

Bylaws

Legal Status

The group consists of an association as referred to in Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Corporate Headquarters

The headquarter is located in the conference room of the tourist structure “Fiore di pietra” (stone flower) on the summit of Monte Generoso, made available by Ferrovia Monte Generoso SA. The postal address is: Ferrovia Monte Generoso SA, Via Lüera 1, CH-6825 Capolago, Ticino, Switzerland.

Corporate Purpose

The Group aims to encourage research, teaching and promote astronomy, working in the Monte Generoso Astronomical Observatory owned by Ferrovia Monte Generoso SA. To this end, all members can take advantage of the infrastructure and favorable conditions, gain experience, study, see the results, while committing to make a reciprocal contribution. The group also aims to establish and maintain relations between amateur astronomers of Regio Insubrica. The group aims to:

- Organize regular observations from the Monte Generoso Observatory;
- hold regular meetings to exchange ideas, news and results;
- present business relations and works related to their observations;
- publish research and observation results;
- organize lectures and observations to raise the awareness of astronomy;
- hold regular accelerated astronomy courses for those interested.

Members

Anyone interested in astronomical science can join the group. Members fall into the following categories:

- Ordinary members;
- Young members (up to age 25);
- Supporting members;
- Honorary members.

Members must pay the annual fee fixed during the annual meeting.



Meeting

Members meet at least once a year, usually by the end of June, to pass resolution on:

- The operating and financial statement for the previous year;
- The operating and financial projection for the following year;
- The amount of the annual fee.

They appoint 5 Organizers to form the organizing committee. The meeting adopts and amends the Bylaws. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the organizing committee. When requested by at least one third of members, a meeting shall be convened within 30 days.

Organizing Committee

The organizing committee consists of 5 members chosen in the meeting. It proposes and executes all activities. It presents an annual report to the meeting. It presents an outline plan of the annual activities to the meeting. It collects the annual membership fees. It manages current affairs. It liaises with Ferrovie Monte Generoso SA. It serves for 1 year; individual members may be reappointed in the members' meeting. It is coordinated by a "first among equals" chosen from the 5 organizers, who is appointed as the coordinator. It may assign certain activities to external individuals.

Coordinator

The Coordinator's duties are to coordinate the work of the organizing committee: Chair the meetings of the organizing committee and the members' meetings. Represent the group externally. Act as Secretary, a position which may be delegated. The Coordinator serves in office for 1 year and may be re-appointed in the members' meeting

Statutory Auditors

The Statutory Auditors are those of Ferrovie Monte Generoso SA. The accounts are part of the audit of Ferrovie Monte Generoso SA.



Resolutions

The consent of half of those present plus one is always required. This applies to both the meeting and the organizing committee.

Voting rights

To have voting rights, members, respectively the members of the organizing committee, must be up to date in the payment of their annual fees. Proxy voting is allowed with no more than two proxies per member.

Partnerships

The group does not seek to compete with similar groups or companies. Rather, it intends to collaborate as much as possible in the sole interest of astronomical knowledge. The group works closely with Ferrovie Monte Generoso SA, which provides beneficial conditions for all members, both for traveling in the train and for the use of the Summit's observatory. Special regulations will be prepared in relation to this aspect.

Liability

Individual members shall have no liability whatsoever. The association may be liable for a maximum amount equal to its share capital.

Dissolution

The group may be dissolved at any time. The dissolution may be decided in the members' meeting with at least one half of the registered members' votes plus one. In the event of dissolution, the group's assets on the balance sheet shall go to Ferrovie Monte Generoso SA, which shall transfer them to a potential new group to be established within 2 years. After this period, the assets will be permanently forfeited by FMG SA.



Remuneration of Guides

For each visit. An allowance is paid based on the service contract entered into between GIA-MG and FMG SA.

Entry into Force

These Bylaws shall enter into force on the date of approval by the members convened for the constitutive meeting.

Approval by the members' meeting