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## Jordanian American Association of Southern California

### Constitution and By Laws

#### ARTICLE I:

1. The name of this organization shall be Jordanian American Association of Southern California (hereafter to be referred to as JAASC), a non-profit organization.
2. The symbols of this organization are the Jordanian map, flags, coffee pot and the Royal Hashemite emblem.
3. This organization was established September 17, 1990.

#### ARTICLE II:

##### The Objectives and Purpose

1. Fosters goals towards philanthropic works, strives for better awareness of the culture and social life of people of Jordanian origin and promotes greater harmony among Jordanian people and of Arabic speaking origin now living in the United States.
2. Prohibit political activities except to encourage Jordanian Americans to vote in local, state and federal government elections.
3. Carry out lawful activities in furtherance of the specific purposes of this organization.

#### ARTICLE III:

##### Membership

There shall be three classes of members of this organization: full members, associate members and honorary members.

##### Full Members:

1. Any person at least 18 years of age
2. Derives his/her origin from Jordan
3. Pays membership dues on time
4. Resides in Southern California
5. Believes and participates in the activities of the association

Associate Members: to be determined

Honorary Members: to be determined

A member is considered to be in good standing if s/he has paid his/her annual dues for the year in which the elections are being held, at least sixty days prior to the date of said election.

#### **ARTICLE IV:**

##### **Meetings**

1. The JAASC organization shall meet on the first Sunday of every month or at the discretion of the President. In the event of an emergency, ONLY the President can decide to call on his/her board for a special business meeting.
2. A report of the meeting shall be given at the following monthly meeting.
3. Members are entitled to one vote and must be present to cast this vote.

#### **ARTICLE V:**

##### **Nominations and Elections**

1. Nominations
  - a. A special meeting shall take place in November where only paid up members, active at least one year with this organization, shall be proposed as nominees to run for the office of President.
2. Elections
  - a. Elections will take place at a regular meeting in February of each year.
  - b. The election of the President shall be made by written ballot only if there is more than one nominee for the office.
  - c. The Board Members – the President will elect and appoint members to fill every office,
  - d. The term of the office shall be one year – from February to February, until the next election.

#### **ARTICLE VI:**

##### **Officers and Duties**

1. The Office of President
  - a. The President presides over the JAASC meetings and Executive Board, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
  - b. All standing and special committee chairpersons are appointed by the President.
  - c. The President shall represent JAASC at all functions.
  - d. If an elective office becomes vacant the president shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next election.
  - e. All JAASC expenditures are to be paid out upon approval of the President and the Founder.

- f. All decisions are to be made by non other then the President.
2. The Office of Vice President
    - a. The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence.
  3. The Office of Secretary
    - a. The Secretary records the minutes of the meetings, sends out monthly meeting notices and calls all organization members.
  4. The Office of Treasurer
    - a. The Treasurer is custodian of all JAASC funds.
    - b. At each meeting, the Treasurer shall present an accurate financial report of all financial activities
    - c. Bills due on fund-raising events are to be paid by the Treasurer with the approval of both the President and the Founder.
  5. The Consultant
    - a. The Consultant maintains order at the meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VII:**

##### **The Founder and Public Relations**

1. The Founder is the foundation of the organization. No one change or add to any of the above articles without the approval of the Founder.
2. If any board member is found to be unsuitable for this organization, the Founder reserves the right to remove him/her from office.
3. All JAASC expenditures are to be paid out upon approval of the President and the Founder.