

# PHP London Articles of Association



## **Name**

The name of the company is "PHP London Limited".

## **Objects**

The aims of the company are:

- to promote the use of the PHP programming language in London and the United Kingdom;
- to foster communication between developers, managers, recruiters, and employers who use PHP in London and the United Kingdom;
- to encourage best practice amongst its members, broaden and increase their skills, and improve their employability.

## **Powers**

The company will organise a monthly meeting of its members and an annual conference, and may organise other events and activities which further its objects.

The profits of the company shall not be distributed to the members.

The company may pay for meeting venues and refreshments for members and the reasonable expenses of its committee members and speakers at its events.

The company may market itself online and offline.

The company may raise funds through sponsorship, donations, ticket sales for events, and any other means.

The company may undertake any lawful or legal trade or business at the discretion of the committee in pursuit of its objects.

## **Officers**

The company will be limited by guarantee and registered within the United Kingdom. No share capital will be issued.

The executive committee comprises five members. The President, Treasurer, Communications Manager, and Auditor will be registered as Company Directors and the Secretary as the Company Secretary. Each committee member's liability on cessation of business is limited to £1.

Committee members are elected annually by a first past the post vote of the company's members. Any member may stand for election.

Committee meetings are held at least four times a year and any member may attend. All committee members have equal vote with the President holding a casting vote. A quorum of 50% of the committee members is required to ratify the committee's decisions.

## **Roles**

The President acts as general figurehead and spokesperson for the company; organises speakers and encourages members to network at events; and acts as Master of Ceremonies at events.

The Secretary organises and advertises rooms and activities; arranges and documents executive meetings; raises money from sponsors; and is the point of contact for recruiters, members, and interested parties.

The Treasurer handles invoicing; paying venues, speakers, and providers and buying equipment; and is responsible for maintaining the company accounts.

The Communications Manager is responsible for the company brand image; maintains the website and server; advertises events online on the website and mailing lists and on social networking sites; manages any mailing lists and executive committee email addresses, the mail server, and the domain names.

The Auditor ensures that the committee acts in accordance with the company rules and the law.

## **Membership**

A member is defined as anyone who has attended at least 2 monthly meetings in the last 12 months. Member votes have no quorum and may be held online or at monthly meetings at the committee's discretion.

## **Changes**

Changes to this constitution will require a majority vote of the executive committee and shall then be ratified by a majority vote of members.

## **Dissolution**

The company may be dissolved by unanimous agreement of all its committee members.

Any surplus funds on dissolution shall be donated to one or more of the Bletchley Park Trust, the National Museum of Computing, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and the Free Software Foundation.