

MINUTES

13TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE "LIFECIRCLE" ASSOCIATION.

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024

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According to the byelaws, resolutions are carried with a simple majority and changes to the byelaws require a 2/3 majority.

The byelaws are on the website:

http://www.lifecircle.ch/pdf/lifecircle_Vereinsstatuten.pdf

Present:	President	Erika Preisig
	Assessor	Moritz Gall
	Accountant / Treasurer	Markus Lüthi
	Material Manager	Christian Wessendorf
	Actuary	Yvonne Mischler
	Members	16 members / votes
	Non-members	2 Non-voting members

Apologies: several members (given the large number, not mentioned by name)

A G E N D A

1. Welcome by the President

- 1.1. Election of tellers
- 1.2. Election of the meeting's chairperson
- 1.3. Approval of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes AGM 2024 (see website)

3. President's Annual Report 2024

4. 2024 Annual financial statement

- 4.1. Treasurer's Report
- 4.2. Auditors' Report
- 4.3. Approval of the annual accounts and the auditors' report

5. Discharge of the Board

6. Provision of SFr. 50'000 for all-day training for doctors

7. Membership fees

8. Budget 2025 and its approval

9. Proposals from members

10. Any other business, President's account of her experiences.

1. Welcome by the President

President E. Preisig opened the 13th AGM at 6.34 pm and welcomed those present.

- 1.1. Ms Joke Loosli was unanimously elected vote teller.
- 1.2. Mr Werner Lüdi took over the function of president of the day.
- 1.3. The agenda was approved by all those present.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 12th AGM were approved unanimously.

3. President's Annual Report 2023

The annual report was sent to all members. The President wanted to know if there were any questions or suggestions. This was answered in the negative and it was approved by all those present.

4. 2023 Annual financial statement

- 4.1. The treasurer presented the 2024 annual financial statements. He first apologised for the error of the much too high budgeted profit of CHF 162'250 in 2024, which was the result of a miscalculation. He had mistakenly recognised the donations from the Eternal Spirit Foundation as income, overlooking the fact that the Foundation had a loan from lifecircle amounting to CHF 155'000. This was repaid to the association. This means that only the 'Chreemer Kari housing cooperative' loan of CHF 50'000 still exists. As a result of the dissolution of the foundation, lifecircle was awarded even more money, but this is tied up in the form of funds and is therefore not profit-relevant. The assets have grown by SFr. 230'000. Thanks to good investments, fixed assets increased by SFr. 12'000. The 'alternative housing' fund was increased by SFr. 100'000 through a transfer from the Eternal Spirit Foundation. Two further funds were transferred from Eternal Spirit to the lifecircle association, a 'donation for court costs' totalling SFr. 41'111 and 'provisions for hardship cases' These two amounts are tied up and can only be used for the corresponding purpose. Despite everything, the association was able to realise a profit of SFr. 47'439. The income shows the erroneously budgeted SFr. 150'000. The remaining figures are roughly in line with the 2024 budget, except that interest income was approx. SFr. 6'000 higher than expected and lifecircle received approx. SFr. 11'000 more donations than budgeted. Almost all expenses were below the 2024 budget, except for events. Fortunately, significantly more people attended the panel event in the Hofmatt than expected,

which increased expenditure. There were no questions about the annual financial statements.

- 4.2. The auditors' report was read out by Mr M. Lüthi. The Board of Directors is responsible for the annual financial statements dated 31 December 2024. A review was carried out by the company Straumann Treuhand AG. Straumann did not come across any issues that would lead to the conclusion that the annual financial statements do not comply with the law and the Articles of Association.
- 4.3. It was asked whether SFr. 700 per membership year will continue to be credited in the event of a suicide now that the Eternal Spirit Foundation has been dissolved. The treasurer replied that this is paid out by the association and not by the foundation, so this will continue. Another question was whether organisations that could use financial support could still be registered. M. Lüthi explained that lifecircle has currently stopped larger donations because of the SFr. 700 per membership year paid out towards the costs of suicide. However, smaller donations of up to approx. SFr. 1'000 would still be possible. The annual accounts and the auditors' report were unanimously approved. The annual accounts and the auditors' report were adopted unanimously.

5. Discharge of the Board

Before the President handed over to W. Lüdi, the President of the day, a minute's silence was held in memory of the late Annelies Herzog. Irene Stiefel then introduced herself, showing great interest in being elected to the Board next year. She was born in Zurich in 1955 and studied speech therapy and mainly taught English. As she has now been made redundant, she was looking for a meaningful activity and found this at lifecircle, where she would like to support Mrs E. Preisig. Until the next AGM, she will attend the board meetings to gain more insight into the work ahead if she is elected. If anyone else would like to join the Board, they should get in touch, as there are a total of two vacancies. There has been a change in the secretariat: Mrs Andrea Jossi has joined the team and was welcomed by those present. Mr W. Lüdi took over and asked those present whether they wished to discharge the Board, which was done unanimously.

6. Provision of SFr. 50'000 for all-day training for doctors

The President had already mentioned in the annual report that she would like to organise a full-day training course for doctors with workshops on the subject of assisted suicide. Unfortunately, little or nothing is offered on this topic in the degree programmes. In this way, she hopes to find more willingness on the part of GPs to accompany their patients themselves in future. Many doctors are also afraid that the law could have consequences for them. Mrs E. Preisig will first clarify how much interest there is. She does not want to ask for a lot of money from the participants, as she fears that otherwise only a few doctors would take part. She answered the question of whether the topic

of terminal sedation would be included in the programme with “no”, the topic should only be assisted suicide. It was also asked whether only doctors from the region would be approached for this training or whether it should be organised for the whole of Switzerland and in which year. The President would like to reach all doctors in the whole of Switzerland and is planning to organise the training in 2026 at the earliest, and more likely in 2027. The provision was accepted without a dissenting vote.

7. Membership fees

The membership fees will stay as they are. The members present agreed unanimously.

8. Budget 2025 and its approval

The treasurer presented the 2025 budget; lifecircle is expecting a loss of 45'000 as the provision for continuing medical education has been approved. There are no more donations from Eternal Spirit as the foundation has been dissolved. Due to the declining number of members, the total membership fees have also been reduced. Expenses remain almost the same, except for telephone and postage costs, which are expected to be lower due to modernisation. The provision for training (see point 6) is new and was already taken into account in the 2025 budget. Based on the experience of 2024, more expenses were budgeted for events due to the large number of participants. Board expenses are lower as there are currently fewer Board members. The association's contribution to the costs of an assisted suicide is also expected to be higher, as more and more members are reaching seven years of membership and can therefore claim the full reduction of CHF 4'900. There were no questions about the budget and it was approved unanimously.

9. Proposals from Members

The board did not receive any proposals from members nor from the board.

10. Any other business, President's account of her experiences.

The president said that she was able to provide two accompaniments, both of which were attended by the patient's own psychiatrist. Both respected the patient's wishes and were willing to accompany them at this moment. They were both very impressed by the experience and by how peacefully and gracefully the patient fell asleep. She had also once experienced a husband reading out his wife's life story to those present during the final phase of the accompaniment. Mrs E. Preisig had another surprise: Bar-bara Hettich, a long-time euthanasia companion, had founded a new euthanasia organisation at Easter. As lifecircle is no longer accepting new members, this would be a good new alternative. The demand is growing, you can find out more on the

website www.phoenix-care.ch and people who are not members of lifecircle can become members there if they wish.

Dr Preisig closed the meeting at 7:28 pm, thanked the members for coming and invited them to an aperitif.