

# Antigua and Barbuda Associations United ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

We, the undersigned, to further common purposes, do hereby agree to organize and adopt the following articles of association:

## **Article 1:**

The name of this association shall be the Antigua and Barbuda Associations United.

## **Article 2:**

Antigua and Barbuda Associations United is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 C 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# **Article 3:**

The principal office of the corporation shall be maintained at 15 Hudson Ave, Maplewood, New Jersey.



### **Article 4:**

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five Directors.

*Elective Officers*. The elective officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the association during the month of March, unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee, for electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting other business. Notice of these meetings, issued by the secretary, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each Director at least 30 days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Quorum. Fifty-one percent of the Board of Directors of this association, when present at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum, and in case there is less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

#### Article 5:

The purposes of this association shall be:

• To strengthen and unify the Antigua and Barbuda community organizations throughout the United States of America (USA), so they can enhance the lives of Antiguans and Barbudans at home and abroad.



### **Article 6:**

During the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the affairs of the association shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer selected by the Board of Directors.

## **Article 7:**

A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to occur upon the death, resignation, recall, move of permanent residence outside the division from which elected, or refusal to act of any Director. Upon the occurrence of such vacancy, the Secretary shall proclaim it and thereafter the duties of the President shall be assumed by the Vice President, and the other vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President.

### **Article 8:**

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

## **Article 9:**

These articles may be amended by a three-fourths vote of all Directors, or, provided due notice of the proposed amendment shall have been placed in the mail to each Director at least thirty days in advance, by a two-thirds vote of all Directors. The Board of Directors may from time to time adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with the Articles and applicable statutes. By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of all Directors, or, provided due notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to each Director at least thirty days in advance, by a two-thirds vote of all Directors. Notices shall be sent by First-Class mail or electronic mail to the last known address to each Director.



**Article 10:** 

The association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national and ethnic origin.

# Article 11:

No person shall be eligible for, or hold, the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer whose business connections are of such nature that his or her influence in the affairs of the association could be used for his or her private benefit or would materially conflict with the activities or affairs of the association. The primary test of eligibility under this portion of the Article shall be full compliance with the Articles, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the association relating to ethics, elections and conflicts of interest.

## **Article 12:**

No substantial part of the activities of our association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and our association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, our association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of our association.



# **Article 13:**

Upon the dissolution of our association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of our association, dispose of all of the assets of our association exclusively for the purposes of our association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of our association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

#### Article 14:

The duration of the existence of the association shall be perpetual.