

16 April 2021

Dear Members of the Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE)

I am writing on behalf of the Board of SAFE to invite you to our virtual 2021 General Assembly to be held on Wednesday 16 June @ 11:00 CET.

We have attached the following documents, which we are obliged to send every member of SAFE:

- Notice of the meeting
- Agenda
- Minutes of General Assembly November 2020
- For approval
 - Annual Accounts

I hope we will see you at the General Assembly but if you are unable to attend, please forward any questions you may have to Sandra Jackson, SAFE Secretariat at info@safestroke.eu

Yours sincerely



Hariklia Proios
President

THE STROKE ALLIANCE FOR EUROPE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Notice is given that the 2021 General Assembly of the Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) will be held as a virtual meeting on Wednesday 16 June at 11:00 CET to consider and to approve the following:

- 1 To approve the minutes of the November 2020 General Assembly
- 2 To approve the 2020 Annual Report and Accounts
3. To elect the following as new members of SAFE

Ordinary (full) membership:

- Association for Stroke and Aphasia, Bulgaria
- 4 To elect the following as a Board members of SAFE:
 - (Applications pending)

Next General Assembly June 2022, venue TBD

On behalf of the Board



Hariklia Proios
President

SAFE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - AGENDA

Wednesday 16 June 2021 @ 11.00 CET

Virtual Meeting

1. Welcome, apologies and opening comments
2. Discussion and vote: Minutes of the General Assembly November 2020
3. Discussion and vote: SAFE 2020 Accounts
4. Discussion and vote: New SAFE member applications
5. Discussion and vote: Election of new board member
6. Any other business
7. Date of next General Assembly: June 2022, venue to be determined.

Close

**Minutes of the November 2020
SAFE General Assembly**

For approval

STROKE ALLIANCE FOR EUROPE (SAFE)

General Assembly 2020

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS and DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President Jon Barrick (JB) welcomed the members to the General Assembly (GA).

The number of member organisations present was 27, sufficient to be quorate.
These were:

Belgian Stroke Council	Belgium
Fundacio Ictus	Catalonia
Croatian Stroke Society	Croatia
Mozdani Val	Croatia
Cyprus Stroke Association	Cyprus
CEREBRUM	Czech Republic
Czech Association for Rehabilitation after Stroke	Czech Republic
Aivoliitto ry	Finland
Stiftung Deutsche Schlaganfall-Hilfe	Germany
Hellenic Action / Alliance for Stroke	Greece
Nemzeti Stroke Liga	Hungary
Heilaheil	Iceland
Irish Heart Foundation	Ireland
Neeman Association for Stroke survivors	Israel
Associazione Lotta Ictus Cerebrale (ALICE)	Italy
BLETZ Asbl	Luxembourg
Association for a fight against stroke, STROKE Ohrid	North Macedonia
Norsk forening for slagammede	Norway
Stroke Foundation	Poland
Portugal AVC	Portugal
Serbian Stroke Association	Serbia
Združenje bolnikov s cerebrovaskularno boleznijo	Slovenia
STROKE-Riksförbundet	Sweden
Beyinder	Turkey
Stroke Association	UK
Different Strokes	UK
Ukrainian Anti Stroke Association	Ukraine

Also present, without voting rights, Associate Member:
Victory over the stroke

Ukraine

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

France AVC

Medical Foundation “Mkurnali”

ParSirdi.lv

Hersenletsel.nl

Porazka

Federacion Espanola de Ictus

France

Georgia

Latvia

Netherlands

Slovakia

Spain

2. Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

The minutes were sent to members as part of the GA notice pack on 8 October 2020.

The board recommended that the minutes were approved as a true and accurate representation of the June 2020 GA.

Resolution: The minutes were unanimously approved as a true and accurate representation of the June 2020 GA.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the GA June 2020 minutes.

4. Amendments to the Articles of Association 2020

As we have worked through 2020, the board requested that several small changes were made to the Articles. The objects of SAFE and members' voting rights have not been changed.

The changes to the Articles are as follows:

- i. Article 12 and 22: this change will allow SAFE to hold virtual General Assemblies and virtual board meetings should we choose to in the future.
- ii. Article 6: To simplify our ordinary member eligibility category, the board recommended that we simply say that all 'all European national' stroke organisations can apply for membership of SAFE.
- iii. Article 20: the board recommended that this article is amended to make it clear to a resigning board member when their powers and responsibilities for board decisions ends.

Resolution: The amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by a unanimous vote.

5. Appointment of new member of SAFE

There was one application this year from Fundacion Freno al Ictus, a stroke support organisation from Spain. Their details were circulated in the GA pack.

The board reviewed their application and were satisfied that their aims and objectives are in line with SAFE's in that they focus on stroke survivors and improving quality of life. Ordinary membership was approved.

Resolution: the membership was unanimously approved as per the board's recommendation.

6. Appointment of board members

Under Article 20 of our current constitution, the board members shall be elected for a term of three years and are eligible for re-election once. No person shall be eligible for more than six consecutive years. After six continuous years of service on the board, he/she may not again be nominated for re-election until at least one calendar year has elapsed.

Standing down from the board after serving two consecutive terms:

- Jon Barrick

Resignation during the year:

- Derya Uluduz

This year, we have one board members standing for re-election:

- Hariklia Proios, Hellenic Action for Stroke

And we received one new nomination:

- Rubina Ahmed, Stroke Association UK

As we received two nominations for three board positions, this was a non-competitive election.

Resolution: A vote was taken separately on each application. Each was approved unanimously.

7. Appointment of officers of the board

As outlined in the Article 20 of the Articles of Association, the GA shall elect the President (and when applicable, the President Elect), Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, called the Officers of SAFE, amongst the elected Board members by a simple majority vote. We received one application for this role:

- Hariklia Proios, Hellenic Action for Stroke

Resolution: The appointment of Hariklia Proios as SAFE President was approved unanimously.

As a result of the election, this is the new Board:

Hariklia Proios	President	(2020-2023)
Anita Arsovska	Vice President	(2019-2022)
Marina Charalambous	Secretary	(2018-2021)
Chris Macey	Treasurer	(2018-2021)
Grethe Lunde	Member at large	(2018-2021)
Ivan Milojević	Member at large	(2019-2022)
Pnina Rosenzweig	Member at large	(2019-2022)
Hrvoje Jurlina	Member at large	(2019-2022)
Dymtro Gulyayev	Member at large	(2019-2022)
Rubina Ahmed	Member at large	(2020-2023)

8. Review of the year and next steps

The President Jon Barrick acknowledged that this has been an exceptionally difficult year, not just for SAFE, but for all stroke support organisations. No one had any idea of what 2020 would bring, and Jon commended the member organisations with the virtual support work provided for stroke survivors during this difficult time.

Arlene Wilkie, SAFE Director General, was then invited to update the members of SAFE's activity in 2020 and planned activity in 2021.

The results of the member's survey that was conducted during June 2020:

- 80% of respondents were either satisfied (44%) or very satisfied (36%) with their membership of SAFE;
- 92% - agreed or completely agreed that SAFE is an effective voice for the stroke community in Europe;
- 84% - agreed or completely agreed SAFE provides networking opportunities for its members.

SAFE held four virtual meetings with its members since June 2020 and are planning four further meetings to June 2021.

SAFE's members newsletter is well received, with 100% of respondents finding it easy to read and appropriate.

Our following on Facebook has increased by 10% during 2020, and on Twitter by 35%.

SAFE's partnerships with other organisations during 2020 were as follows:

- World Stroke Organisation: Stroke Support Organisations Committee and on the Board of Directors;

- European Stroke Organisation: Stroke Action Plan for Europe Implementation Committee;
- And involvement with EFNA, the European Brain Council and the European Academy of Neurology.

During the ESC/WSC Joint Congress in November 2020, SAFE launched the Economic Impact of Stroke in Europe Report. The research, conducted by the University of Oxford in the UK, estimated the increase in the costs of stroke to 2040, in addition it looked at the impact of three interventions have on these costs and on the number of years of life in good health that they save. The research showed that the costs of stroke are estimated to increase by 44% to 86 billion by 2040, the interventions studied increase outcomes, tend to generate cost savings and generally good value for money for all countries involved in the research. Overall stroke is an increasing cause for concern but it is a viable investment proposition. Policy-makers and health planners need to act now to improve outcomes and reduce the burden of stroke in Europe

SAFE continued its work on the Stroke Action Plan for Europe (SAPE) with its involvement in the joint SAFE/ESO SAPE Implementation Committee, of which Arlene Wilkie is co-chair. The Committee is working with national stroke societies and stroke support organisations to ensure the SAPE is implemented in each European country.

In addition, SAFE has recently recruited Lora Ivanova as our Advocacy Manager who will lead on the work SAFE is doing at the EU level, where we hope to form and support a Stroke Interest Group. She will also work with members to help provide advocacy support in their country.

1st European Life After Stroke Forum (ELASF) was postponed from November 2020 to 12 March 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was subsequently decided that the Forum will take place as a virtual conference on the same day.

The topics on the agenda are self-management support, post-stroke care, sexuality and intimacy, secondary prevention, emotional and psychological impact, getting back to work.

There are currently six sponsors, with more interest being seen from potential sponsors. There are also endorsements for the Forum from the European Stroke Organisation, World Stroke Organization, European Federation of Neurological Alliances and the European Brain Council.

SAFE continued its partnership with the Angels Project, with patient literature now translated into 16 languages and distributed in 15 countries across Europe.

SAFE also remains partners in six EU funded research projects (Prestige AF, SVDs@target, Tension, PROOF, Precious and Angie), for which SAFE members receive funds for dissemination. These are:

Arlene Wilkie thanked our members for their continued support. She also thanked our current industry partners (Allm, Bristol Myers Squibb/Pfizer, Amgen, Bayer,

Boehringer Ingelheim/Angels and Ipsen) for their support during 2020, and welcomed new partners (AstraZeneca and Merz).

9. SAFE Budget 2021

The SAFE Treasurer, Chris Macey advised the meeting that the 2019 annual accounts were approved at the GA meeting in June 2020.

During 2020 SAFE secured a € 375,418 commitment from industry partners. We have worked hard with them over the year to retain their support for 2021.

So far, all our funding partners have indicated that they continue to support SAFE in 2021 to roughly the same degree as 2020.

The 2021 budget for industry income is €392,500 compared to €375,418 in 2020

In 2020 we were very fortunate to receive two donations: one from the BMS Foundation and one from European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations.

We have no indication at the moment that we will receive donations of this size in 2021. Therefore we have marked our donations income line down next year as compared to this year, and the 2021 donations budget is €500 compared to €24,000 in 2020.

As previously advised, we are involved in six EU research projects. We receive funding from them through our dissemination work and the work we do with our stroke support organisations. We anticipate that we will receive €22,000 from this funding stream by the end of 2020 and have estimated the same for 2021.

Total budget expenditure for 2021 is €490,375 compared to €269,113 in 2020.

Expenditure in 2020 is lower than that that predicted for 2021. This is because of the ELASF. It originally should have taken place in November 2020 in Barcelona, instead it will happen in March 2021, and therefore the costs will show in the 2021 budget.

To explain the expenditure in 2021, we spend the funds across staffing, board, core costs, and projects we undertake.

Staffing: staffing costs cover a full time Director General and Secretariat, and part time advocacy and communications functions roles. The 2021 budget is €155,000 compared to €154,739 in 2020.

Board and core costs: these are costs such as travel costs to board meetings, insurances, accountancy costs, website costs. The 2021 budget has been based on the 2020 spend. 2021 budget is €41,000 compared to €39,374 in 2020

Project costs: our projects in 2021 include the preparation work for the 2nd ELASF in March 2022, our work on the SAPE, a European patient experience survey, Angels, SSOFT, regional meetings. The 2021 budget is €294,375 compared to €75,000 in 2020.

Finally on the budget, the 2021 budget shows a deficit of approximately €39,000. This is due to the staffing costs, and these costs will come from two sources:

- the new 2021 income;
- and the carried over funds as this income has already been received for the ELASF and SAPE implementation work for example but not all has been spent in 2020.

So while the budget shows the deficit, we have the funds received from 2020 to carry over to cover this deficit.

Chris then presented the cashflow, with the following comments:

- The cashflow is based on known income from both industry and membership fees in 2020, the known expenditure on core and projects we have received commitment for and 2021 budget.
- For the years beyond this, we have only included the membership fees income (so no industry income) and expenditure for on our core costs such as salary, board costs and core organisational costs such as the website.
- Under this scenario, the forecast predicts that funds are positive until around July 2023.

Overall our position looks good when the cashflow is viewed with the budget. Due to the pandemic and other factors outside of our control, our income from industry may reduce over the coming years along with membership income.

In closing, Chris endorsed the 2021 budget and present it to the members for their approval

Resolution: The 2021 SAFE budget was unanimously approved by the meeting,

10. Date and venue of 2021 General Assembly

The next SAFE GA will be held in June 2021, at a date and venue to be confirmed.

11. Other business

The SAFE membership thanked Jon Barrick for his contribution to SAFE over several years, and Jon was presented with gifts to show our appreciation.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed and ratified by



Marina Charalambous
(Secretary)



Hariklia Proios
(President)

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS OF SAFE

- **Association for Stroke and Aphasia,
Bulgaria**

Application for membership

a. Your organisation

Name of applying organisation	Association for Stroke and Aphasia Асоциация за Инсулт и Афазия	
Legal registration number	BG206238715	
Registered address	Sofia-1331, blvd.Evropa 176, Bulgaria	
Correspondence address (if different)		
Phone number	00359893668850	
Website	https://stroke.bg/	
Twitter name (please follow us @StrokeEurope)		
Latest income (Year 20)	Currency:BGN	Amount:0.00

Type of organisation: (Federation of groups in Europe, pan-European organisation of individuals, national organisation for disease with small numbers of patients, etc. Please give brief details)

Non-profit association for public benefit

Description and aims of organisation: (brief description, no more than 50 words)

- 1.To provide full opportunities for training and activities for stroke survivors for their physical, mental and emotional development.
2. To create an adequate environment for stroke survivors and their families to enrich and make their lives fulfilling.
3. To work for providing an accessible environment for the disabled to all public places.
4. To reduce the absolute number of strokes in Bulgaria by 10%.
5. To build and certify special wards / units in hospitals for first aid of 90% of patients with stroke in the initial phase.
6. Establish a national plan to combat stroke, affecting the entire healthcare chain.
7. To build and implement a strategy for prevention and literacy of the public about the consequences of stroke by promoting healthy living, application of information technology for self-analysis and recognition of symptoms and reduction of factors causing stroke, such as the environment / including cleaner air /, socio-economic and level of education of the population.

Names and titles of board members
Dipl.eng. Dorina Dimitrova Dobрева, MBA
Dipl.eng. Evgenia Nikolova-Marincheva Smukova, dipl.art-therapist
Tatiana Koytcheva Boyadjieva-Ayerst , dipl.economist and HR
Daniela Ivanova Petrova, professional photographer and journalist
Miroslav Dobrianov Dobrev, Journalist, Entrepreneur
Dobrian Miroslavov Dobrev, Senior UX Designer, Associate lecturer at Softuni
Dimitar Miroslavov Dobrev, RIBA Part III dipl.Architect

b. Which membership are you applying for?

- ☒ Full membership
☐ Associate membership

c. To show your organisation meets membership criteria, please complete the following:

We are a voluntary organisation	Yes
Voluntary organisation – <i>an independent, self-governing body of people who have joined together voluntarily to take action for the benefit of the stroke community. It may employ paid staff or volunteers, and must be established to benefit the public, not specific individuals.</i>	
Our work covers stroke issues in the country we are registered	Yes
We are properly constituted having been formed and organised in a correct and legal way.	Yes
Our aims, objectives and methods of governance are written down in a publically available document	Yes
Our organisation holds a bank account in the name of the organisation (not that of an individual)	Yes

d. Contact information (including at least one English speaker)

Name (Senior contact)	Dorina Dobрева
Job title	President of ASA
Email address	Dobрева@assist.bg
Phone number	00359893668850

Name (2 nd Senior contact)	Daniela Petrova
Job title	Secretary
Email address	d5rova@abv.bg
Phone number	00359887418490

e. Additional required information

Along with this agreement, I have sent:

- ❖ ☒ A copy of our Statutes (Articles of Association/Constitution) in English
- ❖ ☒ The legal registration document of your organisation
- ❖ ☐ A copy of our latest published accounts, advising the turnover in English. Not available as new organisation

f. Your authorisation

I am authorised to sign on behalf of the above organisation

I am authorised to apply for membership on behalf of my organisation.

Date: 17 November 2020

Name: Dorina Dobрева

Title: President

Signature:

Thank you for your application.
Please send all your information to info@safestroke.eu



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STATUTE

of a non-profit association with a name

"Stroke and Aphasia Association" (ASA)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Legal status, nomenclature.

Article 1.

(1) An Association is established, established in accordance with the provisions of the Non-profit Legal Entities Act, the Articles of Association and the Decision of the Constituent Assembly, hereinafter referred to as the "Association", (2) The Association is established as a public benefit organization . The name of the Non-Profit Association is "Stroke and Aphasia Association", and in English, for the purpose of keeping the relevant correspondence, is "Association for Stroke and Aphasia" (ASA).

Article 2.

- (1) The association is a non-profit legal entity, separate from its members,
(5) The association does not have its own logo, seal and bank account.
(6) The name of the Association, the seat of the management address, logo, as well as data for the registration, including BULSTAT number shall be placed on all written statements of the Association.

Headquarters and address

Article 3.

The seat and the address of management of the Association is: Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia-1331, Vrabnitsa district, 176 Evropa Blvd.

Term of existence

Article 4.

The existence and activity of the Association is not limited by term.



II. OBJECTIVES, MEANS AND

SUBJECT OF ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Objectives of the Association

Article 5.

The main objectives of the Association are the following:


1. To provide full opportunities for training and activities for stroke survivors for their physical, mental and emotional development.
2. To create an adequate environment for stroke survivors and their families to enrich and make their lives fulfilling.
3. To work for providing an accessible environment for the disabled to all public places.
4. To reduce the absolute number of strokes in Bulgaria by 10%.
5. To build and certify special wards / units in hospitals for first aid of 90% of patients with stroke in the initial phase.
- b. Establish a national plan to combat stroke affecting the entire healthcare chain.
7. To build and implement a strategy for prevention of public literacy about the consequences of stroke by promoting healthy living, application of information technology for self-analysis and recognition of symptoms and reduction of factors causing stroke, such as the environment / including cleaner air /, socio-economic and level of education of the population.

Means to achieve the goals

Article 6.

To achieve its goals, the Association will use the following means:

1. Attracting sponsors and donors.
2. Organizing, developing and conducting specific campaigns, programs and events dedicated to stroke with the participation of volunteers, health care professionals and experts working in the field of cardiovascular disease.
3. Contacts, cooperation and participation in organizations with similar goals. Special cooperation is envisaged with SAFE / European Stroke Association in Europe /.
4. Applying for projects and implementing projects under national and international programs related to long-term support for stroke survivors and their families.
5. Organization and direct participation in international meetings, seminars, conferences and all national and international events related to achieving the goals of the Association.
6. Initiates, organizes and conducts the International Stroke Day in sync with the program of the international organization WSO, the European Association ESO, accompanied by social events and a campaign for free blood pressure measurement and promotion of the digital risk meter application.
7. Conducts selection, training and appointment of volunteers and staff specialists necessary to achieve the goals of the Association.
8. Development of a methodology and strategy for achieving the goals of the Association, reflected in a detailed plan, adequate to the European Action Plan in the fight against stroke 2018-2030.



9. Carrying out any other activities that will contribute to achieving the goals of the association and account do not contradict the legal provisions.

10. For the realization of the mission of the Association: "to reduce the severity and consequences of strokes in Bulgaria", will be carried out educational, informational, research and consulting activities throughout the country with the participation of local and foreign experts.

11. The permit may use additional business activities (maintenance of non-business items) such as the organization of training and events, special information sessions and events, the rental of equipment and facilities for stroke patients, as well as the sale of advertising and educational items and funds during conferences, events and congresses organized by an association, the proceeds of which will not be distributed as printing, but will be used to achieve the stated goals. The subject of the additional economic activity must not contradict the law. The performance of additional economic activity is subject to the conditions and the order, provided in laws, regulating corresponding to type of activities.

Subject of activity

Article 7.

The association carries out its activity in public benefit, expressed in support of the victims of stroke and their families in the fight against the consequences and challenges of stroke. The mission of the AIA is to reduce the severity and consequences of strokes in Bulgaria through more effective prevention, better treatment and long-term support for stroke survivors.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Article 8.

- (1) Members of the Association may be Bulgarian and foreign individuals, as well as legal entities that adopt its statutes, share its objectives and commit to work to achieve them.
- (2) Members by right are the persons who participated in the establishment of the Association.
- (3) In addition to the regular members of the Association referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this provision, the Association may have honorary and associate members and friends of the association who are local or foreign natural and legal persons who carry out similar activities to that of the members of the Association and / or the Association itself,
- (4) Honorary and associate members are accepted and dismissed by decision of the Management Board of the Association and may participate in the work of the bodies of management and other subsidiary bodies of the Association with an advisory vote, in case they are invited by the same.

Acquisition of membership

Article 9.

- (1) Membership in the Association is voluntary.
- (2) The candidate shall submit a written application to the Management Board, in which he / she declares that he/she is acquainted and accepts the provisions of this statute. Candidates, legal entities, submit with the application transcripts of their registration documents, current status, as well as the decision of their governing bodies to acquire membership in the Association.



(3) The Management Board shall consider the application in a meeting no later than within one month from its receipt. The membership shall be acquired from the date of the decision of the Management Board. The refusal of the Management Board to accept the respective candidate for member is subject to appeal before the General Assembly of the Association. In this case, the Management Board is obliged to convene a General Meeting within two months from the receipt of the complaint.

Membership rights

Article 10.

Each member of the Association has the right to:

1. to participate personally in the activity of the Association or the work of the General Assembly, incl. to vote;
2. to be elected in its bodies;
3. to exercise control over the work of the Association and its bodies;
4. to be informed about the activity of the Association - to request at any time a report on the activity of the Association and its managing bodies, as well as to request information on issues, affecting its interests.
5. to use the property of the Association and the results of its activity.
6. in case of doubts in the legality of decisions and actions of the bodies of the Association, each member has the right to raise the issue for consideration before the General Assembly.
7. To freely and publicly express and defend opinions on all issues of the activity of the Association and its permanent and temporary bodies, to make proposals and recommendations and to monitor their implementation.

Obligation

Article 11.

(1) Each member of the Association is obliged:

1. to carry out its activity independently, responsibly and to obey only the law;
2. to pay his membership fee;
3. to observe the Statute of the Association and to work for the achievement of the goals of the Association;
4. to work for increasing the property of the Association and raising its public authority.
5. to implement the decisions of the General Assembly and the managing bodies of the Association;
6. The member is responsible for the obligations of the Association up to the amount of the property contributions provided in the Statute. The member is not personally responsible for the obligations of the Association.

(2) The membership rights and obligations, with the exception of the property ones, are non-transferable and do not pass on to other persons in case of death, respectively upon termination. The fulfillment of the membership obligations and the exercise of the membership rights may be granted to others.



Termination of membership

Article 12.

(1) The membership shall be terminated:

1. leaving, made with a notification by e-mail, sent to the Management Board of the Association or in writing, to the seat and the address of management of the Association, at least one month in advance.
2. with the death or placing under full incapacity of a member - natural person, the termination of the member - legal entity within the meaning of the Commercial Law;
3. with expulsion from the Management Board of the Association;
4. with the termination of the Association.
5. In case of dropping out due to non-payment of the annual membership fees and systematic non-participation in the activity of the Association,

(2) The Managing Board of the Association may expel a member of the Association due to:

1. Gross violation of the law, the statute or decisions of the bodies of the Association;
2. Performed other actions that make his further membership in the Association incompatible.
3. In minor cases of violations under Art. 11 of the Articles of Association, the Management Board shall determine by a decision a term for termination of the violation and for elimination of its consequences and in case of non-observance of which it shall make a proposal for exclusion.
4. The Management Board expels a member of the Association by a decision adopted by open voting by a two-thirds majority of all members.
5. The termination of membership is present when there is non-payment of membership fees for one annual installment and lack of participation in the activities of the Association. The resignation is established by the Management Board on the basis of documents and with a proper decision terminating the membership.
6. The decisions for expulsion can be appealed before the General Assembly of the Association.

Non-transferability of provision

Article 13.

Membership rights and obligations shall be non-transferable and shall not pass to other persons in the event of death or termination of membership. The exercise of membership rights may be delegated to another member of the Association by authorization with an explicit power of attorney from the principal.

Article 14.

By decision of the General Assembly, the Association may establish its own regional, municipal or other territorial units. The name of such units is, for example, "Association for Stroke and Aphasia" - city

IV. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Types of governing bodies

Article 15.



The bodies of the Association are a collective supreme body and governing bodies. Chairman Chairmen of the Management Board.

Article 16.

- (1) The supreme body of the Association is the general assembly. It consists of all its members. Each member has one vote. The members of the Association participate in the General Assembly personally or through an explicitly authorized representative,
- (2) A representative of a legal entity may be only a natural person.
- (3) The powers of attorney shall be issued explicitly for participation in the General Assembly for a limited or unlimited number of meetings.
- (4) The representatives shall not have the right to re-authorize with their rights third parties. (5) in the General Assembly one person, a member of the Association, may represent not more than three members on the basis of a written power of attorney.

General Assembly

Article 17.

(1) The General Assembly:

1. Adopts, amends and supplements the Articles of Association;
 2. Adopts other internal acts;
 3. Elects and dismisses the members of the Management Board and determines their remuneration;
 4. Takes a decision for transformation or termination of the Association - Non-profit legal entity, determined for realization of public benefit activity, cannot be transformed into non-profit legal entity for realization of activity for private benefit.
 5. Determines the remuneration of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the members of the Management Board;
 6. Approves the budget of the Association;
 7. Approves the report on the activity of the Management Board;
 8. Takes decisions for expulsion from the Association;
 9. Makes decisions for opening and closing branches;
 10. Adopts the main directions and program for the activity of the Association, Takes a decision for gratuitous spending of the property of the Association;
 11. Determines the rules for the selection of the persons and their support for carrying out the public benefit activity of the Association;
 12. Elects Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Management Board. 13. Takes decisions for participation in other organizations;
 14. Cancels decisions of the other bodies of the Association, which contradict the law, the statute or other internal acts, regulating the activity of the association;
 15. Takes decisions on all other issues within its competence by the law and the present statute.
- (2) The powers under para. 1, items 2, 10, 13, may be assigned to other bodies of the Association.

Convening a General Assembly. Quorum.

Article 18.



- (1) The General Meeting shall be held at least once a year,
- (2) The General Meeting shall be convened by the Management Board. It can be convened at the request of one third of the members of the Association.
- (3) If the Management Board does not meet the General Assembly within one month of the request, the General Assembly is convened by the court at the seat of the Association at the written request of the interested members or a person charged by them.
- (4) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Management Board.
- (5) The General Assembly shall be convened by a written invitation, which shall contain the agenda, date, time and place of holding the General Assembly and on whose initiative it shall be convened.
- (6) The invitation for convening shall be announced and placed on a place for announcements in the building in which the management of the Association is located at least one month before the General Assembly. Allowed sending an electronic invitation to all members, as well as holding the General Assembly in a digital Platform of the type 200m given the specific situation such as a pandemic, etc., if there is an official website of the Association, the invitation can be published no later than one month before the meeting.

Article 19.

- (1) A list of the present members or their representatives shall be prepared at the sitting of the General Assembly. Members and representatives shall certify their presence by signature.
- (2) The list under the preceding paragraph shall include the members who have declared their presence until the moment of the first voting after establishing the presence of a quorum,
- (3) Minutes shall be drawn up for the discussions and decisions of the general meeting, signed by the chairman of the meeting. ,
- (4) Decisions may not be taken on issues that are not included in the agenda of the meeting. These can be taken only if all members of the Association confirm them in writing.

Article 20.

- (1) The General Assembly is legal if at least half of all members are present. In the absence of a quorum, the meeting is postponed by one hour with the same agenda and is considered legal regardless of the number of attendees.
- (2) The quorum shall be established by the chairmen of the meeting according to a list in which the names of the present members and their representatives are reflected, signed by them, certified by the chairmen and the secretary of the meeting and attached to the minutes.

Article 21.

A member or his representative may not take part in the voting for:

1. presentation of claims against him;
2. undertaking actions or refusal of actions for realization of his responsibility to the Association;
3. in resolving issues concerning him, his wife, or relatives in the direct line - without restrictions, in the collateral line - up to IV degree or by matchmaking - up to II degree inclusive.
4. Legal entities in which he is a manager or may impose or impede decision-making.



Article 22.

(1) The General Assembly shall take its decisions by a simple majority, except in the cases when this Statute provides otherwise. The voting of the General Assembly shall be open. The Assembly may decide in certain cases to vote by secret ballot.

(2) For the decisions under art. 17, 1, 3, 4, 8 and 9 From the present statute a majority of 2/3 of those present at the meeting is required, and under art. 13, items 10 and 11 by a simple majority of all members.

(3) For gratuitous spending of the property of the Association for realization of public benefit activity a majority of 2/3 of all its members is necessary, when it is in favor of:

1. persons from the composition of its other bodies and their spouses, their relatives in the direct line - without restriction, in the lateral line - up to the fourth degree, or by matchmaking - up to the second degree inclusive;

2. persons who were members of its management bodies up to 2 years before the date of taking the decision;

3. legal entities, which have financed the organization up to 3 years before the date of making a decision;

4. legal entities in which the persons referred to in items 1 and 2 are managers or may impose or impede the taking of decisions;

5. political parties, in the governing and control bodies of which members of leading and controlling bodies participate, in which members of leading and controlling bodies of the non-profit legal entities participate.

(4) The Association may not conclude transactions with the persons under para. 3, item 1, as well as with legal entities in which the indicated persons are managers or may impose or impede the taking of decisions, unless the transactions are in obvious benefit of the non-profit legal entity for realization of public benefit activity or are concluded at general conditions, publicly announced.

(5) The General Assembly may not take decisions on issues that have not been included in the previously announced agenda.

Obligation to keep books

Article 23.

(1) The Association shall be obliged to keep books for the minutes of the meetings of its collective bodies, the Chairperson of the meeting of the collective body and the person, who has prepared the minutes, shall certify and be responsible for the accuracy of its content.

(2) Each member present at the General Assembly has the right to request and monitor the accurate recording of decisions in the minutes

(3) The minutes of the General Assembly are kept for the entire period of existence of the Association.

(4) The association prepares a report on its activity once a year, which must contain data on:

1. the essential activities, the funds spent for them, the connection nm with the goals and programs of the organization and the achieved results;

2. the amount of the gratuitously received property and the revenues from the other fundraising activities;



3. the type, amount, value and purposes of the received and provided donations, as well as data for the donors;

4. the financial result.

(5) The annual report on the activity and the financial report of the Association shall be declared for announcement in the register of the non-profit legal entities, kept by the Registry Agency, by June 30 of the year following the year to which they refer.

Management Board. Composition of the Management Board.

Article 24

(1) The Management Board is the highest governing body of the Association in the period between the meetings of the General Assembly and is elected for a term of five years.

(2) The members of the Management Board are elected by the General Assembly from among the members of the Association for a term of 5 (five) years. The Management Board elects from among its members a Chairman / Chairmen and a Secretary of the Association, who may not be a member of the Management Board.

(3) The managing board is composed of 3 to 7 persons, members of the association.

(4) A member of the Management Board may also be a legal entity, a member of the Association, represented by his legal representative or by an explicitly authorized natural person.

(5) Members of the Management Board of the natural persons, who represent the legal entities - members of the board, must:

1. have appropriate professional qualification and experience;

2. have not been convicted, have not been deprived of liberty for an intentional crime of a general nature.

(6) The members of the Management Board may be re-elected without restriction.

(7) The members of the Management Board are jointly and severally liable for their actions, which harm the interests of the Association. Each member of the board may be released from liability if it is established that there is no fault for the damages.

Article 25.

(1) The Management Board shall adopt rules for the work of this.

(2) The Management Board shall meet at regular meetings at least four times a year. It is permitted to hold regular meetings on a digital platform in view of a pandemic and other specific circumstances or residence of the members of the Management Board in different cities or countries.

(3) Each member of the Management Board may request from the Chairman / Chairmen to convene meetings of the Board.

Powers of the Management Board

Article 26. The Management Board shall:



1. determines the order and organizes the performance of the activity of the Association and bears responsibility for that;
2. prepares and submits to the General Assembly a report on the activity of the Association;
3. ensure the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly;
4. ensures the management and protection of the property of the Association;
5. takes decisions for acquisition, alienation and encumbrance of real estates of the Association and for establishment of limited real rights over them, as well as for their renting;
6. form commissions and other consultative bodies for support of its activity;
7. prepares and submits to the General Assembly a draft budget;
8. keep a book with the names, addresses and other data of the members of the association;
9. disposes of the property of the association in compliance with the requirements of the statute within the approved budget;
10. adopt other internal acts;
11. accepts and expels members of the association and elects and dismisses from among its members a Chairman / chairmen and a secretary of the association, who may not be a member of the Management Board;
12. take a decision for opening and closing of branches;
13. take a decision for participation in other organizations;
14. adopts basic guidelines and action program for the activity of the association;
15. take decisions regarding the due and the amount of the annual membership fee;
16. discuss and resolve all other issues, except those that are within the competence of the General Assembly;

Quorum. Voting. Absentee decisions.

Article 27,

(1) The Management Board may take decisions if more than half of the members of the Board are present at its meetings. No member present may represent more than one absent member. Present person - a member of the Management Board, with whom he has a two-way telephone or other contact, ensuring the establishment of his identity allowing his participation in the discussion and decision-making, Voting of this member is certified in the minutes of the meeting.

(2) The decisions shall be taken by a majority of two thirds of those present by open voting, unless a decision is made that the voting is secret. Decisions in the cases under items 1, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the previous article shall be taken unanimously by all present members of the council. In matters related to the liquidation of the Association, a majority of all members of the Board is required,

(3) The Board may take decisions in absentia, if all members are notified in writing of this way of voting and no one has objected.

(4) Minutes shall be kept for the meetings of the Management Board, which shall be signed by the Chairman / chairmen of the minutes. The minutes shall record the members present, the agenda and the decisions taken. The minutes of the meetings of the Management Board are kept for the entire period of existence of the Association.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman



Article 28.

(1) Chairman of the Management Board is elected by the General Assembly of the Association with a term of office equal to the term for which the Management Board is elected. The President may be re-elected indefinitely.

(2) The Chairman:

1. Organizes the activity of the General Assembly and the Management Board;
2. Manages and controls the current activity of the Association, according to the guidelines approved by the General Assembly and the decisions adopted by it;
3. Takes decisions on issues beyond the explicit competence of the General Assembly and the Management Board;
4. Represents the Association before third parties.

(3) The General Assembly may also elect a Deputy Chairman to manage the work of the Management Board in the absence of the Chairman, as well as to represent the Association before third parties. The term of office of the Vice-President, regardless of when he is elected, shall be until the term of office of the elected President.

(4) The term of office of the chairman, respectively of the deputy chairman shall be terminated as follows:

1. upon request, stated in writing to the Management Board;
2. with a decision of the General Assembly;
3. in case of permanent physical inability to perform his / her duties or in case of placing him / her under interdiction;
4. upon termination of its membership.

(5) Upon termination of the term of office of the chairman in any of the above cases, the representative of the Association shall be the deputy chairman until the election of a new chairman. In the presence of the hypotheses mentioned above for the Deputy Chairman, the Management Board elects one person from among its Members to represent the Association until the election by the General Assembly of a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Representation

Article 29.

(1) The Association is represented jointly and severally by the Chairman of the Management Board and the Deputy Chairman of the Management Board.

V. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Own and borrowed funds.

Article 30,

(1) The expropriation of the association consists of the right of ownership and other real rights on fixed and current assets, property contributions from the members, receivables, donations, sponsorship and all ways not prohibited by law for financing the activities of the Association, according to its goals.



(2) The property of the Saruzhenie shall consist of all rights permitted by the legislation for this type of subjects.

(3) In fulfilling its goals, the Association may enter into any remunerative and gratuitous legal transactions,

(4) The expenses of the Association shall be made in accordance with the annual budget prepared by the Management Board and adopted by the General Meeting.

Article 31,

(1) The funds of the Association are raised from:

1. property wages annual /;
2. donations, wills and assistance, sponsorship;
3. targeted aid from state, non-governmental organizations, from natural and legal persons;
4. revenues from sponsorship for holding events of the Association;
5. interest;
6. income from economic activity;
7. other sources of financial resources permitted by the Law.

(2) The association may receive donations, sponsorship amounts and others.

(3) The Association may not accept donations when the role of the donor is in contradiction with the goals and principles of the Association.

Article 32.

(1) The association is formed and does not distribute profit. Revenues are spent to achieve its goals.

(2) The Management Board approves an internal ordinance on the procedure for raising and spending the financial resources of the Association.

(3) The funds of the Association are kept in own in BGN or foreign currency account.

Annual installment,

Article 33.

(1) The annual membership fee shall be paid not later than December 31 of the year for which it is due.

(2) Newly admitted members of the Association shall pay an annual membership card for the year of admission, in proportion to the remaining period until the end of the year.

(3) The amount of the membership fee shall be determined by the Management Board.

Additional contributions

Article 34.

The General Assembly may decide on additional monetary contributions if additional activity funding is required.



IV. TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 35.

The association is terminated:

1. by decision of the General Assembly;
2. by a decision of the Sofia City Court in the cases determined by the Law for the non-profit legal entities.

Article 36.

(1) The tripling shall be carried out with liquidation.

(2) The liquidator is obliged to satisfy the creditors of the association from the available funds, and if this is not possible • By liquidation First of the movable and then of the real estate of the Association.

(3) Property may not be transferred in any way to:

1. the founders and the current and former members;
2. the persons who were in the composition of its bodies and its employees;
3. the liquidators in addition to the due remuneration;
4. the spouses of the persons under items 1 - 3;
5. the relatives of the persons under items 1 - 3 in a straight line - without restriction, in a lateral line - up to the fourth degree, or by matchmaking - up to the second degree inclusive;
6. the legal entities in which the persons under items 1 - 5 are managers or may impose or impede the taking of decisions.

(4) The liquidation shall be carried out by the Management body or by a person appointed by it.

(5) If the liquidator is not determined by the order of para 4, as well as if he is not determined by the General Assembly, he shall be determined by the Sofia City Court.

Article 37.

(1) The property remaining after the satisfaction of the creditors shall be provided by a decision of the court to another non-profit legal entity, determined for carrying out of public benefit activity with the same or close non-profit Cet, if the order for its distribution is not settled in The Statute or the constitutive act,

(2) If the property is not provided by the order of par. 1, it shall be handed over to Sofia Municipality. The ordinary person is obliged to provide the property for carrying out as close as possible to the purposes of the terminated legal entity with non-profit public benefit activity.

1. Changes in the present statute can be made according to the order provided in it in the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities.

2. The provisions of the general Bulgarian civil legislation and the provisions of the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities shall apply to the interpretation and application of these statutes.



The present statute was adopted unanimously by all those present at the Constituent Assembly, which took place on 20.08.2020 in the city of Sofia.

No:	Names	PIN/ Foreigner's Number	Address	SIGNATURE
1	Dorina Dimitrova Dobрева			(Signature ill.)
2	Evgenia Nikolova Marincheva-Smukova			(Signature ill.)
3	Tatyana Koycheva Boyajieva-Earst			(Signature ill.)
4	Daniela Ivanova Petrova			(Signature ill.)
5	Miroslav Dobriyanov Dobrev			(Signature ill.)
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I, the undersigned, Yana Hrabrova Natova, duly sworn translator, certify herewith that my translation of the enclosed document – **STATUTE of a non-profit association with a name "Stroke and Aphasia Association" (ASA)** from Bulgarian to English Language is true and accurate. This translation consists of 14 pages.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROTOCOL

Today, 20.08.2020, in the city of Sofia, a constituent assembly was held for the establishment of a non-profit legal entity under Art. 19 of the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities - Association named Association for Stroke and Aphasia "(ASA).

The following founders are personally present at the constituent assembly:

1. Dorina Dimitrova Dobрева, living in
2. Evgenia Nikolaeva Marincheva-Smukova, living in
3. Tatiana Koycheva Boyadzhieva-Earst, living in
4. Daniela Ivanova Petrova, living in
5. Miroslav Dobriyanov Dobrev, living in
6. Dobrian Miroslavov Dobrev, living in
7. Dimitar Miroslavov Dobrev, living in

The meeting was held with the following unanimously adopted agenda:

Item 1. Making a decision for establishing the Association "Association for Stroke and Aphasia" (ASA) as a non-profit legal entity under the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities, developing activities for public benefit.

Item 2 discussion and adoption of the prepared draft Statute of the Association.

Item 3. Election of the Management Board and Chairman of the Association

According to Item 1. The founders, unanimously on the grounds of Art. 1 and Art. 19 of the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities, took the following

DECISION: ESTABLISH A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION, NAMED "ASSOCIATION FOR STROKE AND APHASIA" (ASA), WHICH WILL CARRY OUT PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.



Under item 2 of the agenda, the prepared draft Statute of the Association was submitted for consideration.

After discussing the structural rules enshrined in it and given the fact that it contains all the details required by Article 20 of the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities, the founders unanimously took the following

DECISION: ADOPT THE STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Under item 3, the founders elected the first Management Board of the Association consisting of four people and the first Chairman with a term of 5 years.

After the vote, the meeting of the founders unanimously took the following

DECISION: ELECTES THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR STROKE AND APHASIA (ASA) IN THE COMPOSITION:

1 Dorina Dimitrova Dobрева, living in

2. Evgenia Nikolova Marincheva-Smukova, living in

3. Tatiana Koycheva Boyadzhieva-Earst, living in

4. Daniela Ivanova Petrova, living in

ELECTES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD BY LAW:

DORINA DIMITROVA DOBREVA

BY AUTHORIZING IT TO REPRESENT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE "ASSOCIATION FOR STROKE AND APHASIA" (ASA).

Based on the above decisions, by virtue of which a new legal entity was created and its structure and bodies were determined, the Founders instructed the newly elected President to proceed with court registration.

Due to the exhaustion of the agenda, the constituent assembly was closed. This protocol was drawn up and signed in 9 / nine identical copies - one for each of the founders, 1 for the Registry Agency for registration and 1 for the archives of the Association.

FOUNDERS:

1. DORINA DIMITROVA DOBREVA

Signature: (Signature ill.)

2. EVGENIA NIKOLOVA MARINCHEVA-SMUKOVA

Signature: (Signature ill.)

3. TATYANA KOYCHEVA BOYAJIEVA-EARST

Signature: (Signature ill.)



4. DANIELA IVANOVA PETROVA

Signature: (Signature ill.)

5. MIROSLAV DOBRIYANOV DOBREV

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