

Statutes of AIM for Europe – ALDE Party Supporters as amended in Inaugural General Meeting 2024 on January 27th 2024 (the elected board has corrected language errors and removed contradictions).

AIM for Europe statutes, English version.

Article # 1 - Name of the association.

Name of the association is “AIM for Europe – ALDE Party Supporters”, Danish CVR registration number: 38865277, as a non profit Non-Governmental Organization.

The registered office of the Association is located at Kirkevejen 22, Lunderskov 6640, Denmark.

Article # 2 - Mission of the Association (AIM for Europe).

The mission of the Association is:

1) To build a base of individuals wishing to be part of the broader ALDE family and provide value for the ALDE Party.

2) To promote the ALDE Party core values:

European liberal values of freedom and individual responsibility.

Democracy and the rule of law.

Respect for human rights and tolerance.

3) To support and promote the ALDE Party's policy making.

4) To support the ALDE Party candidates for European Parliament and the ALDE Party member parties during election campaigns and referenda.

5) To support and protect the European charter. (EU Charter)

Article # 3 - Membership.

AIM for Europe membership is achievable by joining via “AIM for Europe” website.

Membership is open to all individuals in Europe that are not members of any European Party nor members of a national or lower tier party, which is part of another European Political Party than ALDE.

The Board can expel a member with a 4/5 majority.

Any member may be expelled for any of the following reasons: (i) not abiding by these rules; (ii) not abiding by the decisions of the Board; (iii) not fulfilling the conditions for membership anymore; (iv) when actions taken by the member, is deemed to damage the Organisation to an unacceptable degree.

The member expelled must be informed immediately of the expulsion, and has a right to appeal the decision to the Annual General Meeting and be allowed to speak on this, but not necessarily in person. The expulsion is in force also after an appeal to the AGM has been asked for. A simple majority at the AGM can overturn the expulsion.

Article # 4 - The Annual General Meeting (AGM).

AIM for Europe association's supreme body is the annual general meeting (AGM) and any Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

Notice of AGM should be sent out to all members with a minimum of 4 weeks notice.

The AGM shall be held annually, and minutes must be taken. The

appointed/elected meeting moderator must sign the agreed minutes of the AGM.

If over 50% of the AIM for Europe members request an EGM, then a call for an EGM will be sent out to all members with a minimum of two weeks' notice period. The Board can also call an EGM.

The AGM has to be held in connection with the ordinary ALDE Party Congress. If no ordinary Congress takes place, an extraordinary Congress or an ALDE Council can be used.

Convening the AIM for Europe General Meeting is done by sending an email to all members at least 4 weeks before the meeting and additionally announcing via the association's communication channels (i.e. Facebook).

Items for the agenda may be submitted to the Board no less than one month prior to the AGM. For an item to be taken up in the agenda, it has to be submitted by at least 15 members.

The AGM is open to the participation of all members either in person or online.

The Agenda, any proposals from the Board and all incoming proposals from members, shall be made available to all members at least a fortnight before the meeting. However, the Board can add a suggestion for decision to the meeting later, if this relates to events happening the last 3 weeks before the AGM.

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At the AGM the agenda shall include at least the following points:

- # 1. Opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- # 2. Election of moderator of the annual meeting, referent, and a vote counter.
- # 3. Check and confirm that the annual meeting has been convened as per approved statute.
- # 4. Approval of the agenda for the meeting.
- # 5. Annual report of the Board.
- # 6. Financial report and audit report.
- # 7. Orientation by the Board on financial plans for upcoming year.
- # 8. Membership fee for the following year
- # 9. Election of 3 Board member for a 2 year term – and further elections for as many Board members as is needed for a one year term to bring total membership to 6. Election of 3 Alternates for a 1 year term.
- # 10. Election of 2 auditors.
- # 11. Election of ALDE Congress Delegates for Congresses before next AGM.
- # 12. Consideration of proposals from members
- # 13. Any other Business.

For the elections in #9-11 the AGM can, if the Board suggests so, decide to make these votes online – all to be finished inside 2 months after the AGM. For the election in #11 all other candidates are substitutes in order of voting (method to be defined when vote is called if online, and before starting if at the AGM) – such that any restrictions on eligibility from ALDE, can be handled by substitutions. Elections are done, if feasible through electronic voting by STV Meek – if this is not feasible the moderator (if in person) or the Board (if later online) may choose another method with minority protection. For point 9, the election is done as if 3 were to be elected – and the runners-up (in the order of the present count when last transfer is done) are elected for any 1-year terms and alternates in the order of the time – supplemented by the last candidate eliminated and so on...

The Board can add any other agenda points in the agenda it sends out.

Article # 5 – The Board

The Board manages the association's activities in accordance with the statutes and decisions taken at the AGM.

The Board consists of the AIM for Europe's chairperson, Treasurer, and 4 other board members and have 3 alternates. However, if there are not enough candidates for the positions, a smaller board is still valid, as long as there is a chairperson and a treasurer. Every AIM for Europe member can be a candidate for office.

The Election of Chairperson and Treasurer of the Board must happen during the first fortnight after the AGM. The Board also appoints a delegate to ALDE Council, if such delegates are granted by ALDE.

The Chairperson of the Board and the Treasurer are nominated by majority within the Board.

The Board has a quorum when at least half of the members are present.

The Board's obligations are:

1. To convene the Annual General Meeting.

2. To carry out and implement the decisions taken at the AGM and any EGM.

3. To present the annual Board report and the accounting result.

4. To ensure the AIM for Europe's day to day activities are organized in line with the AIM for Europe mission statement.

5. Take steps to ensure the ALDE Party's political messages are shared with the AIM for Europe's community and propagate the ALDE brand and AIM for Europe activities, so that citizens know about ALDE parties' activities.

6. The Board can appoint TRUSTEES towards the bank.

7. Take publicly available minutes of decisions during Board meetings.

8. The Board can appoint or call for elections for any kind of local coordinators or leaders of Political working groups

Article # 6 – Financial governance and Audit.

The Board manages the AIM for Europe's assets. The closure of accounts per calendar year and submitted with the minutes of the auditor 3 weeks before the annual general meeting at the latest.

The auditor report has to be submitted to the Board no later than one week before the annual meeting.

Article # 7 - The decision-making.

At the AGM and any EGM simple majority is valid, unless otherwise specified. Polls are open.

If a participant in the annual general meeting requests secret ballot in votes, then the decisions have to be made by secret ballot, if technically feasible.

Each AIM for Europe member has one vote at the General Meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed.

Article # 8 – Nomination.

If elections are held online, the Board can set a requirement for nominations for candidates of up to 3 members other than the candidate themselves.

Article # 9 - Amendment of the Articles of Association.

For amendments to these Regulations requires that:

1) A 2/3 majority decision at the annual general meeting.

2) Alternatively, an identical decision by a simple majority at two consecutive annual general meetings.

Article # 10 - Resolution.

If the association should be dissolved, its assets accrues / donation to the ALDE Party or to any other organisation for organising individuals around ALDE. In both cases, also any predecessor to ALDE can be benefited. A decision to dissolve the association must be

taken by at least 2/3 of those voting at a regular meeting or identical decisions by a simple majority at two consecutive annual meetings. Any suggestion to the AGM to resolve must entail the exact benefactor of remaining assets.

Article 11

[Please note article 11 only dealt with the Inaugural General Meeting, that is now over. The article expires at the beginning of the first Annual General Meeting]

Special rules for the inaugural AGM:

Statutes can be amended by a plurality vote, and statutes are automatically on the agenda – but all suggestions for changes to the statutes must be submitted to [EMAIL omitted] at the day before the inaugural AGM at the latest. All former AIM/LA members will be invited using Facebook Group and ALDE secretariat if this service is granted.

All people present can vote and run for office, regardless of membership status.

Any member can ask for a point on the agenda without backers and without notice.

It may take place in January or February 2024, online only, and not in connection with ALDE Congress - with prior writing to as many former ALDE Individual Members (including Liberal Associates) as possible. Article 11 automatically expires after the first AGM after the inaugural AGM.

Inaugural General Meeting Online

It has status as other general meetings, but no deadlines and the following agenda

1. Opening of the Inaugural General Meeting.
2. Welcome by René explaining the structure of the association and the relation to Danish Law.
3. Welcome by Anders explaining why the former AIM SC has asked people to join
4. Election of moderator of the annual meeting, referent, and a vote counter.
(these can run for office, since it is hard to know who will and won't run)
5. Approval of the agenda for the meeting (points can be suggested by any member)
6. Statute changes (by simple majority – but suggestions must be sent to René the day before the meeting at the latest.)
7. Membership fee for 2024
8. Election of 6 Board members to serve as initial board until the first AGM happening at first ALDE ordinary Congress after April 2024
9. Election of 2 auditors.
- 10 Election of ALDE Congress Delegates for Congresses before next AGM.
- 11 Any other Business.

Any points added at the beginning of the meeting will be added between points 10 and 11.