

Iranian American Society Bylaws

ARTICLE I: Scope of the By-Laws

Section 1.

These By-Laws shall govern the conduct of the organization in those matters not specifically treated in the Constitution.

Section 2.

Provisions of these By-Laws shall be subordinate to those of the Constitution.

ARTICLE II: Election of Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the organization shall be elected at the last business meeting of the Iranian calendar year.

Section 2.

Installation of officers shall take place at the annual Nowruz Event. The new officers will assume their duties upon installation.

Section 3.

In order to be eligible to hold office, the President and Vice- president must have been active members of the Board for at least one year.

Section 4.

The officers of this Society shall be elected by secret ballot. There shall be no voting of proxies allowed.

ARTICLE III: Meetings

Section 1.

This organization may arrange for and hold meetings as desired, but at least one business meeting and one general meeting of a social or educational character shall be held each calendar year.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called by the President, or the Executive Committee, or by petition of one-half of the Active membership of the organization.

Section 3.

A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the Active Members of the Society who are present at the time of conduct of the business of the organization.

Section 8.

Initiation of new members may be conducted at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for this purpose.

Section 9.

Special Meeting of the Members: Notification to all Active Members shall be given by the Secretary or the Executive Director at least one week prior to a special meeting. The notification shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called. Special Meeting of the Board: The President or the Vice President can call an emergency meeting of the board at any time. A quorum of the board is necessary to be able to conduct the business of the Board, unless for special cases where a Supermajority (2/3) is required.

ARTICLE IV: Attendance

Section 1.

Active members are encouraged to attend the meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE V: Special Duties

Section 1.

In addition to his/her regular duties, the Secretary shall make all arrangements for the regular and special meetings.

Section 2.

In addition to his/her regular duties, the Vice-President shall perform the normal duties of the Parliamentarian and Program Chairman.

Section 3.

The President of the Society shall be the official representative of the organization to the public.

Article VI: Membership

Section 1:

A member of good standing (Active Member) of this organization is defined by those who pay their membership due during the fiscal year (September 1st to August 31st)

Section 2:

Different categories of membership are determined by the vote of the majority of the board of directors, the same vote will determine the fees and privileges of different categories of members. These fees and privileges are subject to change by the said board.

Section 3:

The following categories of membership are available:

- a. Senior citizens (over 65 years of age)
- b. College students (full-time)
- c. Individual members
- d. Family members (spouses and children under 18 are included)
- e. Corporate members
- f. Life members (will pay a one-time fee)

Section 4:

The details of membership fees and privileges are available on the organization's website or by contacting the Executive Director or any of the board members.

ARTICLE V: Adoption and Amendment

Section 1.

These By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 2.

These By-Laws shall remain in effect until revised or amended.

Section 3.

A provision of these By-Laws may be temporarily suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Active membership of the Society in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

Section 4.

A proposed amendment to these By-Laws must have one reading, with a provision for discussion, prior to the Board voting thereon.

Section 5.

Rules for amending the by-laws will be the same as those of the constitution

Voted and approved on September 9, 1998.

Amended on Sunday, February 15, 2004, and August 13, 2005