

STATUTES

For The Bente Skansgård Independent Living Foundation.

Adopted May 28, 2025

§ 1. Name.

The foundation's name is The Bente Skansgård Independent Living Foundation. This is a regular foundation according to the definition provided in the Foundation Act. § 4.

§ 2. Purpose.

The foundation's purpose is to strengthen the worldwide Independent Living movement. The foundation shall increase knowledge about the Independent Living movement by providing financial support for the exchange of experience and competence among persons with disabilities. The foundation may also provide financial support for initiatives where persons with disabilities themselves contribute to increased knowledge and understanding among the population about the oppressed situation of persons with disabilities.

The foundation supports persons with disabilities through scholarships for studies, study trips, development projects, information work, peer support work, and other activities aimed at promoting their freedom, self-determination, and participation in social and working life.

It is a prerequisite that the measures supported are based on the principle that persons with disabilities themselves are the experts on their own situation, both as individuals and as a group, and therefore are best suited to provide advice and guidance to other persons with disabilities.

The Independent Living slogan 'nothing about us without us' shall guide initiatives aimed at increasing public knowledge about the situation of persons with disabilities.

Beyond what is stated above regarding financial support to individuals and groups of persons with disabilities within the foundation's purpose, the foundation does not support private financial purposes for personal gain.

§ 3. Capital.

The foundation's basic capital is NOK 100,000. The foundation's basic capital shall remain untouched.

At the time of establishment, other equity amounts to NOK 4,900,000.

§ 4. Board.

The foundation shall have a board consisting of between 3 and 7 members.

The first board is appointed by the founder, who also appoints the chairperson and two board members, all serving for a term of four years. Any additional board members appointed are elected for three years.

In subsequent elections, board members are elected for two years at a time.

Board members may be re-elected.

When a board term expires or when a board member passes away, the board, including outgoing members, may elect new member(s) by a simple majority. If two candidates receive the same number of votes, the chairperson has a casting vote.

Unless otherwise provided by the statutes, the board makes decisions by a simple majority. If necessary, the chairperson has a casting vote.

The board's decisions are binding for the foundation when all board members have been duly summoned and at least two members and the chairperson are present.

Beyond ordinary expense coverage, no board fees are paid to board members. The same applies to the chairperson.

Any amendments to the statutes require a two-thirds majority.

The board may grant signing authority.

§ 5. Foundation Management – Allocation of Funds.

The board is responsible for the foundation's management and daily operations. The board shall strive for efficient management of the foundation's funds. The board itself decides how ongoing administrative tasks shall be distributed among its members.

Within the foundation's purpose, the board may freely dispose of the foundation's equity beyond the basic capital as well as the returns on the foundation's funds.

Allocation of funds takes place once a year and is announced annually on May 9, Bente Skansgård's birthday.

§ 6. Foundation Audit.

The board appoints the foundation's auditor.

§ 7. Transformation of the Foundation.

Any future transformation of the foundation shall follow the applicable rules for transformation of foundations, currently the Foundation Act of June 15, 2001, Chapter 6.

According to the Foundation Act § 48, the foundation's board is authorized to transform the foundation.

§ 8. Other Provisions.

Otherwise, the applicable Foundation Act applies.