

CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION AT THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON

SECTION I

DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution,

"University" shall mean the Indiana University, Bloomington;

"Student" shall mean a student of the Indiana University, Bloomington defined in the University Statutes;

"RCA" shall mean the Russian Cultural Association at the Indiana University, Bloomington, IN;

"Constitution" shall mean the Constitution of the RCA

"Member" shall mean a member of the Association defined in the Constitution.

SECTION II

GENERAL

Article 1 NAME

The name of the association shall be the Russian Cultural Association at the Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Article 2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be:

I. Internally,

- a) to promote the welfare of the Members;
- b) to establish and strengthen ties among the Members;

c) to meet the Members' cultural and social needs through various activities.

II. Externally

To promote cultural and social activities among the Association and other organizations and individuals.

SECTION III

MEMBERSHIP

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

I. Full Membership

All Students who are currently enrolled in the University shall be eligible for Full Membership of the Association.

II. Associate Membership

a) All past students of the University shall be eligible for Associate Membership of the Association.

b) All family members and relatives of the Full Members or Associate Members shall be eligible for Associate Membership of the Association.

c) All current employees of the University shall be eligible for Associate Membership of the Association.

III. Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership of the Association shall be conferred on such person as the Association shall elect in General Meeting.

Article 2 RIGHTS AND DUTIES

I. Rights

a) All Members of the Association shall enjoy the following rights:

- i) to use all facilities provided by the Association for the general use of its Members;
- ii) to attend General Meetings of the Association;
- iii) to attend functions and activities arranged by the Association;

b) All Members of the Association may participate in and vote at General Meetings of the Association and may vote, nominate, and be nominated for election in the Election of the Association and be eligible for office in the Association.

II. Duties

All Members of the Association must comply with the Constitution and regulations of the Association;

SECTION IV UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

SECTION V GENERAL MEETINGS

Article 1 AUTHORITY

The vote of a General Meeting of the Association shall possess the highest authority in the Association in all matters affecting the Members as a whole.

Article 2 GENERAL MEETING

I. The First General Meeting of each semester shall be held within 30 days after the beginning of the semester excluding summer sessions.

II. General Meeting shall be held if it is convened by the President of the Association, or in accordance with a requisition signed by not less than one tenth of the Full Members of the Association. Any such requisition shall specify the objects of the proposed Meeting and no other matter shall be discussed without the consent of at least one fifth of the Full Members present.

III. The president must chair the First General Meeting of each semester, but other general meetings may be chaired by appointee.

IV. Any decision shall be agreed by Two-Third of the votes of attending members.

Article 3 VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE

I. A vote of non-confidence for infringement of the Constitution, negligence of duties or unbecoming conduct may be moved against any office-bearer of the Association at a General Meeting.

II. Two-Third of the votes of the attending Members for the motion shall be required to pass the motion.

III. A vote so passed shall call for the immediate resignation of the person or persons against whom the vote is moved.

SECTION VI

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

Article 1 ANNUAL ELECTION

I. The business of the Election committee of the Association shall be to elect for the next Association Session the following posts:

a) President

b) Vice-president

c) Activities Officer

Article 2 VOTING

I. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

II. When there is only one candidate for a post, electors shall vote for or against the candidate, or abstain. The candidate shall be declared elected provided that:

a) he/she has secured a number of notes for him/her which is greater than the number of notes against him/her and

b) he/she has secured a number of notes for him/her, which is no less than 10% of the total Full Membership of the Association.

III. When there are two or more than two candidates for one post, electors shall indicate on their ballot papers their preference for the candidates. The candidate(s) at the bottom of the poll on this first count shall be declared to have lost. And the next round shall be held for the remaining candidates. This process shall be continued until only one candidate is left and he/she shall be declared elected provided that he/she has secured at the end of the total Full Membership of the Association.

SECTION VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee consists of the following Members:

President

Vice-President

Activities Officer

Article 2 FUNCTIONS

I. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be:

- a) to formulate the policies of the Association in accordance with its aims;
- b) to carry out the resolutions of the General Meetings.

Article 3 DUTIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

I. The President shall be the chief Executive of the Association and the ex-officio Chairperson of the Executive Committee. He/she has to submit an annual report to the General Meeting at the end of the Association Session. He/she has to answer query raised by any Member in the General Meetings.

II. The Vice-president shall assist the President in all his/her duties. In absence of the President, the Vice-president shall be the ex-officio Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

III. The Activities Officer shall assist the President in all their duties.

SECTION VIII NON HAZING

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

SECTION IX PERSONAL GAIN

Personal Gain Clause: This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

SECTION X FINANCE

Article 1 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial Year of the Association shall correspond to the Association Session.

Article 2 SUBSCRIPTIONS

I. There is no initiation fee.

II. Annual dues for both Full numbers and Association Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee according to the needs of the Association.

III. Annual dues shall be collected by the Activities Officer.

SECTION XI

EXPULSION

Article 1 DELINQUENCY

Any Member who jeopardizes the name of the Association or does not comply with the regulations of the Association shall be expelled from the Association through a General Meeting.

Article 2 EXPULSIONS

To ratify any expulsion,

I. at least two-third of the Full Members shall form a quorum of the General Meeting, and

II. one-half or more of the Full Members attending the General Meeting vote for the motion of expulsion.

SECTION XII

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 AMENDMENT

I. The Constitution shall not be amended except by a motion carried at the General Meeting.

II. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Activities Officer not less than two weeks before the meeting.

III. Any amendment to the Constitution has to be agreed by two-third of the votes of the attending Members at the General Meeting.

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