



ARUBAANSE VOETBAL BOND

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NAME, DOMICILE AND DURATION

Article 1

1. The association shall bear the name: ARUBAANSE VOETBAL BOND.
The association hereinafter shall be referred to in the Statutes, and in the bylaws as: AVB.
2. The association shall be domiciled in Aruba and Shall be established for an indefinite period of time, initiating on the day of its foundation, this being January 29, 1932.

BODIES (OF THE ASSOCIATION)

Article 2A

1. The General Assembly (Congress) is the supreme and legislative body.
2. The Board (or Executive Committee) is the executive body.
3. Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these statutes, the bylaws and/or special regulation drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. The general secretariat is the administrative body.
5. The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee.
6. The bodies of AVB shall be either elected or appointed by AVB itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these statutes.
7. Decisions and policy making are the prerogative of the Executive Committee.
The Executive Committee may delegate certain administrative and day-to-day decisions and other task to a smaller committee.
8. The organization of the AVB can have subdivisions. The subdivisions shall not be legal persons.

OFFICIAL AND FINANCIAL YEAR

Article 3

The official year, as well as the financial year, shall run from July 1st through June, 31.



GOAL

Article 4

The AVB shall have as its object:

1. The promotion by itself and others, of the sport of football in all its forms.
2. To do everything that may be beneficial regarding the object mentioned (in) subsection 1, the like in the broadest sense of the world.

RESOURCES

Article 5

It shall pursue this object by, among other things:

- a. the promotion of the interest for and the participation in the football sport;
- b. the rendering of support and information to those who wish to practice the football sport;
- c. the issuing of written material;
- d. the programming, regulating and stimulating of others in organizing football matches;
- e. the collaboration with other organizations and/or public entities, aimed at promoting the sport of football in general and at schools in particular;
- f. the organization of, and the assistance in, the training of football trainers and football administrators;
- g. the support and fostering of sports ethics, as well as the combat against any use of doping in the sport of football;
- h. all other lawful and legal means that may be beneficial with regard to the fulfillment of the object of the AVB.

NEUTRALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Article 5A

1. AVB is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
2. Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of ethic, gender, language, religion politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

LAWS OF THE GAME

Article 5C

The bodies and Officials of AVB must observe the Statutes, regulation, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of CFU and of CONCACAF in their activities.



INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 5D

1. The authority for organizing international matches and competitions between Association teams and between Leagues and/or Club teams lies solely with FIFA.
No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the CONCACAF may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations
2. AVB is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

SPORTING CONTRACTS

Article 5E

AVB shall not play matches or make sporting contracts with Associations that are not Member of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

OBLIGATION

Article 5F

1. AVB recognizes CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport) as an independent judicial authority.
2. AVB will ensure that members, affiliated players and officials comply with decisions passed by CAS.
3. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players' agents.
4. Clubs and members of the AVB are prohibited from taking a dispute to ordinary courts of law and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the association, the appropriate Confederation or FIFA.

PRINCIPLE

Article 5G

1. AVB will comply with any decisions passed by the relevant FIFA bodies which, according to its statutes are final and not subject to appeal.
2. AVB will take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own members, players and officials comply with these decisions.
3. The same obligation applies to licensed match and players' agents.



EXTRAORDINARY FOOTBALL EVENTS

Article 6

1. During the AVB competitions it shall not be allowed, without prior consent of the AVB, to the members and subdivisions:
 - a. The participation in football games that are not sponsored by the AVB.
 - b. The organizing of, or the collaboration in a football event. Making available football facilities shall also be included.

POWERS

Article 7

The AVB is the overall leading body for Aruba within the field of the football sport; the powers of the AVB extend to the entirety of Aruban territory. It shall only cooperate with those organizations that recognize it as such.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 8

The AVB is member of:

- a. the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
- b. the Confederation of North Central and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF).
- c. the Caribbean Football Union (CFU).
- d. the Aruba Sport Unie (ASU).
- e. the Comite Olimpico Arubano (COA).

MEMBERS

Article 9

The AVB shall have the following categories of members:

- a. ordinary members.
- b. honorary members.
- c. contributors.



ORDINARY MEMBERS

Article 10

1. As an ordinary member may be admitted:
 - a. the associations of natural persons established in Aruba, that are legal persons, and that have exclusively as their goal, or also as their goal, to practice the sport of football (also called member- associations).
 - b. the natural persons, who are members of the associations referred to in paragraph a.
 - c. other natural persons.
2. The ordinary membership shall be obtained by:
 - a. associations, by admission by the Board.
 - b. the persons referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph b, by obtaining the membership of an association as referred to in paragraph, subparagraph a.
 - c. other natural persons, by notification of, and admission by the Board.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Article 11

1. Trough proposal by the Board of the AVB natural persons may be appointed honorary members by the General Assembly.
2. As such only those are to be appointed, who have been to an extraordinary extent praiseworthy as regards the sport of football in general, and the AVB in particular.
3. The honorary members shall be given the opportunity to be present at the General Assembly Meeting, but they shall have no right to vote.

CONTRIBUTORS

Article 12

1. Contributors are those natural persons or legal persons admitted by the Board, and who have committed themselves with regards to the AVB to deposit each year a contribution, established by the Board.
2. Contributors shall not have the right to vote.
3. Contributors shall not have other rights and obligations than those, attributed to or imposed on them by or pursuant to the Statutes or by the Rules of Regulations.
4. The right and obligations of the contributors may be terminated mutually at any time by notice of termination, with the exception of the annual fee for the year in course shall be due in its entirety.
5. Termination on behalf of the AVB shall be effected by the Board.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Article 13A

1. The members of AVB have the following obligations:
 - a. to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CFU, CONCACAF and AVB at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
 - b. to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - c. to take part in competitions and other sports activities organized by AVB;
 - d. to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - e. to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;
 - f. to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CFU, CONCACAF or AVB and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
 - g. to communicate to AVB any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.
 - h. not to maintain any relations of sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
 - i. to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - j. to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
 - k. to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
 - l. to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CFU, CONCACAF and AVB.
2. Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provides for in these Statutes.

ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Article 13B

1. The Members shall have the obligation to:
 - a. Not harm the interests of the AVB, of its organs, as well as those of the sport of football in general.

- b. Moreover, the members have the obligation to give notice to the Board regarding the address of their office, secretary or mail address and the names of their members of their Board.
- c. To employ a certified trainer, if they participate in the highest division of the men's competition.
- d. To submit to the AVB a balanced budget before the start of the season, if they participate in the highest division of the men's competition.

APPROVAL

Article 13C

Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to X cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorization of AVB and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 14

Membership shall terminate by:

- a. Dissolution, moratorium on payments or bankruptcy of the member that is a legal person. The membership of the natural person shall terminate by his/her death.
- b. Written notice of termination on behalf of, or by the member to the Board of the AVB, with due observance of the provisions of article 15.
- c. Written notice of termination of membership, on behalf of the AVB, by the Board, on the grounds and in the way referred to in article 16 of these Statutes, as well as the provisions of Bylaws.
- d. Expulsion on behalf of the AVB by the Board, on the grounds and in the way as referred to in article 16 of these Status.



TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY THE MEMBER

Article 15

1. Notice of termination of the membership on behalf of, or by a member-association shall take in written directed at the secretary of the AVB, whom will grant notice of the receipt of the petition within eight days.
2. The notice of termination as referred to in the precedent paragraph shall take place at the end of the official year, with due observance of a two months' notice.
The member shall be obligated to payment of his contributions through the end of the period of notice.

TERMINATION AND EXPULSION ON BEHALF OF AVB

Article 16

1. The AVB may terminate the membership of a member-association, following two written notices, when that member has refrained from complying with the requirements established by the Statutes regarding membership as well as when it may not be reasonably required of the AVB to allow the continuation of membership.
2. Termination of membership by the AVB shall only take place at the end of the official year and observing a two months' period of notice. A notice of termination that is violating the period of noticed mentioned in the article will make the termination effective on the earliest allowable moment following the date referred to in the termination notice.
3. Expulsion may only be proclaimed when a member acts in violation of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations or resolutions (of the Board) of the AVB, or is harming the AVB in an unreasonable manner.
4. Notice of termination or expulsion as a member by the AVB shall take place, on recommendation by the Board, by the General Assembly with a majority of at least two thirds of valid votes cast. The termination notice or the expulsion shall not be proclaimed before the member has been granted the opportunity to address the General Assembly and defend himself there. The termination or expulsion proposal shall be scheduled as the first item on the agenda for the first following General Assembly Meeting.
5. The General Assembly may postpone its decision for a period of not more than two months, on the occasion of a proposal to terminate or expel, in order to grant the referred member the opportunity to eliminate the grounds on which the proposal rests.
6. If the resolution has been adopted to terminate or expel, the member concerned shall be notified as soon as possible regarding the resolution by means of a written statement, with mention of the reasons thereof.

7. In case the Board considers that the reason for termination or expulsion is applicable to a member, and that it is not possible to wait for the next General Assembly Meeting, the Board will have the power to suspend that member. Unless the Board decides to prior elimination of the suspension, the suspension remains in effect until the next General Assembly Meeting.

By the suspension the rights related to membership shall be deferred, and the member likewise cannot claim other opportunities and privileges that the AVB offers to its members.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 17

1. The General Assembly is the association's highest body and consists of representatives of the member-associations.
2. At least two General Assembly Meetings shall be held each year: one in the spring and one in the fall. The General Assembly Meeting of the spring shall be held between April 1 and June 30; the meeting of the fall shall take place between September 1 and November 30.
3. The agenda of the General Assembly Meeting of the spring shall contain in any case:
 - a. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly Meeting;
 - b. Adoption of the budget for the coming financial year;
 - c. Appointment of an Audit Committee for the following year;
 - d. Appointment of an Appeals Committee for the following year;
 - e. Elections of the members of the Board, and announcement of the outcome of the election of the members of the Board.
 - f. Any other business.
4. The agenda of the General Assembly Meeting of the fall shall contain in any case:
 - a. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding year;
 - b. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding year;
 - c. Report of Audit Committee;
 - d. Adoption of the Financial Statement of the preceding year;
 - e. Granting discharge to the Board;
 - f. Any other business.
5. General Assembly Meeting shall be summoned by the Board with observance of a term of at least 30 days.
6. Proposals shall be included in the agenda of the General Assembly Meeting, if these proposals are submitted in writing to the Board, not later than two weeks prior to the day of a General Assembly Meeting, by at least three member-associations.

7. The Board shall have the power to include in the agenda proposals, motions and questions or own proposals, provided with an explication, submitted afterwards.
8. The final agenda, accompanied by the relevant documents, shall be sent to the member-associations at least 7 days prior to the day of the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 18

1. Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings be held as often as the Board deems desirable, or on the written request of at least one third of the number of member-associations. Such request shall contain a statement of the business to be transacted.
2. After receipt of a request as meant in the preceding paragraph, the Board is obligated to call an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting within a term not exceeding 14 days, in order to transact at least the business for which the meeting was requested.
3. If the Board does not comply with this request within the term mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the members requesting the meeting themselves shall be authorized to proceed to convening this meeting according to the way stipulated in Article 17, fourth, fifth and seventh paragraph. In urgent cases, the procedure as provided for in the fourth paragraph of this Article shall apply by analogy.
4. The provisions of the Article relating to the General Assembly shall apply by analogy.
5. In urgent cases the Board may deviate from the provision in Article 17, fifth paragraph when convening an Extraordinary General Assembly, provides the members are informed of the agenda at least three days prior the meeting. In such a case the notice shall also be published in at least one, widely circulated, local newspaper.

POWERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 18 A (oud23)

1. The General Assembly is entitled to any and all powers not entrusted to the Board by the law or the Statutes.
2. The General Assembly decides in all cases not provided for by these Statutes and the other regulations laid down by the General Assembly, on the understanding that when it is impossible to wait for its decision in question to the next General Assembly for ratification. In such a case the Board is obligated to inform the member-associations hereof within 15 days after the decision has made.



COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 19

1. The General Assembly is formed by all member-associations.
2. A member-association cannot have itself represented by another member-association.
3. Members of the Board of the AVB cannot act as delegates of a member-association.
4. Valid resolutions can only be adopted in a General Assembly Meeting.
5. In the event of no quorum being present, the General Assembly Meeting shall be convened once again, in deviation from the provision in Article 17, fifth paragraph, at least 7 days, but no more than adopt valid resolutions, irrespective of the number of member-associations present.
6. General Assembly Meetings are usually public. The General Assembly may resolve that a meeting, or the consideration of certain subjects will take place behind closed doors.
7. Only the Board, the member-associations, and those who are invited for this purpose by the Board or by the General Assembly shall have access to a closed meeting or the consideration of a subject behind closed doors, respectively.

VOTING RIGHT

Article 20

1. The General Assembly can only adopt valid resolutions concerning those items that are stated in the agenda. The first agenda item of a General Assembly shall always be the adoption of the agenda.
2. The member-associations (regular members) shall have the right to vote. Honorary members and contributors shall have no right to vote.
3. The number of votes that a member-association (regular member) may cast in the meeting, is two.

EXERCISE OF THE VOTING RIGHT

Article 21 (suggestion: 1 member=1 vote : voorwaarde alleen volwaardige clubs kunnen stemmen! Of stem van team telt 1x en van club 2x)

1. Valid resolutions may only be adopted in a General Assembly Meeting when at least two thirds of the member-associations are represented. In the event that this number is not represented at the meeting, a second General Assembly shall be held, in which valid resolutions may be adopted, irrespective the number of member-associations being represented in the meeting.
2. Resolutions shall be adopted by a majority of the votes validly cast.

3. Only the delegates of the member-associations shall have the right to vote in the General Assembly Meeting. The member-associations shall have two delegates. Each delegate shall cast one vote, whereby it is understood that the delegates of a member-association that did not participate in the preceding competition, or does not participate in the competition in course, shall have no right to vote.
4. Persons shall be voted on by ballot, while matters shall be voted on orally, unless the board or the General Assembly deems desirable a ballot.
5. In the event of the desire of a ballot, the chairman shall appoint a ballot bureau of three persons. The ballot bureau shall open the ballot papers and decides on the validity of each vote cast.
6. Those ballot papers are not valid that:
 - a. Are blank;
 - b. Are signed;
 - c. Are illegible;
 - d. Are not clearly indicating a person;
7.
 - a. If in a ballot concerning persons none of them acquires the majority of the votes validly cast, then a second vote shall be taken between the persons who accumulated the highest number of votes;
 - b. In interim votes taken the person to be elected will be the one who accumulated the majority of the validly cast votes.
8. In the event of a draw in a vote concerning matters, the proposal shall be deemed rejected.
9. A judgment pronounced by the Chairman in the General Assembly Meeting that a resolution has been adopted, shall be decisive. However, if the correctness thereof is disputed immediately upon the pronouncement of this judgement, then a new vote shall be taken, if the majority of the General Assembly, or, if the original vote was not taken by roll call or by ballot, a voting member present so demands.

AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES

Article 21A (oud 36)

1. The Statutes may be amended only by a resolution of the General Assembly, which was convened with the notification that a motion to amend the Statutes will be tabled in that General Assembly Meeting. The notice period shall be at least 30 days, not including the day of notice of the meeting.
2. Those who gave notice of the meeting for the consideration of a motion to amend the Statutes, shall send a copy of this motion, containing the literal text of this amendment proposed, to the member-associations.

3. A resolution to amend the Statutes required at least two-thirds of the votes validly cast, in a General Assembly Meeting in which at least two-thirds of the members are present as appears from the attendance list. If no two-thirds of the members are present, then a second meeting may be called and held within 30 days, in which a resolution may be passed on the motion, as its was discusses in the preceding meeting, irrespective of the number of members present, provided this takes place by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes validly cast.
4. An amendment to the Statutes shall not enter into effect before a notarial deed has been drawn up. The latter moment shall be announced to the members of the AVB, with the presentation of the verbatim text of the adopted amendment.
5. The Board shall have the power to have a deed of amendment executed before a notary public, designated by the Board.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Article 22

1. The income of the AVB or its organs consists of contribution, subsidies, sponsor moneys and other benefits.
2. All payments to be made by the member-associations to the AVB must be paid within sixty days after summoning. In the event of payments made after the due date an interest of 1% per month is due.
3. The member-associations have the obligation to pay each year to AVB the contribution, determined by the General Assembly.

CHAIRMANSHIP AND TAKING MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 24

1. General Assembly Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, and in the event of his absence, by the Vice-Chairman. In case of absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, another member of the Board to be designated by the Board, shall act as chairman.
2. In case the General Assembly Meeting was called under the application of the provision in Article 18, first paragraph, then the General Assembly itself has the right to provide for the chairmanship of this meeting, on the recommendation of the members who requested the meeting, if so desired.
3. Minutes shall be taken of the business transacted in the General Assembly by a minutes secretary designated by the Chairman. The minutes shall be confirmed in the next General Assembly.
4. Further rules regarding the General Assembly shall be included in the Bylaws.

BOARD

Article 25

1. The Board is entrusted with managing the AVB, the administration of the financial resources, the care for the compliance and implementation of the Statutes, regulations and resolutions of the organs of the AVB.
2. The Board consists of at least seven and no more than eleven natural persons, viz.:
 - a. A Chairman;
 - b. A Vice-Chairman;
 - c. A Secretary-General;
 - d. A Deputy Secretary-General;
 - e. A Treasurer;
 - f. A Deputy Treasurer;
 - g. No more than five officers.
3. A member of the Board as meant in the second paragraph shall be at least eighteen years of age, possess the Netherlands nationality, reside in Aruba, and be in the full enjoyment of his civil and political rights.
4. The Chairman of the Board, shall be elected by the General Assembly to his position.
5. The members of the Board shall be elected by the General Assembly upon a non-binding nomination of at least three member-associations.
6.
 - a. *The members of the Board shall be in office during a four-year period.*
 - b. *Valid only for the first term of this new 4-year office period: After the second year of office, during the General Assembly, half (of the round number) of board member shall resign at the annual General Assembly Meeting. The newly elected members of the Board will then start their four-year term of Board Membership.*
 - c. Resignation shall take place at the end of the day, on which the annual meeting of the fall will be held, mentioned in article 17, paragraph 2 of these Statutes.
7. Resigning board members shall be immediately eligible for re-election.
8. The elected board members shall enter into office on the day following that on which the annual meeting of the fall is held, mentioned in article 17, paragraph 2 of these Statutes.
9. An interim vacancy shall be filled, if possible, within a two months' period. The elected board member shall enter into office on the day following his election, and shall resign at the moment that this predecessor should have resigned.
10. A board member may be dismissed or suspended at all times by the organ that elected him, even though he had been elected for a determined period of time.
11. The nomination of candidates shall take place at least 14 days before the date on which the General Assembly will take place.
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13. The list of candidates shall be announced to the member-associations at least seven days before the General Assembly meeting.
14. Board positions are not compatible. Positions of Chairman, General- Secretary and Treasurer are not compatible with the position of board member of a member-association.
15. The way of appointment of the member of the Board, also including the nomination, shall be regulated in further detail in the Bylaws.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Article 25A (Let op FIFA suggereert dat de Secretaris Generaal geen lid mag zijn van een van de organen van de AVB, dus ook geen bestuurslid van de AVB! Tevens moet de Secretaris Generaal voldoen aan bepaalde kwalificaties en in dienst zijn van de AVB dus ‘een betaalde professional’).

1. The General Secretary is elected or appointed by the Board.
2. The General Secretary is the chief executive of the general secretariat.
3. The General Secretary shall have the necessary professional qualifications. The qualifications are specified in the bylaws management policy of the AVB.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

1. The Board shall meet in conformity with a schedule to be laid down by it, and furthermore when the Chairman or three members of the Board so desire.
2. The Board may also adopt resolutions outside a meeting, if all members of the Board agree to this way of voting.
3. Any and all resolutions, including the resolutions meant in the second paragraph, shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, unless the Statutes provides otherwise. In case of a tie, the motion shall be deemed rejected. Blank votes are invalid.
4. Each motion shall be voted on separately and orally, unless the Chairman or another member of the Board wishes otherwise.
5. A member of the Board cannot have himself represented.
6. The judgment pronounced by the Chairman concerning the results of the vote shall be decisive. The same applies to the content of a resolution adopted in as far as a vote was taken on a motion not laid down in writing. However, if immediately upon the pronouncement of the judgment, the correctness thereof is disputed, then the resolution to be adopted shall be laid down in writing, if necessary, and a second vote shall be taken, if a member of the original vote shall cease to have effect.



7. Further rules by concerning meetings of the Board and decision-making shall be included in the Bylaws.
8. Meetings of the Board shall be closed meetings. The Chairman may decide that third parties are admitted.

REPRESENTATION AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

Article 27

1. The Board shall have the power to perform any and all juristic acts for the administration and management of the Association.
2. In the event the Board is not complete, it shall exclusively retain its powers to call- in conformity with Article 18, second paragraph- an Extraordinary General Assembly in order to have the vacancy filled.
3. The AVB shall be represented in and out of court-expect in case of attorney- by the Board, as well as the Chairman, or the Secretary, or the Treasurer, or his deputy.

TERMINATION OF THE TERM ON THE BOARD

Article 28A

1. A member of the Board shall be authorized at all times to resign, provided this takes place in writing. The member of the Board may be requested to allow for adequate time in his request for discharge in order to properly settle pending affairs.
2. A member of the Board, may be suspended or dismissed at all times, depending on the seriousness of the established facts and circumstances by a resolution adopted to this effect by the General Assembly.
3. Furthermore, the Board may suspend a member of the Board for urgent reasons, in anticipation of the resolution of an Extraordinary General Assembly called for this purpose. Such a resolution of the Board shall be adopted by two-thirds majority of the votes of the number of incumbent members of the Board validly cast.
4. The General Assembly shall hear the member of the Board in question before proceeding to a resolution to suspend or dismiss.
5. The General Assembly can appoint a committee to investigate the facts and circumstances for the requested suspension before proceeding to a resolution to suspend or dismiss.
6. A suspension, which is not followed within six months by a resolution to dismiss, shall cease to have effect by the lapse of this term.
7. A resolution to suspend or dismiss by the General Assembly, or to suspend by the Board, can only be adopted by at least a two-thirds majority of the votes validly cast.
8. Furthermore, the membership of the Board shall end by death.



COMMITTEES

Article 29

1. The Board may establish committees for carrying out specific activities, and shall appoint the members thereof.
2. The Board may receive non-binding nominations from the members for the composition of the committees.
3. The committees shall consist of at least three, and no more than seven members. The Board shall fill interim vacancies.
4. The members of the committee shall elect a chairman from among their midst.
5. The committee shall report on its activities to the Board periodically.
6. The task and powers, as well as the procedures of the committees, shall be regulated by the Board, in as far as they do not arise from the resolution to establish them. The committees may be granted certain powers for a period of time to be fixed in this resolution.
7. The member of the committees may be suspended or dismissed at all times by a written decision of the Board stating the reasons. The Board shall only proceed to the suspension or dismissal after the member has been given the opportunity to address the meeting of the Board and to defend himself there.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Article 30

1. The AVB shall have an Audit Committee, consisting of at least five members, who are no members of the Board. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the General Assembly.
2. The Audit Committee is charged with the audit of the annual financial report submitted by the Treasurer (with an explanatory note of the Board) and documents belonging thereto, and to report its findings to the General Assembly.
3. The members of the Audit Committee are appointed for a term of one association's year. They shall be eligible for reappointment for only one consecutive term.
4. If necessary, the Audit Committee may have itself assisted by an expert for the account of the AVB.
5. The Board is obligated to provide the Audit Committee with any and all information desired by them, to show them the cash and the assets if so desired, and grant inspection of the books and documents of the AVB.

6. In the event the approval meant in Article 31, fourth paragraph, is refused, the General Assembly shall appoint a new Audit Committee, consisting of at least five other persons, who shall not be members of the Board. This Audit Committee conducts a new audit of the financial annual report and documents belonging thereto of the Treasurer. This new Audit Committee shall have the powers as the first-mentioned Audit Committee.
7. Within one month after its appointment this Audit Committee shall report its findings to the General Assembly shall take all those measures that are deemed necessary by it in the interest of the AVB.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Article 31.

1. The Board is obligated to keep record of the financial position of the AVB in such way that its rights and financial obligations can be know from these records at all times.
2. Furthermore, the Board is obligated to dram up a balance sheet and a statement of revenue and expenditure of the AVB each year within four months of the end of the financial year.
3. The Board shall produce an annual report on the course of affairs in the AVB and the management conducted in the General Assembly of the fall expect for extension of this term by the General Assembly.
It shall submit the balance sheet and the statement of revenue and expenditure, together with an explanatory note, to the General Assembly for approval.
4. Approval by the General Assembly of the annual report, the balance sheet and the statement of revenue and expenditure shall discharge the Board as regards any and all acts in as far as they appear from these documents.
5. The Board is obligated to preserve the documents as meant in the first and second paragraph of this Article for five/ten years.
6. The Board shall see to it that a statement is submitted concerning the fairness of the documents as meant in the first and second paragraph of this Article, to the General Assembly issued by the Audit Committee.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Article 32

1. The AVB may enter into cooperation agreements win incorporated associations and foundations domiciled in Aruba that are active in the same related fields as the AVB.

2. The document for the formalization of the cooperation agreement shall contain a description of the common fields of activity and projects, the division of tasks, procedures and responsibilities of each of the organizations.
3. The organization with which there is a cooperation agreement may be granted access to the General Assembly Meeting with the consent of the Board. The organization may also address the General Assembly, but has no right to vote.

EXPERTS

Article 33

1. The AVB may have itself assisted and receive advice in the activities by experts.
2. During General experts may be offered the opportunity to be present and participate, but they do not have a right to vote.
3. The task and powers, as well as the procedures of experts shall be determined by the Board, in as far as they do not arise from the resolution to appoint them.

BYLAWS

Articles 34

1. The further provisions concerning the AVB shall be regulated in the Bylaws, which shall not be in violation of the law, these Statutes, and the FIFA rules and regulations.
2. The Bylaws shall be laid down by the General Assembly by an ordinary majority of the votes validly cast.

ARBITRATION

Article 35

A resolution adopted by the AVB, by the Board, or by one of its Committees, and about which a dispute has arisen, may be submitted by the party who is of the opinion to have been harmed in his interests by this resolution, to the Arbitration Board. The task and powers, as well as the procedures of the Arbitration Board shall be regulated in further detail in the Arbitration Regulations.



DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 37

1. A resolution aimed at the dissolution of the AVB may be adopted only by a General Assembly explicitly convened to this purpose, with at least two thirds of the valid votes cast in a meeting in which at least two thirds of the member-associations are present, as appears from the attendance list. What has been established in Article 36, paragraph 1, 2, and 3 of these Statutes shall be similarly applicable.
2. The General Assembly that adopts a resolution of dissolution shall also determine the way in which the same will be settled, on the understanding that the amended as soon as a proposal of dissolution has been submitted.
3. The article cannot be amended as soon as a proposal of dissolution has been submitted.
4. The balance of the capital (with due observance of the stipulations of the Civil Code of Aruba) shall be put at the disposal of a goal that as much as possible corresponds with the spirit of the object of the AVB.
5. During the liquidation the stipulations of these Statutes shall remain in effect as much as possible.