

MARIN INDIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article I. Name and Address

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Marin Indian American Association hereafter abbreviated as MIAA.

Section 2: The principal location of this organization is in Corte Madera, Marin County, California.

Article II. Article of Organization

Section 1: MIAA is incorporated under the law of the State of California and is a non-profit organization.

Section 2: The articles of organization of MIAA comprise the articles of incorporation and these bylaws as from time to time amended.

Section 3: MIAA is organized to facilitate cultural events, educational programs and recreational activities pertaining to the Indian American community.

Section 4: No part of the net earnings of the MIAA shall accrue to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, or key employees for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may, in its discretion, make such payments or distributions for the reasonable compensation of its officers, directors, or key employees for services rendered, or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Association.

Section 5: MIAA shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan. The names of MIAA or its members in office shall not be used for any commercial, sectarian or partisan purpose.

Articles III. Objectives

Section 1: MIAA is established for the purposes of receiving and maintaining a fund or funds and applying these and income therefrom to the following objectives:

1. To provide a forum for discussion and to educate the community about India, its neighboring countries, its people, the Indian American community, and the Indian American community:
 1. Organize cultural events and shows.
 2. Organize and /or sponsor educational programs.
 3. Organize sports events, especially those that are popular in the Indian subcontinent
 4. Sponsor essay and debate competitions that have their goal to better understand India and its culture.
2. To provide a forum for discussion to the Indian American community about the diverse local cultures, thus promoting understanding and respect for the diverse local cultures.
3. To promote fellowship among the members of the community through cultural and recreational activities.

Section 2: MIAA resolves that no substantial part of the activities of the Association (Corporation) shall be the carrying on of any political campaign or to intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 3: A separate fund will be created for administering expense of the Association. Such fund will be financed by donations from the members of the Association.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which then exist on the date of dissolution or to the corresponding section of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for the benefit of the Indian American community.

Article IV. Membership and Dues

Section 1: Eligibility: Any person 18 years of age or over and interested in the objectives of the Association, and agreeing to abide by the bylaws of the Association, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2: Application for membership should be submitted to the Board for approval.

Section 3: There are no membership dues.

Article V. Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1: MIAA will have a Board of five members. Each member of the Board will have to be elected by the general body of one year and the remaining three members for two years. The vacated Board positions will be filled for a period of two years.

Section 2: The Board will be responsible to the general body for the continuity of the Association.

Section 3: The Board will nominate a Treasurer and a Co-Treasurer. The Secretary will be a rotating position.

Section 4: No member of the Board shall be elected in the office more than two consecutive terms. To become a member of

1. Permanent residency in Marin County, California.
2. Must have resided in Marin County California for at least six months prior to applying for a position on the Board
3. Must have been a member of MIAA for at least one year
4. Must maintain residency in Marin County California during the course of the term.

Section 5: The Board is authorized to appoint a Steering Committee to conduct various activities.

Section 6: The Board will nominate at least one member to be represented on the Steering Committee.

Section 7: The Board may appoint any qualified member to fill a Board vacancy till end of the term of the vacant position.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1: There shall be at least one general body meeting within one calendar year.

Section 2: The Board shall meet at least once every three (3) months for proper functioning of the Association.

Section 3: Each Board member is required to attend all Board meetings and will be considered inactive if absent at more than

Section 4: The presence of at least three (3) members will be required for a quorum for the meetings of the Board.

Section 5: A majority vote of the General Body is required to overrule the action of or dissolve the Board.

Section 6: 50% of the members are needed to constitute a quorum for a General body meeting.

Article VII. Election Procedure

Section 1: All members on the current roster of membership shall have the right to vote and contest in the election and subj

Section 2: Two months prior to the expiration of the term of the outgoing Board members, the Board shall select three (3) m

Section 3: The Election/nominating Committee shall conduct all election procedures and report the results to the general me

Section 4: All nominations for the officers shall be duly nominated and seconded by the members of the Association with the

Section 5: The election shall be conducted at the discretion of the election committee.

Section 6: Voting privilege may also be extended by the use of proxies by members. Members may appoint proxies who will

and submitting the proxy form prior to the election.

Article VIII. Disciplinary Action

Section 1: The Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action against any member found guilty of gross misconduct.

Article IX. Amendments and Rules of Order

Section 1: These by-laws may be modified by a majority vote of members present at a General Body meeting which should be called by the Board.

Section 2: Amendments should be circulated to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the General Body meeting.

Section 3: The business of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in the latest edition of "The Rules of Order."

Section 4: The decision of the majority of the Board, on any question involving the interpretation of the by-laws and any definition of terms, shall be final.

Section 5: Special General Body meetings may be called by any member with a minimum of fifteen (15) days notice to the Board and to all members.

Article X. Finances

Section 1: The Association shall keep all funds in a Bank. The Treasurer and/or Co-treasurer will sign checks on the above bank account for amounts not exceeding \$500. Budgeted expenses approved by the Board appointed Steering Committee do not require additional Board approval.

Section 2: The Treasurer shall keep financial records current and report it at the Annual General Body meeting.

Section 3: The annual operating budget of the Association will be pre-approved by the Board.

Section 4: Should the Association disband, after paying or making provisions for payments of all the liabilities of the MIAA, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of by the General Body at a special meeting called for the purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the Association. 1988 Amendment * (Vide Article III, Section 2)