolidation and the strengthening of RA

- To promote the deepening of democratic processes, and the establishment of legal state and civil society in RA
- To assist to the development and promotion of Youth Policy in Armenia
- To assist to the involvement of youth in the solution of national tasks
- To promote the spreading of the idea of human (in particular, of child and youth) rights protection
- To consolidate Armenian youth around the concepts of patriotism, freedom and democracy
- To ensure the mutual assistance of Armenian youth NGOs.

2.2. The objectives of NYCA are:

- To assist to realization of projects and programs of youth organizations
- To assist the projects aimed to youths' intellectual, spiritual and physical development
- To promote all the rights and legal interests of Armenian youths living in RA and abroad
- To assist to the solving of youth's social problems
- To promote the development of science and education, as the primary domains preparing young specialists
- To assist to young families
- To come out for the young peoples' friendship and mutual assistance in RA and abroad
- To participate in the development and promotion of national and international youth projects
- To establish contacts with the regional and international youth institutions, and support the integration of Armenian youth NGOs into them
- To present motions concerning Youth Policy in the legislative and executive powers of RA
- To consolidate the young people living in Armenia and abroad around the aims of NYCA.

3. THE MAIN PRINCIPLES OF NYCA ACTIVITIES

The main principles of NYCA activities are:

- 3.1 NYCA is not responsible for the activities of its member organizations, clubs, unions and the member-organizations are not responsible for the activities of NYCA.
- 3.2 Respectful attitude to the opinion, interests and dignity of NYCA member-organizations.
- 3.3 Collective work, collegiality in decision-making, mutual and individual responsibility for fullization of taken decisions.
- 3.4 Publicity and freedom in discussions in work of all the structures of NYCA.
- 3.5 Respect of rights of majority and minority:
 - The majority rights are guaranteed by the rights of acting and appearing under the name of NYCA, the right of disposition of organization's property;
 - The minority rights are guaranteed by the right of expression of their position in NYCA, and by the right of realizing their own activities, which are not contradicting to this Statute, and to their program and statutory documents.
- 3.6 The executions of decisions of superior bodies of NYCA are obligatory for its subordinate bodies.
- 3.7 Any substructure of NYCA has a right to take decisions, if more than half of members of that body are present at the meeting. The decision is considered accepted, if there is quorum and if nothing else is foreseen by this Statute.

**4. THE ORDER OF GETTING MEMBERSHIP IN NYCA
AND OF GOING OUT OF NYCA.
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1 Every youth NGO legally acting in RA, as well as branches of international and foreign youth organizations, which are registered as NGOs accordingly to the legislation of RA can be members of NYCA, if they accept this Statute and assist to the realization of aims and objectives of NYCA by its activity.
- 4.2 Youth NGOs, youth branches of political organizations, bodies of student local self-government and trade unions can participate in NYCA works, if their aims and objectives are the same as those adopted in this Statute.
- 4.3 NYCA has 3 type of membership – full member, candidate member and observer.
- 4.4 Application has to be added by:
- a written statement of the membership status for which it is applying,
 - copy of its Statute and the brief programm of its activity,
 - information on its structure, facts about governing body and other documents and facts if demanded by the Board of NYCA.

The application must be examined at the nearest session of the Board of NYCA.

- 4.5 In case of rejection the organization is deprived of right to apply for candidate membership for a period of six months. Candidate member can apply to the Board for full membership, if it was a candidate member of NYCA for half a year. In case of rejection the organization is deprived of right to become full member for a period of 1 year.
- 4.6 For become observer, the organization must answer to all the requirements for membership. For becoming full or candidate member the organization must prove the

expediency of membership by its activities. The organization pretending for NYCA membership must actively participate in the works of executive bodies of NYCA.

- 4.7 Unlike the decisions about accepting or excusing observers and candidate members, the decisions about full membership must be confirmed by the General Assembly of NYCA. The procedure of accepting and excusing observer and candidate members is regulated by the Board on the base of membership order. Excusing of full members of NYCA membership is executed according to the 15th point of the 4th chapter of this Statute.
- 4.8 The rights of full members of NYCA:
- 4.8.1 To have delegates at the General Assembly – the supreme body of NYCA.
 - 4.8.2 To nominate and elect candidates for all the working structures of NYCA.
 - 4.8.3 To have a delegate at the Council of Representatives - the consultative body of NYCA.
 - 4.8.4 To present suggestions, to demand their discussion in all the bodies of NYCA.
 - 4.8.5 To receive information about the activities of NYCA.
 - 4.8.6 To apply to all the bodies of NYCA and to its member organizations for the protection of the rights and interests of its members, and for the assistance for the realization of their statutory programs and objectives.
 - 4.8.7 To propose questions and announcements to all the working bodies of NYCA and to receive an answer.
 - 4.8.8 To participate in activities of the other NGOs and movements, which principles and activities don't contradict to the constitution of RA and if those don't oppose to the realization of requirements of the statute of NYCA.
 - 4.8.9 Freely go out of NYCA's membership and to change the status of membership.
- 4.9 The candidate for membership has rights defined by sub points 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of 8th point of 4th chapter.
- 4.10 The observer has rights defined by sub points 5, 6, 7, 8 of 8th point of 4th chapter.

- 4.11 An organization can't be a full or candidate member of NYCA, if it is already a member of another organization (union) which is member of NYCA.
- 4.12 The member – organization of NYCA is obliged:
- 4.12.1 Not to infringe the Statute of NYCA.
 - 4.12.2 To pay entrance fee and membership fee, which size is defined by the governing bodies of NYCA.
 - 4.12.3 To fullize the decisions of governing bodies of NYCA.
 - 4.12.4 To assist to the activities of NYCA.
- 4.13 Those members of NYCA, whose representatives has infringed the Statute and other acts following from it, can be excused from membership of NYCA or receive another status by the decision of the General Assembly, if there was 2/3 of votes. During the period of time between General Assembly meetings the Board can warn the member – organization. If the infringements were not abolished after receiving the warning, membership of the organization can be broken off by the decision of Board until the nearest General Assembly meeting. In case of breaking of membership, the full member-organization receives the status of candidate member.

5. GOVERNING BODIES OF NYCA

- 5.1 The supreme governing body of NYCA is the General Assembly, which is summoned at least once a year: Extraordinary congress can be summoned by the Board of NYCA, by Revision Commission or by demand of 1/3 of votes of full members.
- 5.2 At the General Assembly every full member is represented by 1 delegate. Candidate members can be also represented by 1 delegate whose rights are the same as the rights of delegates of full members except the right to elect and to be elected. The members must be informed about the dates and the agenda of the General Assembly in written form at least one week before the General Assembly.

- 5.3 The General Assembly of NYCA:
- 5.3.1 Adopts the Statute of NYCA and its program, makes the supplements and amendments in it, adopts other acts following from the Statute, makes alterations and amendments in them, discusses and solves any question connected with the activities of NYCA.
 - 5.3.2 Elects the President and the Board from the delegates for the period of 2 years
 - 5.3.3 Elects Revision Commission from the delegates.
 - 5.3.4 Confirms the financial report.
 - 5.3.5 Confirms the reports of subordinate bodies about their activities.
 - 5.3.6 Confirms the accepting of full members and excuses them.
- 5.4 In the period of time between the General Assemblies the Council of Representatives is working. The Council of Representatives is consultative body which is summoned at least once in 4 months. Every full member and candidate member has one delegate representing them at the Council of Representatives. All the members of the Board are also delegates of Council of Representatives. Observer members can be represented by one delegate, whose rights are equal to the rights of full members, except the right to vote.
- 5.5 The Council of Representatives discusses and expresses the attitude of NYCA to the most important problems, accepts messages, announcements, discusses important problems and programs of National Council activities (resolutions are adopted by 2/3 of the present delegates).
- 5.6 The decisions of Council of Representatives are not obligatory for the executive bodies of NYCA. Council of Representatives is convened by the President, by 1/3 of full and candidate members and by the Board. The sessions of Council of Representatives are led by the speaker, which is elected by the Council.
- 5.7 The Board of NYCA is the main Executive body during the periods of time between the General Assemblies. The President of NYCA is member of Board and its President. The Board members are elected by the General Assembly. Before the

election the General Assembly defines the number of Board members and also their positions by programs and areas if necessary.

5.8 The Board of NYCA:

5.8.1 Operates by sessions, which are convened at least once a month.

5.8.2 Elaborates and adopts its working order, confirms the working order of the secretariat..

5.8.3 Convenes the General Assembly of NYCA.

5.8.4 Accepts NYCA full members, suspends their membership until the nearest General Assembly session, which verifies the decision.

5.8.5 Accepts NYCA candidate members and observers, excuses them.

5.8.6 Appoints and recalls the General Secretary.

5.8.7 Can establish permanent and temporary commissions and adopt their working order within the authority given by the Statute and other documents adopted on the basis of the Statute.

5.8.8 Verifies the contracts and agreements concluded by the President.

5.8.9 Disposes NYCA's finances and property.

5.8.10 Can discuss and solve any problem, except ones, which are under the authority of General Assembly.

5.9 President of NYCA:

5.9.1 Is elected by the General Assembly.

5.9.2 Represents NYCA in the relations with state and non-governmental bodies.

5.9.3 Concludes contracts and agreements, signs financial documents on behalf of the NYCA.

5.9.4 All the documents of NYCA are legal only after President signing.

5.9.5 In case of absence or working inability President can pass a part of his authority to the General Secretary or to somebody from Board members.

5.9.6 Signs all resolutions, which are adopted by the Board.

5.9.7 Has authority to veto Board resolutions, except ones that have been adopted by at least 2/3 of Board members. President can use veto 3 days after the adaptation of the resolution.

- 5.9.8 Gives directions to the Board members and to the General Secretary.
- 5.9.9 Is accountable to the General Assembly

- 5.10 The main working body of the NYCA is the Secretariat, which is managed by the General Secretary, elected by the General Assembly. The Secretariat is keeping the current work of NYCA. The structure and staff of the Secretariat is defined by the Board.

- 5.11 The General Secretary:
 - 5.11.1 Manages and heads the work of Secretariat of NYCA.
 - 5.11.2 Participates in Board sessions with a consultative vote.

- 5.12 The Revision Commission of NYCA is elected by the General Assembly. Revision Commission sessions are summoned at least once a quarter and are led by the President of Revision Commission. Revision Commission activities are defined by the Statute and by the working order, which is adopted by the Revision Commission and confirmed by the Board.

- 5.13 The Revision Commission of NYCA :
 - 5.13.1 Supervises the performance, statute and resolutions of the working bodies of NYCA.
 - 5.13.2 Countermands their resolutions if they don't correspond to the Constitution of RA or to the Statute of NYCA.
 - 5.13.3 Supervises the financial operations of the working bodies of NYCA.
 - 5.13.4 Investigates the complaints of the member organizations of NYCA.

- 5.14 The Board of NYCA can establish its branches and representations, to increase the involvement of youth in its activities and programs.

- 5.15 Branches and representations establishment and operating order is defined by the resolution of NYCA Board according to the RA legislation.

6. NYCA FUNDS AND THE ORDER OF THEIR USAGE

- 6.1 NYCA funds are derived from:
 - 6.1.1 Member – organization’s entrance fees and membership fees
 - 6.1.2 Presents and contribution, state, cooperative and non – governmental organizations’ assignments.
 - 6.1.3 Assignments from income from its subsidiaries’ production, commercial, intermediary and other activities.
 - 6.1.4 Other sources, which are not forbade by RA legislation.
- 6.2 NYCA can have property and real estate, which can be bought with its own funds, be got as a present or be got by testament.
- 6.3 NYCA funds can be spent only for the realization of its statutory goals and objectives.
- 6.4 Organizational costs can’t exceed the 70% of the whole annual costs.

7. THE LEGAL STATUS OF NYCA

- 7.1 NYCA becomes a juridical entity after registration at the Ministry of Justice of RA, has its symbol, seal with its name, documents, separate balance, has an account in bank in national currency as well as in foreign currency
- 7.2 The NYCA symbol is a round image with Ararat mountain above and below it is a sword downwards with an open book on it
- 7.3 NYCA provides its activities on the basis of self - financing and self – management.

8. THE ORDER OF LIQUIDATION AND REORGANIZATION OF NYCA

- 8.1 The cessation of NYCA's activities is performed through its reorganization (unification, separating, merging) or liquidation. NYCA reorganization is performed by the General Assembly decision (by voting for of 2/3 of General Assembly members) or by resolution of Court.
- 8.2 NYCA is obliged to inform the Ministry of Justice about its liquidation within 5 days.
- 8.3 NYCA organizes a Liquidation Committee with the consent of the Ministry of Justice and defines liquidating order and dates according to the law.
- 8.4 In case of NYCA liquidation, after making all due payments Liquidation Committee uses the rest of the property for the performing of statutory aims and objectives in order defined by this body.