

Lebanese Solar Energy Society

Articles of Association

Article (1):

Name: Lebanese Solar Energy Society

Article (2):

The society was established on 14 March 1980.

Article (3):

Headquarters: Beirut – Zahia Salman Street – Sports City – Al Baba Building – Second Floor.

Object of the Society

Article (4):

The Lebanese Solar Energy Society is a scientific and professional non-profit institution aiming at creating a general environment suitable for the development of an alternative and renewable energy and to raise the public awareness to benefit from this energy and its uses.

Article (5):

The society works on achieving its objectives in all legitimate manners including the following:

- Uniting the different institutions and individuals concerned with the development of alternative and renewable energy to work together towards achieving the objectives of the society.
- Researching, developing and achieving the programs and activities facilitating the use of alternative and renewable energy in different fields.
- Encouraging and leading the wise use of energy.
- Encouraging the protection of the manufacture and use of alternative and renewable energy devices, how to manufacture them, control their quality and use by the clients, as well as raising the public awareness in terms of the use of renewable energy and the impact thereof on the national economy and environment.
- Collecting information and statistics to encourage scientific research and to revive conferences, exhibitions and scientific sessions aiming at achieving the general objectives of the society.
- Cooperating with the civil society and public scientific and educational institutions and individuals to share the objectives and purposes of the society in all possible manners.

Article (6): Membership:

Membership: The society is formed of associate members. The affiliation of new members shall be approved following the recommendation of at least two members and the approval of the administrative board in unanimity in the first session and with two thirds majority votes of its members in the second session. The associate members shall be representatives of institutions dealing with solar devices and renewable energy, as well as representatives of scientific and educational institutions concerned with solar energy and individuals with a serious scientific interest in this energy.

The members are divided into three categories:

1. Active members:

- The members forming the public body.
- The candidate shall have completed eighteen years of age.
- An active member who fails to attend the general meetings or its board meetings three times in a row without a reasonable justification shall no longer be an active member but rather a participant member until the period of membership renewal.
- The public body shall determine the affiliation and annual subscription fees of active members.

2. Participant members:

- The individuals paying subscription fees in the society without being expected to attend general meetings, noting that they shall not be entitled to stand for elections or to vote.
- The public body shall determine the affiliation and annual membership fees of this category.

3. Honor members:

- The individuals granted this title by the administrative board due to their exceptional experiences and relationships. They shall not be entitled to stand for elections or to vote.

Article (7):

A membership shall be deemed as null and void for the following reasons:

1. Resignation, provided to be submitted in written to the administrative board through the secretariat.
2. Failure to fulfill the financial obligations, meaning the settlement of annual membership fees in the first month of each year or within a month of being notified to do so.
3. Reasons assessed by the administrative board after surveying the opinions of the members. The annulation of the membership shall be done by a decision made by the administrative board with two thirds majority votes of its members.
4. Absence from three meetings in a row without a valid justification.

Article (8):

Society Management: The society shall be managed by an administrative board elected by the public body every two years in January. The number of members of the administrative board shall be determined in the articles of association, to be at least seven and maximum eleven members.

Article (9):

Public Body: The public body shall hold an ordinary session one time in the first month of each year and extraordinary meetings at the request of the chairman based on a decision made by the administrative board or the suggestion of quarter the members of the society. The public body shall review the detailed report of the society activities and shall make the appropriate decisions with the votes of two third of the attendees.

Article (10):

The public body is the supreme authority at the society and is formed of the associate members who settled the annual subscriptions. This body shall be authorized particularly to do as follows:

1. To approve the work programs prepared by the administrative board.
2. To supervise the administrative board and the work execution program.
3. To certify the society budget.
4. To elect the chairman and members of the administrative board.
5. To establish branches and bodies affiliated to the society.
6. The invitations to the annual meeting shall be sent three weeks in advance.

The meetings of the public body shall be presided by the chairman of the administrative board.

Article (11):

Administrative Board: The administrative board is the executive board of the society, which is particularly authorized to the following:

1. To manage the affairs of the society as per the articles of association and the provisions of the bylaws.
2. To implement the decisions of the public body.
3. To organize the meetings of the public body.
4. To supervise and to coordinate the work of bodies.
5. The administrative board may assign some of its powers to its chairman or one of its members.

Article (12):

Financial System: The resources of the society are the total of the affiliation and subscription fees of the members, in addition to the donations and assistance granted by the public and private bodies and individuals. The expenses of the society shall be determined as instructed in its bylaws. In the event of the dissolution of the society, its funds shall be transferred to the National Council for Scientific Research or any other institution selected by the public body in unanimity in the first session and with two thirds majority votes of its members in the second session.

Article (13):

Amendment of the Articles of Association: The articles of association shall be amended at the suggestion of the administrative board and by virtue of a decision made by the public body with two thirds majority votes of the members in the first session and two thirds majority votes of the attendees in the second session.

Founders

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Certificate of Registration of a Society

Name of the establishment: Lebanese Solar Energy Society
Legal form: Societies

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