

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be known as Deaf Community of Riverside hereinafter referred to as DCR.

Article II: Objective

The objective is to be promoting collaboration and networking within Deaf Community while enhancing cultural awareness through Deafestival.

Article III: Board of Directors

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and each representative from Center on Deafness Inland Empire (CODIE) and California School for the Deaf (CSDR) and up to three (3) Community-at-Large, all of whom are voting members of the Board.

Section 2: Duties of the Executive Board of Directors

- a. President shall
 1. Preside at all meetings and enforce provisions, objectives, and purposes thereof.
- b. Vice President shall
 1. Serve in absence of the President.
 2. Assume responsibility for promoting all functions and events via social media channels.
- c. Secretary shall
 1. Take minutes at each board meeting.
 2. Keep record of all proceedings/minutes and correspondences.
 3. Announce meeting date, and agenda through DCR's website ten days in advance.
 4. Maintain a record of attendance for each meeting and event.
- d. Treasurer shall
 1. Submit a printed financial report at each board meeting.
 2. Keep records of each Deafestival.

Section 3: Non-Voting Members of the Board of Directors

- a. The non-voting member shall consist of Liaison.
 1. The liaison shall act as an intermediary between DCR and Commission of the Deaf under the City of Riverside.

Section 4: General Powers

- a. President shall appoint a new member to fill a vacant position, subject to approval two-thirds (2/3) of the Board.
- b. The Board shall have responsibility for the management of affairs and property of DCR.
- c. The Board shall reside within Riverside County.
- d. The Board shall take part in every function/event of DCR.

Section 5: Terms and Eligibility

- a. All Board members shall be deaf, hard-of-hearing, and children of deaf adults (CODA).
- b. All Board members shall immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and continue in office until their successors are elected.
- c. Each officer and each appointed representative shall serve a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms.
- d. The President and Vice-President shall be elected in staggered terms. The President shall be elected every four (4) years, while the Vice-President shall be elected every four (4) years, commencing two (2) years after the election of the President.
- e. Upon attendance of minimum three board meetings and events within a year, the visitor in good standing, who supports the objective of DCR, shall become eligible for any executive position.
- f. Visitor shall submit a written suggestion card to the President or Secretary before exercising the right to voice ideas and opinions.

Section 6: Removal

A member who misses three (3) meetings in a year, either excused or unexcused meetings and/or demonstrates unprofessional conduct shall be subject to removal from the Board.

Section 7: Resignation

Resignation shall be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings

Meetings shall be conducted on a quarterly basis each year.

Section 2: Special Meetings

President shall call special meetings.

Section 3: Quorum

The majority of the Board is required to constitute a quorum.

Section 4: Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority.

Section 5: Election

The Executive Board shall be elected by the Board members at the general meeting in April.

Article V: Committees

Section 1: The Deafestival Committee shall be responsible for organizing the date and location of the event and collaborating subject to approval with City Council members under the city of Riverside. Mayor's Office.

Section 2: The Board shall create committees/programs as needed.

Article VI: Indemnification

The organization shall indemnify any Board member of DCR against expenses incurred by a person in connection with the defense of any civil action, suit, or proceeding in which the person is made a party by reason of being or having been Board member or staff member and is found to be not liable. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights in which the Board member or staff member may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of the Board, or otherwise.

Article VII: Dissolution of Assets

The organization shall have a perpetual existence, although it may be dissolved by a resolution adopted by the Executive Board. In the event of dissolution all corporate properties and assets shall be transferred to Center on Deafness Inland Empire (CODIE) which is a nonprofit organization with its own tax exempt status under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.