

Bahar Society Constitution

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be "Bahar Society"

ARTICLE II. Purpose

To Promote Unity, Growth and Giving in Abundance through cultural, educational, recreational and other social activities.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section A) Definition:

An active member is anyone whose application has been approved and has paid the membership fee

Section B) Membership Types:

1. Individual
2. Family: Member and Spouse
3. Student

Section C) Voting:

All members are eligible to vote at official elections.

Section D) Membership Criteria:

Membership to Bahar Society and election to any office or committee shall not be based on race, gender, religion, national origin, physical/mental disability or sexual orientation.

Section E) Rights:

Events and activities are open to all members. Meetings of the board of directors are open to members by prior notice.

Section F) Termination:

Membership may be terminated

1. For non-payment of dues, with a three-month grace period
2. By two third majority vote of officers due to misconduct or violation of rules. The member must be notified regarding the action to be taken prior to the actual termination. Such members may within one month of notification file and objection that will be addressed at the next regular meeting
3. Self-Termination by a member at any time will be in writing and without any refund.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section A) Positions:

Bahar shall have five elected officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Public Relations Officer

These elected officers shall constitute "The Board of Directors". Appointments to any of the five board positions shall be decided among elected officers after the election by a simple majority of votes.

If -for any reason- there shall be a vacant position, the reserve officer who has had the highest number of votes will become an elected board member. Any re-organization, if necessary, will be decided thereafter by a simple majority vote among the officers.

Section B) Duties:

Duties of the officers are as follows:

1. The President is the chief executive officer of "Bahar Society" and will chair all board meetings. The president shall report to the members in general meetings.
2. The Vice President shall assist the president in the execution of her/his duties and assume the president's responsibilities.
3. The secretary shall maintain all non-financial records of Bahar Society. The secretary shall take minutes of all meetings for publicly accessible records.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain publicly accessible records of all financial transactions of Bahar Society. The Treasurer shall arrange for state and federal income tax to be filed.
5. The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for all publicity activities of Bahar Society, shall maintain good relations with all other groups.

Section C) Term of the Office:

Elected officers shall serve for two years from the election date.

Section D) Qualifications:

All officers and candidates for board must be members for at least six consecutive months. If for any reason number of eligible candidates is less than positions, all members can run for the board.

ARTICLE V: Trustee

The candidate with highest number of members' votes shall be elected as the trustee of the society. A trustee is a regular member, however may not hold office or unduly influence decisions of the board.

Section A) Trustee Responsibilities

1. Trustee shall be in charge of all elections, except for Trustee elections that shall be held by the board.

2. Trustee shall report to members his/her assessment regarding the board activities in general meeting.
3. Trustee shall be responsible to review all board activities, and offer his/her advice to the board.
4. Trustee can attend board meetings without any notification.

Section B) Trustee Qualifications:

1. Being a current member for at least one full year.
2. Being trustee, officer or founder of Bahar Society.
3. Trustee shall have general knowledge of this constitution and the society mission.
4. If for any reason number of eligible candidates is less than positions, all members can run for trustee position.

Section C) Trustee Term

Term of the trustee is one year for the very first term and from that point on shall be two years.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Three different kinds of meetings shall be held by Bahar Society.

- A)** General meeting shall be held annually in May of each year. All elections shall be held in general meetings. The board and trustee shall report to members in general meeting.
- B)** An emergency meeting shall be called by two-third (2/3) of the officers or by trustee.
- C)** The board shall be responsible for holding at least six educational meeting annually. The other social events shall be held as well to improve unity between the members.

ARTICLE VII. Elections

All elections must be publicized at least one month in advance. Each candidate will address the members of Bahar with a brief speech. After all the candidates have presented themselves, there shall be a period of question and answer. After this period is officially closed by the either President or Trustee, the vote will be conducted by secret ballot. Absent member can submit his/her ballot to any other member in advance, which shall be approved by election authorities. If any candidate achieves a majority, then that candidate is elected and takes on all the powers and responsibilities. If no majority is achieved then runoff elections will be conducted until one candidate achieves a majority of the votes. In the case of an emergency election for a vacated office, the newly elected officer will take office immediately.

ARTICLE VIII: Affiliations

This organization is not affiliated with any local, state, national, or international organizations.

ARTICLE IX: Financial

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer or trustee, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, officer bearer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets of the organization on dissolution of the organization

Article X: Liaison with Other Organizations and Agencies

With approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, liaison positions may be established to facilitate communication and cooperation between this Association and other non-profit organizations and agencies of similar purpose.

Article XI: Amendments and Bylaws

Section A) Bylaws

1. By-laws can be added to this constitution by a simple majority vote of the voting members at a general meeting.
2. This constitution takes precedence over any and all by-laws.

Section B) Amendments

This constitution can be amended by a two-third majority vote of the voting members present at a general meeting.

Section C) Review of the Constitution

The Constitution shall be reviewed at least every five (5) years. Amendments shall be proposed as necessary to ensure the continued effective and efficient functioning of the Society. Such proposed amendments shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and shall be adopted in accordance with the specifications of this Article.

Article XII: Non-profit Clause

Bahar is organized exclusively for its purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organizations will be turned over to one or more organizations with similar purposes or to one or more organizations described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Name of Founders on alphabetical order:

- 1- Dariush Dejam
- 2- Shahla Monfared
- 3- Rahmat Rahimian
- 4- Kidra Shadroo
- 5- Shahrokh Sohi
- 6- Joseph Sumekh
- 7- Sharon Yousefian