



USA TISI/TIV/ TIM SANGAM CONSTITUTION

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USA (TISI-TIM-TIV) SANGAM
(A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION)
THE CONSTITUTION & MEMORANDUM OF ARTICLES

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MEMORANDUM OF ARTICLES

PREAMBLE

We, the members of this Association; in order to form a more perfect unity; establish democracy and justice; insure tranquility; provide for a common cause, promote cultural, educational and sporting activities; and secure blessings of our forefathers and stalwarts of Sangam to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for this Sangam Organization established in the United States of America and as named herein.

Article 1: NAME OF ASSOCIATION

1.0 The name of this Association shall be: **USA (TISI, TIM, TIV) SANGAM**

1.1 Short Title: This Association shall hereinafter referred to as "**USA SANGAM**"

Article 2: INTERPRETATION-

In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

USA Sangam - means an Association of Then India Sanmargya Iky Sangam, Incorporating TISI Sangam, TIM (Mathaar) Sangam and TIV (Valibaar) Sangam of Seattle, Riverside, Hayward, Sacramento, Golden Gate, Stockton and other districts as and when incorporated under this constitution; and

- **TIV** - means Then India Vaalibar Sangam (youth wing)
- **TIM** - means Then India Maathar Sangam (Ladies wing)
- **Council** - means Council of Management/Board.
- **Member** - means prospective member whose membership application is approved.
- **Subscribed Member** - a member who is current in payment of the current year's membership dues
- **Financial Member** - means a subscribed member who is currently entered on the membership Register, kept at the Association's Head Office.
- **Bonafide Member** – a member made, done, presented, etc., in good faith without deception or fraud.
- **Head Office** - the Registered Office of the Association. (A Non-Profit Organization Registered under Federal Code 501(3) (c) in USA.
- **Provisional Affiliation** - temporarily accepted as an affiliated district pending processing of the application for affiliation under Article 41
- **Limited Privileges** - Not eligible for election to any administrative position for the purposes of Article 6; and not eligible to take part in any sporting activities of the Association. The limited privileges may be extended from time to time by the specific approval of the Council/Board on a case by case basis, which shall be applicable for the term of that current Board/Council.
- **Good Standing** - *any member or district who:*
 1. Does not hold an investigation pending against them or had NOT been discharged or penalized by USA Sangam within the preceding 24 months or is NOT currently serving a penalty imposed by this organization; or
 2. Has within the preceding 24 months complied fully with the Objects of the Organization per Article 3

Article 3: OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Shall be:

- a) To promote and sponsor South Indian Religious, Cultural, Sporting and Educational activities within the members of the South Indian Community Settled in United States of America.
- b) To establish, maintain, assist and capitalize on South Indian Religious and Cultural facilities. Conduct regular classes for advancement of article 3(a).
- c) To receive, acquire and hold gifts, donations and bequests.
- d) To promote closer co-operation between this Association and other religious and cultural communities with similar objectives, both locally and internationally, without prejudice to creed, color or race.
- e) To become a vehicle of expression and representation for the member community with regard to their legitimate concerns and interests without any political interests or biases.

Article 4: NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATEMENT:

This Association is a NOT-FOR-PROFIT organization

Article 5: STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

This Association shall always be affirmative, action oriented and there shall be no discrimination Within the ambit of these articles.

Article 6: ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT/BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Elected).

(Appointed officers shall have administrative powers but shall not form part of the Board)

- PRESIDENT (2 Year Term)
- EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
- VICE – PRESIDENTS
(One from each affiliated district)
- General Secretary
- Asst. GenSecretary
- General Treasurer
- Asst. Gen Treasurer
- National President Elect MathaarSangam
- National President Elect ValibaarSangam
- ADVISORY BOARD (Appointed)
- Trustees (3-year term) (Appointed)

Article 7: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

For the purposes of Registration, the number of members of the Association shall be declared to be unlimited.

Article 8: QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The qualifications for the membership in this association shall be:

I: BONAFIDE MEMBER

All persons, at least 18 years of age, on the date of registration; and of South Indian origin of Fiji descendants from either paternal or maternal side of the parents; who subscribes to all the objects of the Association and who signs the declaration form prescribed or to be prescribed from time to time by the Council, shall be eligible for membership of the Association. Without prejudice to this clause, any person legally and fully adopted by a USA Sangam member through a USA court of law; or a Legal wife or legal domestic partner of an eligible male Bona-fide Member, who may not otherwise meet the qualification of a Bona-fide member on her own accord, as described in this article, shall also be eligible for membership.

II: HONONARY MEMBER

Honorary membership may be offered to be any person, at least 16 years of age, regardless of nationality, color or creed who do not qualify in the BONAFIDE MEMBER CLASSIFICATION in Part I above and shall be entitled to limited privileges of the Association, as described in Article 2.

III: LIFE MEMBER

All people, at least 18 years of age, who are approved by a Special or Annual General Meeting and who has either:

- a) Paid a onetime subscription as described in Article 9 Part I
- b) Has served the Sangam for at least 5 consecutive years and has shown, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, an exemplary and extraordinary support towards accrediting the USA Sangam shall be bestowed the honor of a Honorary Life Member.

Article 9: SUBSCRIPTION

The rate of subscription payable for the members by each district shall be ten dollars (US\$10.00) annually and may be changed only through the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. This subscription shall be monitored at district level and shall be payable to USA Sangam for each registered bona-fide member at their District level. Paid Life Membership shall be \$300 for individuals, of which 50% shall be payable to the USA Sangam, and \$500 for a couple and shall be exempt from annual membership.

Article 10: DISTRICT COUNCILS

1. Each affiliated district shall issue approved district Council receipts with the Council's seal/stamp for all funds collected either as membership fee from the registered member or for any other objects described in Article 3. The districts shall register at least 40 bona-fide members to be eligible to meet the requirements, for recognition or continuation of recognition as a Branch in Good Standing.
2. All districts shall have convened their AGMs or SGMs prior to March 31st of the current year and submit the approved minutes of the meeting to the Secretary General within 14 days of holding such meetings.
3. All affiliated districts shall obtain Certificate of Registration for nonprofit corporation (ACTIVE STATUS) from Secretary of State of their respective States (UBI #) which shall be printed on district receipt books. Such councils shall be registered under Fed Law 50 I C (3) as a NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION.

Article 11: APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council may, in its absolute discretion, refuse or approve any application of membership on a case by case basis.

Article 12: MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

Upon approval of membership of any person and payment of the applicable fee for subscription, his name shall be entered in the membership Database kept by the Districts and such entry in the Database shall be conclusive evidence of the membership which shall be submitted to the General Secretary at least seven (7) Clear days prior to the National AGM. The Districts shall issue a membership ID to each of their member upon completion of registration.

Article 13: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any member, player or official of any affiliated district whose conduct is found to be detrimental to the interest of the Organization may, after proper investigation by the disciplinary committee, be liable to disciplinary action wherein the member may be either:

- a) Suspended or removed from the membership register or barred from taking part in any Sangam activity; or
- b) disciplined at the absolute discretion of the Organization;

Provided that;

- At a meeting of the council such action is approved by 2/3 of the BOD present.
- Any member facing disciplinary action shall, be given a 7-day notice in any written form and communicated properly and if no response is received in his defense, within the following 7 days, it shall be deemed that the member is guilty of the offense and shall immediately be suspended from the Organization until the matter has been completely disposed of. The decision by USA Sangam Council/Board shall be final and binding and shall be indemnified from any appeals or legal actions pertaining to the said disciplinary action.

Article 14: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

There shall be an AGM of the Association held once every year during the Memorial Day convention. For any reason if the AGM is postponed it should be held no later than July 31st of the same year. A minimum 21-day Notice shall be mandatory for the AGM and/or a postponed AGM. The quorum for such meeting shall be 2/3 (66%) of the Bona-fide members present.

Article 15: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM)

A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened either by the express authority of The National President or by a requisition signed by no less than 2/3 (66%) of bonafide members of the Association. Time and place of such SGM shall be determined by the President. Such meeting shall only be convened in the event that, in absolute discretion of the President, there is genuine special business required to be dealt with in such meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 2/3 (66%)

Article 16: COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (BOARD) MEETINGS

Council (Board) Meetings shall be conducted at least once a quarter or more frequently, if needed. The quorum for these meetings shall be (2/3) 66% of the Executive Board members and a 21 day meeting notice shall be mandatory. Any member not present for two consecutive meetings, without an acceptable and valid reason, shall be deemed to have vacated his position as a Board Member. In such an event, a new Board Member shall be co-opted for a term until the next general elections.

Article 17: NOTICE OF MEETING

Any notice of meeting or otherwise, required to be served by the Association to its members under these articles, shall be deemed to be sufficiently served provided it is delivered through the US mail system, electronic mail, telephone or facsimile. For the purposes of this article, publication in newspapers and telecasts shall also suffice. An electronic return mail may be requested for acceptance of such notice but not required per these articles. Virtual meetings conducted on conference audio/video calls shall only be for the purposes of interaction of ideas for resolving of issues. No resolutions shall be adopted as a result of voting's conducted during an audio conference call.

Article 18: RIGHT TO VOTE

Each subscribed member as described in article 8 (l) shall have a single vote at the Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association. At Board Meetings, only Board Members as described in Article 22, shall have one vote each; except that the President shall be entitled to another casting vote in case of a tie, in any of these meetings.

Article 19: CHAIRPERSON

The President of the Association and in his absence, the Executive Vice President shall preside as chairman at any AGM or any Council/Board meetings of the Association. In the absence of both, any Vice President selected per simple majority vote by the Council/ Board Members present shall act as the chairman.

Article 20: MEETING PROCEDURES. NOMINATIONS and NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Standard Meeting Procedures:

All Sangam meetings shall be conducted strictly under the Parliamentary Procedures as prescribed in the "Roberts Rules of Order"

B. Nominations:

- i) All nominations shall be in writing on the prescribed forms and shall be deemed to be declared open on the issue of notice convening the AGM or a SGM and closed with the Secretary General at midnight of seven (7) clear days prior to the date of such meeting. Every Candidate shall be nominated and seconded by two different subscribed members and the candidate shall consent to this nomination on the same nomination form. In an event there are insufficient nominations for any position, verbal nominations shall be permitted at the AGM or EOGM provided such verbal nomination shall be consented to, by the candidate either verbally or in writing.
- ii) In an event that only one candidate is nominated for a position, he shall be declared elected unopposed.
- iii) In an event that there is more than one nomination for any position, the election shall be held by secret ballot unless the chairman with the consent of the meeting shall decide otherwise. Scrutinizers shall be appointed by the chairman for this purpose and all used secret ballots shall be preserved for records by the secretary's office for a minimum of 3 years from the date of the meeting unless there is a pending issue on the ballots and in which case it shall continue to be archived until the said issue is cleared.

Nominations Committee:

There shall be a nominations committee consisting of three (3) independent persons appointed by the Council (Board) who shall appoint a chairperson from within the appointees. Those appointed to the nominations committee shall not be seeking election to any office. The term shall expire at the end of 90 days from the date of election unless there are any issues pending related to elections or nominations.

The duties of the nominations committee shall be:

- a. To verify the eligibility of each nomination.
- b. To prepare and circulate ballot papers for election purposes and there after conduct and supervise election at the Annual General Meetings or any such meeting conducted for the purpose of elections to office.
- c. To collect, tally, count and recount if necessary, completed ballot papers, process and announce the results of election immediately thereafter.
- d. To ensure eligibility of members is cross checked with membership register with valid

- identification (membership card with picture or a valid receipt issued by the association).
- e. To ensure a signed register of all members' attendance record is kept and five years thereafter.
 - f. All election documents including ballot papers, nomination records and the membership register of Elections Day shall remain in the custody of the chairman of the nominations committee for three (3) years and destroyed thereafter upon approval by seventy five percent of the Council/Board of USA Sangam.

Article 21: ADVISORY BOARD:

The Advisory Board shall consist of no more than six (6) members who shall be appointed by the Council/Board of Directors at their first Council/Board meeting after the AGM. Their term of office shall be for two years and may be re-appointed for another two-year term if so desired.

Members: The members of the advisory Board shall only be selected from the past National Presidents of USA Sangam who shows continued interest in the welfare of the organization and hold current membership.

Duties: The duties of the Advisory Board shall be to provide guidance and advice to the Board of Directors relating to the matters of the organization and as requested by the Council/Board. They shall also provide advice as to the interpretation of the constitution if a conflict arises or as and when required. The Advisory Board may from time to time provide advice regarding the affairs of the organization with a view to improving or enhancing the organization. The Board of Directors shall give all due diligence to any guidance or advice given and while it shall not necessarily be binding and final, but shall be returned for reconsideration without prejudice, with a decision from at least a simple majority of the Council/Board.

Article 22 - The Council of Management (Council/Board)

a) The Council/Board of Management shall be comprised of the following who is either elected/appointed to office:

National President/Executive Vice President
Vice Presidents (one from each affiliated district of the Association)
Secretary General
Assistant Secretary General
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Trustees x 3 (Ex-Officio members who may take part in Board meetings but shall not form part of the Board for the purposes of voting or quorum)

The Office bearers shall hold office from the date of the election until the following AGM or SGM convened for the purpose of holding another election.

b) Qualifications of the President and the Executive Vice President:

No member shall be eligible to contest for election as NATIONAL PRESIDENT OR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT unless he has been a bona-fide member of the organization for at least five years and had served as an Executive Board Member at the District level for at least three years and served on the USA Sangam Council/Board for at least three (3) years.

Article 23: THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Shall be managed by the Council/Board, who may exercise all such powers of the Association as described

in these articles. No resolution made by the Council/Board and adopted at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at a Special General Meeting (SGM) shall be invalidated by any successive Council/Board and shall be deemed to be valid and current, except that an amendment to the resolution as passed and adopted at the respective meetings shall only be considered valid reform.

Article 24: HAND-OVER

The Official Handover of all Assets and documents including but not limited to the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting or the Special General Meeting, shall be made by the outgoing Board to the new Board at the First Scheduled Board Meeting after the said AGM or SGM. In case of default of Handover, Trustees shall have powers to demand for the Handover to be made accordingly within 21 days from the first board meeting where it was defaulted.

Article 25: RESIGNATION AND /OR RETIREMENT

- a) Any Member of the Board may at any time retire or resign from the Council/Board by giving notice in writing of his intention to do so.
- b) The Council/Board may fill any vacant position arising from vacation, resignation, or death of its office bearers and members for the unexpired term.

Article 26: DECISION BY MAJORITY VOTES

All matters before a meeting of the Council/Board shall be decided by a simple majority of votes.

Article 27: ALTERATION, ADDITION OR RESCISSION OF ARTICLES:

The Council/Board may, by special resolution, propose to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting with a motion to alter, add, revise or rescind any or all of these articles or bylaws as protected under this Constitution. Any alteration or addition so made in these articles or bylaws shall be as valid as if originally contained therein.

Article 28: ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCH COMMITTEES

To facilitate better management of the affairs of the Association, all Branches should appoint their own committees in running their day to day affairs under these articles of the Association. All matters shall be dealt with in their branch level and any unresolved matters, if warranted, may be referred to the Council/Board for a decision which shall be final and binding.

Article 29: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A) THE PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall hold executive powers to run the activities and affairs of the association. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Association unless another person is specifically appointed as chairperson per article 15.

B) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to perform his duties, the Executive Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of the President, provided all consideration is given to any restrictions or limitations given by the President.

C) (I) GENERAL SECRETARY:

The Secretary General shall:

- a) Keep all records of the minutes of the Association signed by the President or chairman;
- b) Call all the meetings of the Association at least once in every 3 months and at least 14 clear days' notice shall be given of any such meetings; and
- c) Handle all administration and operational matters of the Association

(II) ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY:

The Assistant General Secretary shall, from time to time in the absence of the General Secretary, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, perform all duties of the General Secretary per Article 29 (C) (1) or as directed by the President under specific powers vested in him through the Council/Board.

C) (1) GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer shall:

- a) Shall keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements and a register of the members.
- b) Shall collect all funds due, donations, contributions, and subscriptions from the members and others
And all deposit such money in any banks in the name of the association within 7 days.
- c) Present financial reports at every Council meeting and an audited report at an AGM of the Association. A copy of the Audited balance sheet shall be presented, discussed and approved at the last Council/Board meeting before presenting the same at the AGM or an EOGM convened for the purpose.
- (d) Prepare operational Budget for the Council/Board and take charge of all Fundraising activities.

D) (II) ASSISTANT GENERAL TREASURER

The Assistant General Treasurer shall from time to time in the absence of the General Treasurer, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, perform all duties of the General Treasurer per Article 29 (D) (1) or as directed by the President under specific powers vested in him through the Council/Board.

Article 30: LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS

The liability of the members shall be limited.

Article 31: UNDERTAKING BY THE ASSOCIATION

USA Sangam and its affiliates shall undertake the responsibilities, in the event of the association is being wound up during the time of windup, or within one year of such a windup, liquidate all debts and liabilities of USA Sangam contracted before the time at which it got wound up, and such charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for the choice of the contributories of any assets of the association, ordinarily to another not-for-profit organization as agreed at a special general meeting held for the purpose or in absence of such a meeting held within 30 days of windup, as decided by a mediator, attorney or as justified by a court of law.

Article 32: WINDING UP

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfactorily providing for all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among the affiliated districts of the Association who at the time of wind up, had been in good standing or to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of the dissolution, and if default, as directed by the judge of a court of Justice who may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

Article 33: TRUE ACCOUNTS

True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and paid by the Association, and the matter in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Association and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with regulations for the time being of the Association shall be open for inspection by its members provided that if the books are audited by a duly appointed auditor any finance query shall be referred to that auditor in writing.

Article 34: (a) EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

Once at least every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined, and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by the Internal Audit Board comprising of one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors and certified by an External Auditor approved by the Council/Board.

(b) SIGNATORIES TO CHECKS

The National President, the Executive Vice President and the National General Treasurer shall be the approved signatories, or as authorized by the Council/Board, to withdraw funds. A minimum of two signatures shall be required for any check to be valid. All bank statements shall be directed to the President and copied to the Internal Audit Board.

Article 35: RESERVE FUND

Any fund that has been collected, donated or accrued for any specific purpose shall be reserved, earmarked and used for that purpose only.

Article 36: OPERATIONS OF ACCOUNTS

All moneys, deposits, accounts and other security shall stand in the name of the Association. The Treasurer with the President or in his absence, a nominated member of the Council shall take joint responsibility for all moneys, draw interest or securities and sign checks in accordance with the resolutions passed by the Council/Board.

Article 37: USE OF ASSETS OR SERVICES OF THE ASSOCIATION

All subscribed members shall be entitled to use any asset or service of the Association in accordance with the resolutions, guidelines, directions, rules, and regulations that may be in force from time to time in respect of use of such assets and services. The Council/Board however, reserves full right to refuse any member from the above at any time with a valid reason in writing.

Article 38: EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

All documents including deeds executed on behalf of the Association shall carry the approved seal/stamp of the Association and shall be signed by the President and the Executive Vice President and co-signed by the Secretary General or such other Officer as the Council may from time to time appoint.

Article 39: ANNUAL REPORT

An Annual report of activities of the Association shall be presented at the AGM or EOGM convened for that purpose.

Article 40: ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Association shall host annual convention during the Memorial Day holiday weekend every year and all affiliated branches shall participate or provide a valid reason acceptable to the Council/Board for non-participation. The Sunday of this weekend shall be known as "Sangam Day" in the USA Sangam calendar. The venue of this event shall be decided at the AGM or EOGM and each branch shall have turns in hosting this event with two in the State of California and one out of that State. A calendar showing advance plan of dates and host districts shall be approved by the Council/Board, endorsed by the AGM or SGM and shall be provided to each affiliated district.

Article 41: DISTRICT AFFILIATION AND APPROVAL

1. PROVISIONAL AFFILIATION

Districts seeking affiliation to USA Sangam or its incorporations shall apply on prescribed form and meet the following requirements to qualify for a Provisional Affiliation:

- a) Register a minimum of 21 members under Article 8 who shall be located more than 26 miles from an existing affiliated district of USA Sangam.
- b) Register as a Non-Profit organization in their respective States and provide a 501(c) TIN number per article 10.
- c) Within the previous 12 months, shall have followed and abide by the constitution of the USA Sangam in every aspect of promotion and maintenance of the same and had strictly followed every decision of the Council/Board, as and when implemented.
- d) Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the USA Sangam releasing the Council/Board of any liability incurred due to the actions of any subscribed member of the association.
- e) Prepare and maintain audited financial affairs of the district including but not limiting to the filing of taxes under Non-Profit regulations and any pending issue with U.S Internal Revenue Services.
- f) Remit to the USA Sangam the required Affiliation fee at the time which shall be fixed annually by the AGM and shall not be less than \$400.00 annually.

1. FULL AFFILIATION

A Full Affiliation or Approval may be granted to any district who applies for the same and having satisfied the requirements of Article 41 (I) and complied with the following:

- a) Provide evidence of the location of the new district to be at least 26 miles from the nearest fully affiliated district.
- b) Presented activity reports at all Board Meetings preceding the application for a full affiliation.
- c) Provide the minutes of the most recent AGM of the district showing election of office bearers.
- d) Provide written evidence or pictures of circumstances where the district completely met the requirements of promoting the objects of the association as outlines but not limited to Article 3 (a), (b), and (c) with particular emphasis on Social, Cultural educational and sporting interests. Neither Financial Member nor any district applying for a full affiliation shall have any pending enquiries or issues with USA Sangam regarding any article of this constitution.

Article 42: SPORTS RULES AND BY-LAWS.

- i) Sports Rules and By-Laws together with other By-laws as approved shall form part of this constitution and is exempt from AGM or SGM approval and shall have an independent status when duly approved/signed at Council/Board meetings.
- ii) The council/Board may, from time to time, review and approve new or amendments to Sports Rules & By-Laws at the Board meetings with at least 2/3 (66%) of the Council/Board members present. Once approved the rules & by-laws are effective immediately.
- iii) Notwithstanding with clause (ii) above; the Board may also approve and/or create new By-laws (non-Sports related) from time to time, for ease of understanding and meaning of these Articles of Memorandum which if approved by the Council/Board but shall be submitted to an AGM or SGM only for the purposes of formal endorsement as a constituted By-Law of the Association. These shall not be allowed for discussion.

Article 43: NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

A no-confidence motion shall be in writing and signed by at least 2/3 (66%) of the Vice Presidents or their

district nominees or 50% of the Council/Board members whichever is the less. Such motion shall be considered at a Special General Meeting held for the purpose and the notice for such meeting shall be properly constituted and served at least 14 days prior to the proposed meeting and per conditions in these articles. A chairperson for such a meeting shall either be elected by the members present at the meeting, or if unanimously agreed at the meeting, by the President. Should a no-confidence motion be carried, the members shall elect a new person(s) to the office for the remaining term.

This Memorandum of Articles of the constitution of the USA (TISI, TIM, TIV) Sangam is hereby approved under our hands and seal/stamp


With the express approval of the Annual General Meeting held


at.... Sacramento, California.....

On, May 26th day of 2018.

And as witness thereof are the seal and Signatures.


.....
ARVIND RAMAN
National President


.....
~~**VIJAY GOUNDER**~~
Executive Vice President
VIJIA GOUNDER


.....
~~**PRAVEEN NAND**~~
General Secretary

ADDENDUM: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Amendment#

- 1) 2014 AGM held in Hayward Passed a Motion: Mover- Arvinda Parkash ; Seconded by VJ Goundar that "Effective after this convention, all sports related motions passed at any pervious AGM or Special AGM will be nullified and going forward all sports related motions will be discussed and approved at the National Board meeting only."
Motion Carried.

Authorized / Name: Signature:

Office: Date.....

2015 AGM held in Seattle Passed the following Motion:

That

The Presidential election should be held every 2 (two) years instead of yearly thus allowing the President elect to fully utilize his expertise and carry out the plans of long term achievements put forward in his presidential manifesto.

Moved: Bal Ram (Seattle)

Seconded: Rudy Samy (Seattle)

Motion carried.

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