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C O N S T I T U T I O N

NAME:

The name of the Association shall be 'The Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association.

AREA:

The Area of operation shall be the magisterial area of Johannesburg, Lenasia, and Kliptown.

AFFILIATION:

The Association shall affiliate to the South African National Council for Child Welfare and shall pay an affiliation fee determined from time to time by the Council by resolution or regulation.

OBJECTS:

To protect the interests and to promote the well-being of the Indian people and particularly of the Indian children in the magisterial area of Johannesburg, Lenasia and Kliptown. To assist impoverished members of the Indian community in the above-mentioned area through charitable aid, clinics and other welfare services and means.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be open to members of the Indian community and to other interested persons on payment of the prescribed fee. It shall similarly be open to other organisations approved by the Executive Committee. Members may become life members on payment of the prescribed fee and honorary members may be elected. All membership shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATION:

Organisations that affiliate to the Association shall be represented on the Executive Committee by two people, one of whom shall be an alternate.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Individual or ordinary members of the Association shall pay a subscription of 25 cents per annum.

Organisational members of the Association shall pay a subscription of 5 rand per annum.

Life members of the Association shall pay a sum of ten rand.

FINANCE:

The Association shall have power to collect subscriptions and donations and to disburse funds for its declared purposes. All monies shall be accounted for through a banking account to be opened in the name of the Association and be subject to audit by auditors duly appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following: the Chairman, one of the Honorary Treasurers and the Honorary Secretary.

FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Association shall be from the 1st April to the 31st March.

OFFICE BEARERS:

There shall be a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen, two Honorary Treasurers and an Honorary Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Office Bearers and not less than seven other members and not more than thirty members inclusive of the Office Bearers.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be necessary to ensure the carrying out of the purpose of the Association, but will be subject to the general policy of the Association as outlined at the Annual General Meeting from time to time.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:

The Executive Committee shall prepare and present to the Annual General Meeting a full report on the working of the Association, together with an audited statement of the accounts of the Association for the financial year.

VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Vacancies on the Executive Committee occurring during the year shall be filled by nomination by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

QUORUM:

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be seven.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th June each year and shall transact such business as is normally transacted at Annual General Meetings. The period of notice shall be thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ELECTIONS:

The Office Bearers, the Executive Committee and Representatives on other organisations shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year.

AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be altered by a two-thirds majority of members present at a duly convened meeting for the purpose.

QUORUM:

The quorum for the amendment of the Constitution shall be fifteen members. Should no quorum be present a special meeting shall be convened not later than twenty-one days afterwards and the members present at such meeting shall constitute a quorum.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- a) The Association may only be dissolved after six months' notice to the South African National Council for Child Welfare and the Department of Social Welfare and Pensions. Such dissolution shall be effected by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the votes by members present in person at a meeting duly convened for the purpose. Fifteen members present at the meeting shall form a quorum of such meeting but if there is no quorum at such meeting the meeting shall stand adjourned for not less than one week and the members attending such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum. The meeting shall be convened by a notice posted to each member at his registered address and by registered post at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting. Such notices shall set out the object of the meeting and shall state date, time, and place at which the meeting will be held.
- b) In the event of the dissolution of the Association being agreed upon the property and other assets of the Association shall be handed over to an Indian organisation or organisations with similar objects, in such manner as may be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes of members present at the meeting mentioned in (a) or in default thereof by the South African National Council for Child Welfare.

PROPOSED ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION OF
THE INDIAN WELFARE INSTITUTE

1. The name of the organisation shall be: THE INDIAN WELFARE INSTITUTE.
The aims and objects of the Institute shall be:
2. a. To promote and encourage the cultural and social advancement of the Indian community of Johannesburg.
b. To assist by distributing food and clothes and pay rentals of indigent families and give other financial assistance that the Institute deems necessary and
c. To establish and maintain recreational centres.
3. MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall be open to all members of the Indian community over the age of 21 years who are resident in Johannesburg and District.
4. MANAGING COMMITTEE
The Managing Committee shall consist of:
 a chairman
 vice chairman
 Hon. secretary
 Hon. treasurer and
 five members
elected at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the members of the Institute called for the purpose.
Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by voting at a meeting of the Managing Committee, subject to confirmation by a general meeting at the earliest opportunity.
5. FINANCE CONTROL
Cheques drawn on the Institute shall be signed by the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer duly appointed by the Managing Committee.
6. No contributions shall be raised by the Institute for any purpose not set out in the Constitution approved by the National Welfare Organisation Board, and no money or property of the Institute shall be applied to any other purpose without the approval of the Board.
7. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE
 - a. The Institute may be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at a General Meeting of members convened for the purpose of considering such matter are in favour of dissolution. Not less than twenty-one days' notice shall be given of such meeting and the notice convening the meeting shall clearly state that the question of dissolution of the Institute will be considered. If there is no quorum at such a General Meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned for not less than one week and the members attending such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.
 - b. If upon dissolution of the Institute there remains any assets whatsoever after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such assets shall not be paid to or distributed among its members but shall be given to such other registered welfare organisation or welfare organisations preferably having similar objects, as may be decided either by the members at which it was decided to dissolve the Institute or, in default of such decision, as may be decided by the NATIONAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS BOARD.
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