



ANKAWA SOCIETY OF CANADA
WORKING TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY



Bylaws

Article I

Definitions

For the purposes of these bylaws the terms used below shall have the following meanings:

The Club – Ankawa Society of Canada.

The Committee - The Established Board Members.

General Meeting - All meetings held by club members that are eligible to vote.

Article II

Founding of the Club

Para 1 A non-profit organization by these bylaws is established under the name of ‘Ankawa Society of Canada’.

Para 2 All efforts made by the members of the Committee shall be on a voluntary basis.

Para 3 The official languages of the Society shall be English, Arabic and Assyrian. All official correspondence however shall be made in the English language.

Purpose of the Club

Para 4 The purpose of beginning the Club shall comprise of the following:

- 1 - To promote cultural, athletic, social, educational and similar activities among Canadian/Iraqi families.
- 2 - The policy of the Club shall be to acquire sufficient funds for procuring permanent premises for its headquarters.

The Founding Committee

Para 5 A ‘**Founding Committee**’ is formed by ten founding members, this shall be referred to hereinafter as “The Committee”. The term of the Founding Committee shall be a maximum of three years from the date of the registration of the Club.

Para 6 The Committee members shall elect the president, the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer and any other position which the Committee may deem necessary from amongst the Committee members by majority votes.



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Para 7 The term of office of the officers elected per Article II, Para 6 above shall be one year, after which period new officers shall be elected by the Committee. The same Committee members may be re-elected.

Para 8 Quorum of the Committee meetings shall be attained by at least seven members attending the meeting.

Para 9 A minimum of six votes shall constitute a majority.

Para 10 In the event of a tie in votes the president's vote shall have the weight of an additional vote.

Para 11 In case of vacancy occurring in the Committee membership, the Committee shall nominate a number of Club members who are interested in filling the vacancy, and elect one of them by a majority vote. This arrangement shall be on a temporary basis until the next General Meeting when a new member to fill the vacancy shall be elected.

Para 12 In the event that four or more Committee members resign, an emergency General Meeting shall be called to elect new members to fill the vacancies.

Para 13 If a Committee member becomes absent from Committee meetings three consecutive times with no valid reason he shall be considered to have tendered his resignation.

Para 14 At the election of the Executive Committee in a General Meeting the Committee shall be dissolved.

The Executive Committee

Para 15 Prior to the elapse of the first three years from the date of registering the Club, the Committee shall call for a General Meeting to elect members of the Executive Committee, which shall replace the Committee and carry on its duties.

Para 16 Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from amongst Club members who have currently paid their membership fees.

Para 17 The Executive Committee shall be formed by the ten Club members who win the most votes in a General Meeting.

Para 18 Hand-over of responsibilities from the withdrawing committee and the newly elected Committee shall be affected within a period of one month from the date the new committee was elected.



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Para 19 Any vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by the runner-up in the last election.

Para 20 In case of a tie in votes obtained by the tenth and eleventh, or the eleventh and twelfth candidates in the elections conducted per Para's 16 and 17 of Article II above, the issue shall be determined by a draw.

Para 21 The terms of office of the Executive Committee, members shall be two years, after which period new elections shall be held.

Article III

Responsibilities of the Committee

Para 1 The responsibilities of the Committee shall comprise but not be limited to the following:

- 1 - Draw the provisional bylaws of the Club.
- 2 - Obtain the necessary government permits to start the Club activities.
- 3 - Establish voting regulations to accept members in the Club.
- 4 - Define rules and regulations for running the Club.
- 5 - Determine membership fees for enrolment into the Club.
- 6 - Organize and run all General Meetings.
- 7 - Prepare and present the previous year's financial statement as reviewed by a licensed accountant.

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

Para 2 Article III Para 1 of these bylaws shall apply with the exception of items 1 and 2.

Para 3 After the dissolution of the Committee, any provisions referring to the Committee in these bylaws shall equally apply to the Executive Committee except where explicitly excluded.



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Article IV

Club Membership

Para 1 Membership to the Club shall be open to all Canadians/Iraqis.

Para 2 Eligible applicants for membership in the Club shall become members of the Club by being nominated by a Club member and seconded by a Committee member and obtaining a majority vote of the members of the Committee. Voting shall be taken by secret ballot. Decisions taken by the Committee shall be binding and the Committee shall be under no obligation to give reasons for rejecting any applicant.

Para 3 Single immediate relatives of a Club member twenty five years of age or older and residing at the same address as the Club member may become members in the Club by paying fifty per cent of the regular annual membership fees.

Para 4 Each paying Club member shall have one vote in the General Meetings regardless of the number of non-paying members of his/her family. A Club member may designate in writing, any other Club member as proxy in General Meetings

Para 5 The annual membership fees are due for payment on July 1 of each year.

Para 6 The grace period for the settlement of the annual membership fees ends on September 30 of each year. Any member who fails to pay his annual membership fees by the end of the grace period shall be deemed to have tendered his resignation from the Club membership.

Para 7 The Committee may terminate the membership of any Club member due to unreasonable behavior the Committee deems, in its sole discretion, to be unreasonable or unacceptable, by a majority vote. 5



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Article V

General Meetings

Para 1 The annual General Meeting of Club members shall be held at least once a calendar year, the date and place of which to be determined by the Committee. An agenda for the General Meeting shall be distributed to Club members before the meeting.

Para 2 The purpose of the annual General Meeting is to discuss the following subjects:

- 1 - To submit the previous fiscal year's income and expenditure statement to Club members as reviewed by licensed accountant.
- 2 - To submit an annual report on the activities of the Club.
- 3 - To elect the Executive Committee members as stipulated by the bylaws.
- 4 - To discuss any other subject on the agenda.

Para 3 Ad hoc General Meetings may be convened during the year upon:

- a) A majority decision by the members of the Committee.
- b) A written request submitted to the Committee by a minimum of 50% of the total Club members stating the reason for the request.

Para 4 The place and time of the ad hoc General Meeting shall be determined by the Committee provided the date of the ad hoc General Meeting shall be set not more than seven weeks from the date of the receipt of the request for holding the meeting.

Para 5 Notice of all General Meetings shall be mailed to Club members not less than three weeks before the date of the meeting. Notices of ad hoc meetings shall state the purpose for which the meeting is being convened.

Para 6 Quorum of all General meetings shall be attained upon the presence of a minimum of 50% of Club members plus one Club member, who have currently paid their membership fees.

Para 7 in case quorums is not attained in the first meeting, any number of Club members attending the second meeting, which shall be convened within four weeks from the date of the first meeting, shall constitute a quorum. 6



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Para 8 Decisions at the General Meetings shall be taken by a majority vote of the members attending the meeting, except decisions affecting the bylaws of the Club, and those requiring the dissolution of the Club which shall require a majority vote of two thirds of Club members attending the meeting.

Para 9 The president shall preside over all general meetings. In the absence of the president the vice-president shall chair the General Meeting. The secretary of the Committee shall act as secretary for all General Meetings.

Article VI

The Fiscal Year

Para 1 The fiscal year of the Club shall start on July 1 and end on June 30 of every year except the first year of founding the Club which shall start at the date of the registration of the Club as a corporation and end on June 30 following that date.

Article VII

Amending the Bylaws

Para 1 The bylaws of the Club may be amended by a vote of at least two thirds of Club members present approving the amendment in a General Meeting.

Article VIII

Dissolution of the Club

Para 1 Upon the dissolution of the Club any assets remaining after settlement of all outstanding commitments shall be donated to a recognized charitable or religious institution.