



বাংলাদেশ এসোসিয়েশন ফর গ্রেটার ক্যানসাস সিটি
Bangladesh Association for Greater Kansas City

Constitution

The Constitution of the Bangladesh Association for Greater Kansas City (BAGKC)

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1. NAME: The name of the organization shall be the “Bangladesh Association for Greater Kansas City (BAGKC)”.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE:

BAGKC is for the promotion and preservation of Bangladeshi heritage in the Greater Kansas City area within the meaning of section 501(c).

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to everyone residing in the State of Kansas and Missouri.

SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: There are four classes of memberships:

1. *GENERAL MEMBER*: Shall include all registered members.
2. *STUDENT MEMBER*: Shall include all students enrolled in the State of Kansas and Missouri.
3. *PERMANENT MEMBER*: Shall include members who have donated at least USD 300 to the association. Permanent members will be members for life and shall not be required to pay yearly membership dues.
4. *HONORARY MEMBER*: Shall include all others designated such by the executive committee. Honorary members cannot vote or run for office.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP DUES: Annual membership dues shall be fixed on a year to year basis, as defined in Section 2 of Article 3, in a general meeting by majority decision. Membership shall be automatically canceled due to nonpayment of dues. Dues shall be paid to the treasurer or the membership coordinator.

SECTION 4. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP: All members shall have the following rights:

1. Voice and vote at all general meetings of the Association.
2. Receive all publications of the Association.
3. Be eligible for election to office.

ARTICLE 3

SECTION 1. GENERAL POLICY: The establishment of general policy of the Association in the interim between annual meetings is delegated by the membership to an Executive Committee constituted as follows:

- a. The elected officers of the Association: President, Vice-President (VP), General Secretary (GS), Additional General Secretary (AGS), Membership coordinator(MC), Treasurer, Cultural Secretary (CS), Sports Secretary, and (5) Executive Committee Members assigned to Communication, Membership, Cultural, Community Involvement and Governmental Affairs.

- b. (5) Executive Committee Advisors can be selected by the new Executive Committee and assigned to Communication, Membership, Cultural, Community Involvement and Governmental Affairs.

SECTION 2. DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS: The direction of the day to day business of the Association is delegated to the duly elected officers of the Association. The fiscal and operating year for BAGKC, henceforth will be called “year”, shall be defined as May 1 to April 30.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. Individual candidates can be presented or nominated by any member at the annual business meeting. Any new members of the Executive Committee will be announced at the annual business meeting. Officers and members of the Executive Committee elected shall be elected for 2 (two) years with a 2-year (1 term) limit for a given post. Only one member from each family can hold a post in the executive committee. However, he or she is eligible for the same or another post if there is no other candidate available at the next election. If an EC member leaves the post in the middle of the 2-year term and no candidate can be found for the given post, then EC members shall follow selection process and fill the vacancy.

The EC members may rectify this constitution or term limit by majority of the general vote. The EC shall operate as stated in Article 3, Section 2.

ARTICLE 4

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS: There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at each year-end. The Executive Committee shall determine the site for the meeting with consideration given to the geographical distribution of the total membership. The annual meeting shall include reports by the Executive Committee members, special committee reports, old business, new business and any other business that is necessary.

SECTION 2. GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: The Executive Committee by majority decision can call general business meetings any time of the year. General members are invited to these meetings. These meetings are for special circumstances such as amendments to the constitution. General Business Meetings can also be held during cultural event – to maximize the presence of general members.

SECTION 3. EC MEETINGS: The president and/or Executive Committee shall call the meeting monthly, or every other month, or as need arises. The president and/or Executive Committee shall determine the time and place for that meeting. Half of the executive committee members present at that meeting will be considered a quorum for EC Meetings.

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS: Any amendments to this Constitution must follow the following procedures:

1. Proposed amendment given in writing to General Secretary at least 45 days in advance of a General Business Meeting.

2. The proposed amendment shall be made available to the general members 30 days in advance of the General Business Meeting.
3. Two-third of those in attendance favoring amendment.

SECTION 2. RATIFICATION of this Constitution must be done by two-third of vote of the BAGKC members present at a General Business Meeting of the Association.

