

**University of Gezira Alumni Association in North America
(UGAIN)**

ARTICLE I

Name, Language, Governance, and Location

ARTICLE IA

Name

This organization shall be known as the

**University of Gezira Alumni Association in North America
(UGAIN)**

in English, and

جمعية خريجي واصدقاء جامعة الجزيرة بامريكا الشمالية

in Arabic.

ARTICLE IB

Language of business

The business of the organization will be performed in English.

ARTICLE IC

Governance

The organization is governed by the article of incorporation as to be filed in the state of
Virginia

ARTICLE ID

Location

The principle office of the organization shall be in such a place within the State of
Virginia as the board of directors may determine from time to time
Other offices. The board of directors may establish other offices in or outside the state of
Virginia.

Current address of the office of UGAIN is:

1657 new Haven PL
Glen Allen, VA 23059

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The University of Gezira Alumni Association in North America (hereafter, the “UGAIN”) is organized exclusively for the purposes set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and more specifically:

Section 1

To connect UGAIN members to the University of Gezira and to each other and provide valued professional, educational and social service to its members.

Section 2

Support the University’s mission of teaching, research and training.
Provide the University of Gezira with resources to help the university achieve its objectives and better the educational experience of its students.

Section 3

Promote values of freedom, equality, peace, and justice for all Sudanese communities, both in North America and in Sudan. Increase awareness within the Alumni communities in North America of Sudan’s needs and promote initiatives to provide professional, educational and training opportunities to the people of Sudan.

Section 4

To connect members of UGAIN in North America to exchange experiences and opportunities and to build a forum for professional networking for the mutual benefit of UGAIN’s members.

Section 5

To create a multi-discipline association that offers scientific analysis and objective assessment of the major technical challenges facing Sudan and that propose expert solutions in the fields of education, health, agriculture and industry to relieve the long-standing hardships Sudanese people have endured.

ARTICLE III

Membership Eligibility & Dues

ARTICLE IIIA

Membership

Section 1 Active members

- (a) All Graduates of University of Gezira who reside legally in North America may become full members of UGAIN by paying the annual dues set by the Executive Committee.
- (b) All former educators, retiree and professors of University of Gezira who reside legally in North America may become full members of UGAIN by paying the annual dues set by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Friends of the University of Gezira including affiliates other than the graduates of the University of Gezira who reside legally in North America and desire to join UGAIN can become honorary members.
- (d) The General Assembly of UGAIN consists of all the full members of the Association. Only full members are eligible to vote in affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE IIIB

Dues

Section 1 Annual Membership Dues

Annual membership dues shall be set by the Executive Committee. All individuals who pay annual dues are eligible to vote in the General assembly meetings.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Association

(Meetings of the General Assembly)

Section 1 Annual Meeting

Meeting of UGAIN will be held annually at a date, time and location that is determined by the executive committee. The President of the executive committee shall preside at each annual meeting of the General Assembly. A report of the current financial status,

accomplishments and activities of the Association shall be presented at the annual meeting in addition to any other agenda at the committee's discretion.

Section 2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association may be called on the initiative of the President, and shall be called by the President upon a resolution of the General Assembly or the written request of at least thirty three percent (33%) of the voting members of the Association.

Section 3 Notices

- A. Annual Meetings.** At least fifteen (15) days, but not more than thirty (30) days, prior to the date fixed for the holding of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be delivered, either personally, by regular mail, or electronic mail to each active status member on record entitled to vote at a meeting of the General Membership.
- B. Special Meetings.** At least fifteen (15) days, but not more than thirty (30) days, prior to the date fixed for the holding of any special meeting of the members entitled to vote at a meeting of the General Assembly, electronic notice of the place and or virtual medium, day, hour and purpose of such meeting shall be delivered, either personally, by regular mail, or electronic mail to each active status member on record entitled to vote at such meeting. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.
- C. Waiver.** Attendance of a person at a meeting of the General Assembly, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a waiver of such notice, except when attendance is for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business, at the commencement of the meeting, because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

Section 4 Quorum

A majority (50% +1) of the Association's voting members shall constitute a quorum. Provided a quorum is present, a majority of votes cast by members of the Association present or represented by written proxy at any annual or special meeting of the

Association shall be the act of the General Assembly. Unless two-thirds of the members are present, the only matters to be voted on by a majority of such quorum are those matters described in the meeting notice.

Section 5 Voting All full members in good standing identified in section (1) of Article IIIA with active status in the member's record in the Association's constituent's system may vote. Receipts for dues or active member status in the member's record in the Association's constituent's system shall be considered conclusive evidence of voting eligibility in any election until 11:59 pm EST. on the announced cutoff date for receipt of ballots or entitle such member to vote at any member meeting. Members may vote electronically or by written proxy. Good standing member as a member who paid their dues and those who do not possess a felony

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of (9); the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Communications External Relations Officer, Academic Affairs and Development Officer, Academic Affairs and Development Deputy Officer, Social and cultural **(Community Services)** Affairs Officer.
2. Each member of the Executive Committee is elected directly by a simple majority of the General Assembly votes. A second round of vote to break the tie for the last two candidates from the first round, shall be arranged if necessary.
3. Each candidate for an office of the executive committee is encouraged to make a short statement to the General Assembly meeting sharing their vision and agenda for the office, before the vote.
4. Each member of the Executive Committee serves, in their position, for a period of two years renewable for another term of two years and not to exceed two terms. The term of the elected officers shall commence immediately upon election.
5. The term of any member of the Executive Committee can be terminated by a majority of Fifty one percent (51%) of the General Assembly.

6. Members of the executive committee act as officers of the Association. The President and Vice President of the Executive Committee shall act as President and Vice President of the General Assembly meetings, supported by other members of the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee shall issue and communicate to the members an annual report describing the agenda of the Association during that year, progress achieved, future plans, and an annual budget detailing in a transparent fashion: income, expenditures, and financial status of the Association.
8. The Executive Committee will serve as election committee at the end of its term. Members of the committee who are running again are not eligible to serve in the election committee. The Executive Committee can create an independent election committee as needed.
9. The elections is governed by the approved election procedures.

Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall include the Finance Committee, Planning and Development Committee and Communications Committee.

Other Committees and Task Forces

The Executive Committee may establish other Committees and Task Forces, and appoint members from the executive committee or general assembly to such Committees and Task Forces.

ARTICLE VI

UGAIN Chapters

SECTION 1: PURPOSES

The purposes of an UGAIN Chapter are:

- (a) To promote and execute the projects and indicatives of UGAIN, as approved by the Executive Committee, in the chapter area
- (b) To raise resources in support of the various programs of the Association;

SECTION 2: ORGANIZATION

- (a) A UGAIN Chapter may be formed in any convenient geographical area, or professional area that align with the purpose of UGAIN, with boundaries

established by agreement among the members of the Association and approved by the Executive Committee.

- (b) In order to retain its charter, a Chapter must fulfill the following obligations:
1. Hold at least one general meeting each two years at which business is transacted;
 2. Comply with the provisions of these bylaws and It's own policy and procedures approved by the executive committee;
 3. Complete an annual report.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended by not less than 2/3 of the voting members of the General Assembly at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Records

The books, records, accounts and documents of the Association shall be kept at a convenient and permanent location and in the manner approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Auditors

The President of the Executive Committee shall authorize the employment of a qualified firm of public accountants to make an audit of the Association at least once a year.