

Comparison of the statutes of the GAS of the Christmas Conference (CC-GAS) and the current GAS 2026

Preliminary remark

The following compilation and comparison of the *statutes of the GAS of the Christmas Conference 1923/1924 (CC-GAS)* with the *statutes of the current GAS* is intended to show the following:

- where both statutes agree or differ,
- which statutes of the CC-GAS can be adopted into the statutes of the healed GAS without or with only minor changes

Statutes of the CC-GAS (bold and italics by Philip Jacobsen)	Statutes of the current GAS	Remarks	Adoption of the statutes of the CC-GAS in the statutes of the "new" GAS→ to be supplemented by further statutes
1. The Anthroposophical Society shall be an association of people who wish to cultivate the spiritual life in the individual and in human society on the basis of a true knowledge of the spiritual world.	1. An association exists under the name "General Anthroposophical Society" in accordance with Art. 60ff. of the Swiss Civil Code ZGB with its registered office in Dornach. The Association (hereinafter referred to as the Society) is registered in the Commercial Register in accordance with Art. 61 of the Swiss Civil Code. ZGB (Swiss Civil Code). 2. The General Anthroposophical Society comprises the following subdivisions a. The administration of the Anthroposophical Society,	Legal form of the GAS 2026: Association according to ZGB Art. 60ff with entry in the commercial register → The legal form of the GAS 2026 as an association according to ZGB Art. 60ff requires many necessities with corresponding regulations Purpose article 1 of the CC-GAS: Nurturing spiritual life in the individual and in human society on the basis of true knowledge of the spiritual world → The CC-GAS describes its purpose, goals and tasks in six purpose	1. The Anthroposophical Society shall be an association of people who wish to cultivate the spiritual life in the individual and in human society on the basis of a true realisation of the spiritual world.

	<p>b. the Philosophical-Anthroposophical Publishing House,</p> <p>c. the administration of the Goetheanum building.</p> <p>3. The Society pursues its tasks and aims in accordance with the principles given to it by Rudolf Steiner and adopted by the members at the founding conference at Christmas 1923. In accordance with these tasks, it is responsible for the cultivation of artistic, scientific and educational endeavours, in particular the preservation of the Goetheanum as a free School of Spiritual Science in Dornach.</p>	<p><i>articles, while the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.</i></p> <p>Art. 3 is the only purpose article of the GAS 2026</p>	
<p>2. The foundation of this Society is formed by the <i>personalities</i> who gathered at the Goetheanum in Dornach at Christmas 1923, both the individuals and the groups who allowed themselves to be represented. They are imbued with the view that a real <i>science of the spiritual world, which</i> has been worked out for many years and in important</p>	<p>Art. 3 see above</p>	<p>Purpose Article 2 of the CC-GAS: Awareness of the existence of spiritual science and that the GAS has the task of cultivating it.</p> <p>→ The <u>CC-GAS</u> describes its purpose, goals and tasks in <i>six purpose articles</i>, while the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.</p>	<p>2. The members are imbued with the view that a real <i>science of the spiritual world, which</i> has been developed and in important parts already published for many years, already exists and that today's civilisation lacks the cultivation of such a science. The Anthroposophical Society should have this cultivation as its task. It will attempt to fulfil</p>

<p>parts already published, already exists and that today's civilisation lacks the cultivation of such a science. The Anthroposophical Society should have this cultivation as its task. It will attempt to fulfil this task by making the anthroposophical spiritual science cultivated at the Goetheanum in Dornach, with its results for brotherhood in human co-existence, for the moral and religious as well as for the artistic and general spiritual life in the human being, the centre of its endeavours¹.</p>			<p>this task by making the anthroposophical spiritual science cultivated at the Goetheanum in Dornach, with its results for brotherhood in human co-existence, for the moral and religious as well as for the artistic and general spiritual life in the human being, the centre of its endeavours¹.</p>
<p>3. The personalities gathered in Dornach as the foundation of the Society recognise with approval the view of the Goetheanum leadership represented by the Executive Council at the founding meeting with regard to the following: "Anthroposophy cultivated in the Goetheanum leads to results that can serve as a stimulus for the spiritual life of every human being without distinction of nation, class, origin or religion. They can lead to a social</p>	<p>Art. 3 see above</p>	<p>Article 3 of the CC-GAS: Common view of the significance of anthroposophy and its research and research results</p> <p>→ The <u>CC-GAS</u> describes its purpose, aims and tasks in <i>six purpose articles</i>, while the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.</p>	<p>3. The members recognise with approval the view of the Executive Council with regard to the following: "Anthroposophy cultivated in the Goetheanum leads to results that can serve as a stimulus for the spiritual life of every human being without distinction of nation, class, origin or religion. They can lead to a social life that is truly based on brotherly love. Their appropriation as a basis for life is not bound to a scientific level of education, but</p>

<p>life that is truly based on brotherly love. Their appropriation as a basis for life is not bound to a scientific level of education, but only to the unbiased human being. However, their research and the proper judgement of their research results are subject to spiritual-scientific training, which is to be acquired step by step. These results are in their own way as exact as the results of true natural science. If they are generally recognised in the same way as the latter, they will bring about the same progress as the latter in all areas of life, not only in the spiritual but also in the practical sphere."</p>			<p>only to the unbiased human being. However, their research and the proper judgement of their research results are subject to spiritual-scientific training, which is to be acquired step by step. These results are in their own way as exact as the results of true natural science. If they are generally recognised in the same way as the latter, they will bring the same progress in all areas of life, not only in the spiritual but also in the practical sphere."</p>
<p>4. The Anthroposophical Society is not a secret society, but a completely public one. Any person can become a member without distinction of nation, class, origin, religion, scientific or artistic conviction, who sees something justified in the existence of such an institution as the Goetheanum in Dornach as a free school of spiritual science. The</p>	<p>Art. 3 see above</p>	<p>Purpose Article 4 of the CC-GAS: The only condition for membership is to regard an institution such as the Goetheanum as legitimate; rejection of sectarianism and political activity</p> <p>→ The CC-GAS has as its only condition for membership the decision of the member to regard such an institution as the Goetheanum, i.e. the Goetheanum itself, as authorised.</p>	<p>4. The Anthroposophical Society is not a secret society, but a thoroughly public one. Its membership is open to anyone, irrespective of nation, social status, religion, scientific or artistic conviction, who sees something legitimate in the existence of such an institution as the Goetheanum in Dornach as a free school of spiritual science. The Society</p>

Society rejects all sectarian endeavours. It does not regard politics as part of its task.		<p>→ This is part of the agreement to become a member, i.e. a legal act→ The CC-GAS is therefore an institution of legal life.</p> <p>→ The <u>CC-GAS</u> describes its purpose, aims and tasks in <i>six purpose articles</i>, whereas the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.</p>	rejects all sectarian endeavours. It does not regard politics as part of its task.
5. The Anthroposophical Society sees a centre of its work in the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach. This will consist of three classes . Members of the Society will be admitted to it on application after they have been members for a period to be determined by the Goetheanum management. They will then be admitted to the first class of the School of Spiritual Science. Admission to the second or third class takes place when the applicants are found suitable by the Goetheanum management.	Art. 3 see above	<p>Article 5 of the CC-GAS: IUSS as the centre of its work; admission to classes</p> <p>→ The <u>CC-GAS</u> describes its purpose, goals and tasks in <i>six purpose articles</i>, while the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.</p>	5. The Anthroposophical Society sees the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach as the centre of its work . This will consist of three classes . Members of the Society will be admitted to it on application after they have been members for a period to be determined by the leadership of the Goetheanum. They will then be admitted to the first class of the School of Spiritual Science. Admission to the second or third class takes place when the applicants are found suitable by the Goetheanum management.
6. Every member of the Anthroposophical Society has the right to participate in all lectures, other presentations and meetings organised by the Society under the		Right of members to participate in events organised by the CC-GAS	6. Every member of the Anthroposophical Society has the right to participate in all lectures, other presentations and meetings organised by the Society under the

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7. The establishment of the School of Spiritual Science is initially the responsibility of Rudolf Steiner, who must appoint his staff and any successor.		<p>Establishment (=structure, organisation) of the IUSS <u>initially</u> by Rudolf Steiner (=management?)</p> <p>Appointment (=appointment) of his staff and his <u>possible</u> successor</p>	---
8. All publications of the Society will be public in the same way as those of other public societies ² . The publications of the School of Spiritual Science will be no exception to this publicity ; however, the management of the School claims from the outset to deny the legitimacy of any judgement about these writings that is not based on the training from which they emerged. In this sense, it will not grant legitimacy to any judgement that is not based on corresponding preliminary studies, as is also customary in the recognised scientific world. This is why the writings of the School of Spiritual Science will bear the following note: "Printed as a manuscript for the members of the School		<p>Dealing with publications of the CC-GAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full publicity of all GAS and IUSS publications • Reservation regarding the authorisation to assess the publications 	8. All publications of the Society are public in the same way as those of other public societies. The publications of the School of Spiritual Science are not exempt from this publicity ; however, the management of the School claims that it denies from the outset the legitimacy of any judgement on these writings that is not based on the training from which they originated. In this sense, it will not grant legitimacy to any judgement that is not based on corresponding preliminary studies, as is also customary in the recognised scientific world. This is why the writings of the School of Spiritual Science will bear the following note: "Printed as a manuscript for the members of the School of

of Spiritual Science, Goetheanum Class... printed. No competent judgement is granted for the writings to anyone who has not acquired the prior knowledge claimed by this school through it or in a way recognised by it as equivalent. Other judgements are rejected insofar as the authors of the corresponding writings do not engage in any discussion about them."			Spiritual Science, Goetheanum Class... printed. No competent judgement is granted for the writings to anyone who has not acquired the prior knowledge claimed by this school through it or in a way recognised by it as equivalent. Other judgements are rejected in so far as the authors of the corresponding writings do not enter into any discussion about them."
9. The aim of the Anthroposophical Society will be to promote research in the spiritual field, and that of the School of Spiritual Science will be research itself. Dogmatism in any field shall be excluded from the Anthroposophical Society.	Art. 3 see above	Article 6 of the CC-GAS: Different aims of the GAS (promotion of research in the spiritual field) and the IUSS (research in the spiritual field) → The <u>CC-GAS</u> describes its purpose, goals and tasks in <i>six purpose articles</i> , while the <u>GAS 2026</u> has only one purpose article.	9. The aim of the Anthroposophical Society is to promote research in the spiritual field, and that of the School of Spiritual Science is research itself. The Anthroposophical Society excludes dogmatism in any field.
10. The Anthroposophical Society holds an ordinary annual meeting each year at the Goetheanum, at which the Executive Committee gives a full account of its activities. The agenda for this meeting is announced by the Executive Committee	7. The Society shall hold an ordinary General Assembly at the Goetheanum within six months of the end of each financial year. The date shall be announced by the Executive Committee in January. The agenda set by the Executive	Organisation of the CC-GAS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings (ordinary annual meeting, extraordinary meetings) Organisation of the GAS 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings (ordinary, extraordinary) • Motions from members 	10. The Anthroposophical Society holds an ordinary Annual General Meeting each year at the Goetheanum, at which the Executive Committee gives a full account of its activities. The agenda for this meeting is announced by the Executive

<p>together with the invitation to all members six weeks before the meeting. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Board of Directors and the agenda set for them. It shall send invitations to the members three weeks in advance. Motions from individual members or groups of members must be submitted one week before the meeting.</p>	<p>Committee shall be published with the invitation to all members six weeks before the General Assembly in the Society's newsletter or by other means.</p> <p>Extraordinary General Meetings are convened by the Board of Directors or by the Board of Directors at the request of one fifth of the members. The agenda with the invitation to an Extraordinary General Meeting is communicated three weeks before the meeting is held.</p> <p>Motions from individual members or groups of members for the Ordinary General Meeting must be received by the Board of Directors at least eight weeks in advance. Motions relating to the announced agenda items of the General Meeting must be submitted at least one week before the General Meeting begins.</p> <p>6. The bodies of the "General Anthroposophical Society" are</p> <p>a. the General Assembly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organs • Responsibilities and organisation of the General Assembly <p>→ The organisation of the CC-GAS is limited to the general meetings, i.e. the <i>institutional meetings between the Executive Board and members</i></p> <p>→ In the CC-GAS, the relationship between the Executive Board and members is <i>without hierarchy</i>. No one has authority over the other.</p> <p>→ In the GAS 2026, the General Assembly is <i>the highest hierarchical body</i> and has <i>authority over the Executive Board</i>, which is its <i>executive body</i>.</p>	<p>Committee together with the invitation to all members six weeks before the meeting. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Board of Directors and the agenda set for them. It shall send invitations to the members three weeks in advance. Motions from individual members or groups of members must be submitted one week before the meeting.</p>
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	<p>b. the Board of Directors c. the auditors.</p> <p>8. All matters relating to the legal equality of members (e.g. amendments to the Articles of Association, approval of the appointment of the Chairman and other members of the Executive Board, membership fees, discharge) are subject to a resolution by the General Meeting.</p> <p>Matters relating to the spiritual aims and tasks of the company are only dealt with in open discussion. There is no vote on these matters.</p> <p>The General Assembly is chaired by a member of the Board of Directors of the Association or the chairperson appointed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The resolutions of the General Assembly are recorded in minutes, which are published in the Society's newsletter.</p>		
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	<p>9. At the Ordinary General Meeting, the Board of Directors reports on its work and presents the accounts for the previous year. The findings of the auditors must be communicated to the General Meeting.</p> <p>10. The Board of Directors represents the company externally. The Board of Directors binds the company with the signature of two of its members. The Board of Directors may appoint authorised signatories.</p> <p>11. The General Meeting shall elect an auditor to audit the accounts and cash management.</p> <p>12. The company is managed by an initiative board. It consists of at least three members. The appointment of the Chairman and additions to the Board of Directors are made on the proposal of the Board of Directors with the approval of the General Meeting for a period of seven years. Extensions of seven years are possible.</p>		
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	<p>The distribution of tasks within the Executive Board and its management are to be regulated by the Executive Board itself.</p>		
<p>11. Members may form smaller or larger groups in any local or specialised field. The Anthroposophical Society has its headquarters at the Goetheanum. From there the Executive Committee must bring to the members or groups of members what it considers to be the task of the Society. It liaises with the functionaries who are elected or appointed by the individual groups. The individual groups are responsible for the admission of members; however, confirmation of admission should be submitted to the Board in Dornach and signed by the Board in confidence in the group functionaries. In general, every member should join a group; only those who find it impossible to join a group should apply for membership in Dornach itself.</p>	<p>4. Members may form groups in any local or specialised field, which shall appoint their own bodies. The Executive Council will liaise with these groups in order to bring to their attention from the Goetheanum what it considers to be the task of the Society.</p> <p>4. Admission as a member is granted by the Executive Council on the basis of a written application. One becomes a member the moment a member of the Executive Committee of the General Anthroposophical Society has signed the membership card.</p> <p>5. The resignation of a member is effected by a written declaration of resignation submitted to the Board.</p>	<p>Self-organisation of members into groups on a local or factual basis with their own bodies</p> <p>Relationship between the Executive Board and the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing to the attention of members what it considers to be the task of the Association • Dealing with members (admission, resignation, exclusion) <p>→ The Executive Board is an initiative board that acts on its own initiative.</p> <p>→ The CC-GAS only deals with the admission of members, which is carried out by the groups and acknowledged by the Board of Directors with a signature.</p> <p>→ The CC-GAS does not recognise the exclusion of members</p>	<p>11. Members may form smaller or larger groups in any local or specialised field. The Anthroposophical Society has its headquarters at the Goetheanum. From there the Executive Council must bring to the members or groups of members what it considers to be the task of the Society. It liaises with the functionaries who are elected or appointed by the individual groups. The individual groups are responsible for the admission of members; however, confirmations of admission should be submitted to the Board in Dornach and signed by the Board in confidence in the group functionaries. In general, every member should join a group; only those who find it impossible to join a group should apply for membership in Dornach itself.</p>

	A member may be expelled from the Society by resolution of the Executive Board without giving reasons.		
12.The membership fee is determined by the individual groups; however, each group must pay 15 francs for each of its members to the central management at the Goetheanum ³ .	<p>13.The Society raises its funds from membership fees, donations, legacies, entrance fees, capital gains and the like, as well as from the income of the Philosophical-Anthroposophical Publishing House and the weekly journal "Das Goetheanum".</p> <p>The membership fee is determined by resolution of the General Assembly.*</p> <p>15.Only the Society's assets are liable for its liabilities. The personal liability of members is excluded.</p> <p>Resigned and expelled members lose any claim to the Society's assets.</p> <p>16.In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly shall decide on the utilisation of the Association's assets and the method of</p>	<p>Financial regulations CC-GAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership fee determined by groups • Amount to be transferred to the Goetheanum <p>Financial regulations of the GAS 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising • Membership fee • Liabilities • Dissolution of the GAS <p>→ The CC-GAS financially regulates only the <i>membership fees</i> and this in a decentralised manner.</p>	12.The membership fee is determined by the individual groups; however, each group must pay an amount determined by the Executive Council for each of its members to the central management at the Goetheanum ³ .

	liquidation. The Association's assets are to be used for the purposes of the Association's tasks.		
14.Each working group forms <i>its own statutes</i> ; however, these should not contradict the statutes of the Anthroposophical Society.		Self-organisation of the groups of the CC-GAS: own statutes, not in contradiction to the statutes of the GAS	14.Each working group shall form <i>its own statutes</i> ; however, these shall not contradict the statutes of the Anthroposophical Society.
15. The Society's organ is the weekly journal "Das Goetheanum", which for this purpose will be provided with a supplement containing the official communications of the Society. This enlarged edition will only be distributed to members of the Anthroposophical Society.	14. The organ of publication shall be the weekly journal "Das Goetheanum", which for this purpose shall be provided with a supplement containing the official communications of the Society.		15.The organ of publication shall be the weekly journal "Das Goetheanum", which shall be accompanied by a supplement containing the official communications of the Society. This enlarged edition will only be distributed to members of the Anthroposophical Society.

<p>Tasks of the CC-GAS:</p> <p>2. The Anthroposophical Society should have this cultivation [of such a science of the spiritual world] as its task. It will endeavour to fulfil this task by making the anthroposophical spiritual science cultivated at the Goetheanum in Dornach, with its results for brotherhood in human co-existence, for the moral and religious as well as for the artistic and general spiritual life in the human being, the centre of its endeavours.</p> <p>5. The Anthroposophical Society sees a centre of its work in the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach.</p> <p>9. The aim of the Anthroposophical Society will be to promote research in the spiritual field, and that of the School of Spiritual Science will be research itself. The Anthroposophical Society shall exclude dogmatism in any field.</p>	<p>Tasks of the IUSS:</p> <p>9. The aim [...] of the School of Spiritual Science [should] be this research itself.</p>	<p>Tasks of the CC-GAS Board:</p> <p>10. Every year the Anthroposophical Society holds a regular annual meeting at the Goetheanum, at which the Executive Committee gives a full account of its activities. The agenda for this meeting is announced by the Executive Committee together with the invitation to all members six weeks before the meeting. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Board of Directors and the agenda set for them. It should send out invitations to members three weeks in advance. Motions from individual members or groups of members must be submitted one week before the meeting.</p> <p>11. The Anthroposophical Society has its headquarters at the Goetheanum. From there the Executive Committee must bring to the members or groups of members what it considers to be the task of the Society. It liaises with the functionaries who are elected or appointed by the</p>	
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<p>Founding Board of Directors:</p> <p>First Chairman: Dr Rudolf Steiner</p> <p>Second chairman: Albert Steffen</p> <p>Secretary: Dr Ita Wegman</p> <p>Assessor: Marie Steiner,</p> <p>Secretary: Dr Elisabeth Vreede</p> <p>Treasurer: Dr Guenther Wachsmuth</p>	<p>¹The Anthroposophical Society follows on from the Anthroposophical Society founded in 1912, but wishes to create an independent starting point for the goals established at that time that corresponds to the true spirit of the present.</p> <p>²The conditions under which training is achieved have also been publicly described and will continue to be published.</p> <p>³Membership fee by resolution of the General Assembly at Easter 1990 Fr. 125.- per calendar year for members affiliated to national societies, branches or groups. CHF 300 per calendar year for individual members directly affiliated to Dornach. On the basis of the principles and statutes, the General Anthroposophical Society can constantly strive anew to fulfil its task of "connecting the widest conceivable public with genuine, true esotericism" (Rudolf Steiner, GA 260).</p>		