

IANT CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. NAME: Islamic Association of North Texas Inc.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION: 840 Abrams road, Richardson, TX 75081

MOSQUE: Dallas Central Mosque.

ARTICLE 3. STATUS: IANT shall be a non-profit, non-political, religious organization and function according to the frame work of 501 (c) (3) of tax code as a tax exempt organization.

3a. FISCAL YEAR: The Fiscal Year will be the calendar year ending December 31st

ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES:

1. To bring about better understanding of Islam as a Religion.
2. To make Islamic information available to public and to encourage participation of IANT members in such endeavor.
3. To strengthen the faith of each Muslim in Allah and the message He revealed to His Prophet Muhammed (S) "Peace be upon him".
4. To guide Muslims to practice the teachings of Islamic Law as described in the Holy Quran and the tradition (Sunnah) of Prophet Muhammad (S).
5. To cooperate and associate with other Islamic organizations having similar objectives within the framework of this Association's constitution.
6. Presenting Islam to the followers of other faiths.
7. To provide Islamic Education by setting Islamic School.

ARTICLE 5. ACTIVITIES:

1. The Association shall guide and assist Muslims in observing the following fundamentals of Islam
 - a. Implementing daily Prayers.
 - b. Conducting the Shahada (declaration of faith).
 - c. Observance of Ramadhan.
 - d. Collection and Distribution of Zakat.
 - e. Provide assistance for Hajj.
2. To provide Community Center facilities.
3. To encourage Cultural and Social activities among Muslims.
4. Islamic Association may make financial transactions in keeping with the

objectives and the framework of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 6. GOVERNING BODIES OF ASSOCIATION:

The day to day affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, whereas adjudication of conflicts shall be referred to the Board of Trustees.

1. The Board of Directors shall be elected every 2 years by the eligible members of the Association.
2. The Board shall consist of not less than 5, and not more than 7 members (always odd numbers), including the Chairman.
3. The Chairman of the Board will be elected by the General Body at the time of election of the Board. The Board of Directors shall elect from amongst the Directors, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer for a period of 2 years. The elected Chairman shall not run for the Chairmanship for more than 2 consecutive terms.
4. In the event of a vacancy of chairmanship, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman.
5. A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled in by a special election until the next regular election. In case of a conflict the matter will be referred to the Board of Trustees.
6. A candidate for the Office of Director shall be a regular and active member of the Association for 1 year, unless otherwise exempted by the General Body.
7. The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be 50% or more of the number of Board members.
8. The Board shall meet at least once every month. The Dates of regular meetings shall be fixed by the Board at its first monthly meeting, immediately following the election. Emergency meetings may be called at the request of chairman or at least 3 members in the Board of Directors.
9. Unexcused absence of any member of the Board for 2 consecutive meetings will automatically result in his/her termination from board.
10. The Chairman shall preside over all the meetings.
11. The Board of Directors shall endeavor for a consensus in all decision making. However, the act of majority shall be the act of Board.
12. There would be no remuneration for any of the Board members.
13. The important documents of the Association shall kept in a safe deposit box. The Chairman and Secretary shall have access to this box at all times.
14. The operating documents of the IANT, will always be kept in the Mosque Office. The Chairman and the related Officer shall have the access to these documents.

15. The Composition of the Board of Directors shall not be determined by Racial, Political, Geographical, or Sectarian considerations.

ARTICLE 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

1. Chairman:

- a) Shall preside over the Board of Directors as well as General Body meetings.
- b) Shall carry out decisions arrived at by the Board and sign documents on behalf of the Board.
- c) Shall present semi-annual report of the activities of the Association to the General Body.
- d) The chairman and the Board of Directors shall endeavor to be accessible to the General Body.

2. Vice Chairman:

- a) Shall carry out the functions of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
- b) Shall assist the chairman in carrying out the affairs of the Association.

3. Secretary:

- a) Shall be custodian of the records of the Association and shall record and read the minutes of the meetings of the Board for approval. Such records shall be updated and transferred to the succeeding Secretary at the end of the term.
- b) Shall make available to the Board a quarterly report of the major decisions taken by the Board.
- c) Shall co-ordinate the meetings of the Board of Directors.

4. Treasurer:

- a) Shall be responsible for maintaining the accounts of the receipts and expenses of the Association and will take care of the Deposit and Disbursements. Will report to the Board of Directors on the financial report of the Association, quarterly.
- b) The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks for the amount determined by the Board of Directors. All other checks greater than the amount determined must be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Director.
- c) At the end the fiscal year the Treasurer shall have the accounts audited/

unaudited by a CPA designated by the Board, and have the accounts approved by the General Body. The Treasurer shall hand over the accounts to the succeeding Treasurer at the end of the term.

- d) Shall prepare and present the fiscal budget of the IANT to the Board of Directors for approval.
- e) Shall be responsible for maintaining separate ledgers of the following Zakat, Fitra and Donation.

ARTICLE 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Membership:

The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the General Body and consist of 5 members. For the first election under this Constitution 3 members will be elected for 3 years and 2 for 5 years; subsequently the term of the office will be five years. The term of the office for the President shall be for one 5 year term.

Eligibility:

1. Active members of the IANT who have been in good standing in the Community for at least five (5) years.
2. The elected member of the Board of Trustees shall not hold any other office in the Association.
3. There would be no remuneration for any of the Board of Trustees members.
4. The elected member of the Board of Trustees must have successfully served on the Board of Directors of IANT.

Functions of the Board of Trustees:

1. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Board.
2. The Board of Trustees will elect a Vice President amongst themselves in the first meeting.
3. Vice President, who shall be responsible for taking the minutes, shall preside over the meeting in the absence of the President. In the absence of the Vice President a board member shall be named by the Board to take the minutes to take the minutes.
4. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall attend the meeting as a non voting member.
5. The Board shall be responsible for overall direction of the Islamic Center by assuring adherence to Islamic Philosophy.
6. The Board of Trustees shall fill, by a majority vote of the entire Board, any vacancy on the Board of Trustees which may occur prior to the completion of the term of such trustee. The person, so selected, shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee and

meet the requirements for election to the Board of Trustees.

7. The President of the Board of Trustees shall preside over the annual General Meetings held for election of the Board of Directors and shall appoint volunteers to conduct the election.
8. The Board of Trustees shall determine and maintain the independence and integrity of the Dallas Central Mosque and its holdings, which will be consistent with the Doctrines and Concepts of Islam and in keeping in the best interest of IANT.
9. The Board of Trustees may review the record and the annual financial statement of the IANT.
10. Ratification of any decision by the Board of Trustees shall be conveyed by the President to the Chairman of the Board of Directors for further implementation.

Mediation:

1. Any dispute between the members of IANT not resolved by the Board of Directors must be referred to the Board of Trustees.
2. Any dispute arises among the Board of Directors and not resolved, will be referred to the Board of Trustees.
3. The decision of the Board of Trustees will be final, unless challenged by the majority of the eligible members of the IANT. At that time the matter will be resolved by 2/3rd majority of the General Body.
4. The members of the Board of Trustees are not individually liable for collective of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 9. MEMBERSHIP:

1. Regular membership shall be open to all Muslims.
2. All membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors, following proper application.
3. Annual membership fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
4. Membership dues will be adjusted at the discretion of the Board in special cases only.
5. The registered members shall retain the right to vote in the general meetings. Members in good standing for 1 year will be eligible for the office of the Board of Directors. Members of 6 months in good standing will be eligible to vote in the elections of IANT.
6. Membership shall be non-transferable and non-assignable.
7. Membership may be rescinded if a member has disregarded the provisions of this of this Constitution or Islamic values. Such proceedings may be initiated on written request by five or more members of IANT and decided upon by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Associate Members.

Associate membership shall be open to non-Muslims subscribing to the objectives of the Association. Associate members shall not retain the right to vote.

Article 10. DISSOLUTION:

Dissolution of the Association: A two third majority of the members may vote to dissolve the Association in a meeting called for this purpose. Two weeks notice a meeting will be mandatory. At least 1/3 of the members shall ask for such a meeting. This action of the membership shall be then considered by the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees sequentially. Upon the dissolution of corporation the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable educational or religious purposes which shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

For the dissolution to become final a two thirds majority of the total membership of each of these bodies shall have to vote in affirmative in meetings held separately by each body.

Any legal actions regarding the dissolution may only be instituted in the Dallas County.

ARTICLE 11. ELECTIONS:

Elections of the Board of Directors will be held every 2 years in December, the exact date and venue to be arranged by the Board of Trustees. The elections will be conducted by the President of the Board of Trustees or his appointee in his capacity as the election Officer. He will invite nominations from the eligible members. The nomination process shall be completed at least two weeks before the election date and the slate of nominees shall be posted at the Mosque bulletin board.

ARTICLE 12. GENERAL BODY. (A body of bona fide registered members of IANT).

The General body meetings will be held semi annually. The Chairman of the Board of Directors will present his report. Policy making decisions will be taken. If need arises, a General Body meeting can called upon by filing a petition to the Board, duly signed by 2/3rd majority of the members. The quorum of the General Body shall be 50%.

ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENTS:

The General Body will have the right to make constitutional amendments. A 50% members shall constitute the quorum. An amendment may be proposed by at least 5% of the membership of the Association and approved by the

majority vote of the Boards of Directors.

The Board of Directors may also initiate constitutional amendments by the majority vote. All such amendments shall be circulated amongst the membership 30 days in advance of the meeting. The amendments will become effective if approved by the 2/3rd majority of the members present.

ARTICLE 14. INCOME:

Income will comprise of voluntary and/or solicited donations from any individual or organization supporting the objectives of this Constitution. It will also come from different fund-raising efforts.

ARTICLE 15. COMMITTEES:

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to nominate various Committees. The Chairman of the Board shall be an ex officio to any committee meeting.

Following shall be the standing committee of the Association

1. Finance Committee.
2. Executive Committee. The Office bearers of the Board of Directors shall constitute this committee.

In addition various ad hoc committees may be formed.

1. Public relations committee.
2. Religious rites committee.
3. Fund raising committee.
4. Education committee.
5. Women's auxiliary committee.
6. Historical records committee.
7. Building maintenance committee.

ARTICLE 16. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:

1. All meetings should start and end with the recitation from the Holy Quran.
2. The proceeding of the meetings shall be according to Quranic Ayat #59 of Sura #4 and Ayat #38 of Sura #42.

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