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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 organized for the promotion and preservation of Bangladeshi heritage in the Greater Kansas City area within the meaning of the Kansas Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

Upon the dissolution of this organization, its assets shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to everyone residing in the States of Kansas and Missouri.

SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four classes of membership:

1. General Member: Shall include all registered members.
2. Student Member: Shall include all students enrolled in educational institutions in the States of Kansas and Missouri.
3. Permanent Member: Shall include members who have donated at least USD 300 to the Association. Permanent Members shall hold lifetime membership and shall not be required to pay annual membership dues.
4. Honorary Member: Shall include individuals designated as such by the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall not have voting rights and shall not be eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual membership dues shall be determined from year to year by a majority vote of the members at a General Business Meeting. Membership shall be automatically canceled for nonpayment of dues. Dues shall be paid to the Board of Directors or its designated representative.

SECTION 4. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members shall have the following rights:

1. To speak and vote at all General Meetings of the Association.
2. To receive all publications and communications of the Association.
3. To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

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 the Board of Directors (BOD).

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to thirteen (13) elected Directors.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the governance, management, and administration of the Association and shall exercise all powers of the Association except those specifically reserved to the membership under this Constitution.

The Board of Directors may assign responsibilities among its members as necessary for the effective operation of the Association, including but not limited to administration, finance, membership, communications, cultural affairs, 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 Board of Directors.

The fiscal and operating year of BAGKC, hereafter referred to as the “year,” shall be from May 1 through April 30.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Individual candidates may be nominated by any member at the Annual Business Meeting.

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to thirteen (13) Directors elected by the membership.

Directors shall serve a term of two (2) years.

No Director shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A former Director may seek election again after being out of office for at least one full term.

Only one member from the same family may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. However, if there are insufficient candidates to fill all available Board positions, this requirement may be waived by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

If a director vacates a position before completion of the term and a replacement cannot be elected through a special election, the remaining Directors may appoint a qualified member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Board of Directors shall operate in accordance with this Constitution and all applicable laws governing nonprofit organizations.

ARTICLE 4

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association at the end of each fiscal year.

The Board of Directors shall determine the site and arrangements for the meeting, taking into consideration the geographical distribution of the membership.

The Annual Meeting shall include reports from the Board of Directors, reports from special committees, old business, new business, elections when applicable, and any other business deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors, by majority decision, may call General Business Meetings at any time during the year.

General Members shall be invited to these meetings.

Such meetings may be convened for special matters, including but not limited to constitutional amendments, major policy decisions, or other matters affecting the Association.

General Business Meetings may also be held during cultural events to maximize member participation.

SECTION 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, every other month, or as necessary.

The Board of Directors shall determine the time and place of such meetings.

Most of the sitting Directors shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at Board meetings.

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Constitution shall follow the procedures below:

1. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to a General Business Meeting.
2. The proposed amendment shall be made available to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Business Meeting.
3. Approval of any amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at the General Business Meeting.

SECTION 2. RATIFICATION

Ratification of this Constitution shall require approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BAGKC members present and voting at a General Business Meeting of the Association.

Ratification(s):

Signature(s):

Date:

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