

The Asian Indian Classical Music Society

Constitution and By-laws

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the organization shall be THE ASIAN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY and is referred to hereinafter as the Society.

ARTICLE II. Offices

The administrative offices of the Society shall be located with the President. The Executive Committee shall be at liberty to shift the location of the office in the interests of better administration, after giving prior notification to members.

ARTICLE III. Objectives

The Society shall be a Non-Profit and Non-Political organization.

The main objective of the Society is to foster the knowledge of, and promote interest in, Asian-Indian Classical Music in the Michiana area. The primary activity of the Society shall be to organize concerts of Indian classical music.

Other activities commensurate with the objectives of the Society might be undertaken as per policies decided upon by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

The membership of the Society shall be open to anyone who subscribes to the objectives of the Society and agrees to pay a recurring annual membership fee, as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

All Members shall be entitled to receive notices for and attend General Body Meetings and to vote thereat.

There shall be at least one General Body Meeting every calendar year. This meeting shall discuss and approve the accounts of the previous year and elect the members of the Executive Committee.

A special meeting of the general body may be requisitioned by one-third of the Members entitled to vote, by giving notice in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall call for a General Body Meeting within one month of receiving such a notice.

ARTICLE V. Executive Committee

The activities of the Society shall be controlled by an Executive Committee consisting of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Member-at-Large.

The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual General Body Meeting by Members entitled to vote thereat. They shall hold office until the next elections. Each incumbent would be eligible to succeed himself/herself indefinitely.

The normal duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee members shall be as described below:

President--Shall have the chief executive authority over the working of the Society. Shall call and preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body.

Vice-President--Shall assist the President in the execution of his/her duties and shall assume these duties and responsibilities in the absence of the President. Shall operate the bank account(s) of the Society jointly with the Treasurer.

Secretary--Shall be responsible for the day-to-day functioning and for all correspondence and public relations aspects of the Society. Shall maintain the current list of membership of the Society. Shall take and maintain records of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body.

Treasurer--Shall keep accounts of the funds of the Society including maintaining the bank account(s) of the Society. Shall operate the bank account(s) of the Society jointly with the Vice President. Shall prepare the annual account statements and distribute them to the Members.

Member-at-Large--Shall assume any duties and responsibilities assigned by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may choose to co-opt other members and assign specific duties to them; such co-opted members shall have the right of vote.

All Members who have paid their annual dues up-to-date shall be entitled to be nominated to become members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. An executive summary of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee will be distributed to all Members. The Executive Committee may frame Rules and Policies, not inconsistent with these Articles, for conducting the business of the Society. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority.

ARTICLE VI. Accounts and Audit

The accounts of the Society shall be closed every year by the 31st of December and shall be laid before the annual General Body Meeting immediately following the end of the accounting year. Copies of the account report shall accompany the notice of this Meeting.

Any Bank Account(s) in the name of the Society shall be opened, operated, and closed by the Vice President and the Treasurer of the Society *jointly*. All bills, notes, financial documents may be signed by the Treasurer or any other member of the Executive Committee so authorized by the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall follow normal and acceptable accounting practices in maintaining the accounts. No formal audit shall be required except when specifically asked for by at least two of the Executive Committee members or at least ten Members. The Executive Committee shall, then, order the audit and appropriate funds for such an audit.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

The basic and fundamental objectives of the Society are not subject to alteration and amendment. Any amendment to other matters may be affected by a two-thirds majority vote in a special General Body Meeting convened for the purpose.

ARTICLE VIII. Dissolution

Dissolution of the Society may be affected by a two-thirds majority vote in a special General Body Meeting convened for this purpose after due notice. After such vote, the Executive Committee shall continue in office to take necessary steps to give effect to the decision of the General Body.

On dissolution, all liabilities shall be paid off and the excess of assets over liabilities, if any, shall be handed over to any other Association or group with like objectives, as the General Body may direct and as per the articles of incorporation of the society. Such funds shall not be distributable among the Members.