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Pampa Kannada Koota



Date: March 1st, 1986

Dear Members:

It has been unanimously decided to register "PAMPA KANNADA KOOTA", as a "not-for-profit" social and cultural organisation. A draft constitution of the organisation is enclosed for your review and suggestions. Please read through and if you feel there need to be any additions or alterations, please let us know in writing, for the executive committee to consider on or before 15th, March.

Sincerely,

Vijaya Pandit

(VIJAYA PANDIT)

(for excutive members of
Pampa kannada koota)

THE CONSTITUTION OF PAMPA KANNADA KOOTA

(Metro Detroit, Michigan)

Preamble:

Where as, the Kannada speaking community in the Metro-Detroit area, Michigan, in order to cultivate and preserve the cultural, literary, scientific and educational heritage of Karnataka, and to contribute toward promotion of inter and intra cultural understanding and integration, do hereby join together to form an association.

ARTICLE I

Section 1 : Name and location.

The name of the association shall be "PAMPA KANNADA KOOTA OF MICHIGAN", hereafter referred to as 'The Kannada Koota'.

Section 2 : Location

The office and headquarters of the kannada koota shall be at such location on decided by the president of the association.

ARTICLE II

Section 1 : Aims and objectives:

The aim and objectives of the koota shall be:

- a) To provide a forum for kannada cultural activities.
- b) To promote kannada literary and educational activities.
- c) To promote inter and intra-cultural understanding and integration.
- d) To conduct kannada language classes and such other progrms to promote literary and cultural understanding of Karnataka among children.

Section 2 :

No members or officers shall receive or derive any personal, financial benefits either by being a member of the kannada koota or by using its goodwill.

ARTICLE III

Status of the Association:

The Association shall be a "not-for-profit" cultural Association.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 : Membership eligibility:

Any person who subscribes to the objectives of the association may become a member of the association under any of the categories described in article IV section 2, on payment of the appropriate dues to be determined from time to time by the executive committee.

Section 2 : Membership categories:

- a) Family Membership: Those with spouse/children on payment of the annual family membership dues as determined by executive committee may become family member.
- b) Individual membership: Single persons, on payment of the annual dues as determined by the executive committee may become individual members.
- c) Honorary membership: Upon recommendation of the executive committee Honorary membership of the Association may be granted to the person of calibre who has made a significant or a special contribution towards promoting the aims and objectives of the Association. Honorary membership shall be lifetime membership.

Section 3 : Voting rights:

- a) Under family membership, the member and the spouse each shall carry one vote.
- b) Individual members and Honorary members shall carry one vote each.

Section 4 : Revoking membership:

The executive committee may revoke a membership with one month notice, for any conduct considered undesirable by a two-thirds majority of votes of assembled membership in an officially organized meeting or assembly.

ARTICLE V

Section 1 : The executive committee:

The executive committee shall consist of five members duly elected by the members of the kannada koota at its annual general body meeting. Voting shall be by any acceptable method in case of a contest. The candidate receiving the maximum number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected.

Section 2: Office bearers:

The members of the executive committee shall elect from among themselves the following office bearers.

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- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- e. Treasurer

- c. Secretary
- d. Jt. Secretary cum Historian

Section 3 : Associate Members

The executive committee shall have the right to co-opt spouses of the members of the executive committee as Associate members of the executive committee. The Associate members shall have the same powers and duties as members of the executive committee.

Section 4: Eligibility to the executive committee:

In order to be considered for executive committee an individual must be a member of the kannada koota in good standing at least for two years.

Section 5:

The president of the kannada koota shall be a non voting member however, in case of a tie only he can exercise his vote.

Section 6:

Each person in the executive committee shall carry one vote.

Section 7:

At no time the executive committee shall consist of less than two office bearers, failing which new elections shall be held to fill the vacancies.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of the office bearers:

1. The president shall represent the Association, preside over its meetings and shall execute its resolutions. The president shall not commit the Association without the consent of the majority of the executive committee.
2. The vice-president shall assist the president in his duties and act on his behalf in his absence. He shall also perform such other duties delegated from time to time by the executive committee.
3. The treasurer shall be responsible for the financial records of the association. The treasurer shall also perform all other duties incidental to the office of treasurer of an organization of this character. In the absence of the treasurer, the executive committee shall nominate a member as the treasurer.
4. The Secretary and joint secretary, in general, shall be responsible for all non-financial records of the

Association. He shall maintain an up-to-date list of all the members of the association. He shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the association. He shall also perform all other duties incidental to the office of the secretary of an organization of this character.

5. The joint secretary, in general, shall be responsible for organizing the cultural activities of the association to be determined by the executive committee from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

Special Committees:

Special sub-committees may be appointed by the executive committee to accomplish special assignments, to investigate specific problems, procedures on matters of interest, and to make recommendations to the executive committee. The terms of such committees shall be terminated any time at the discretion of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII

General body meeting:

Section 1:

An annual general body meeting shall be held at a suitable time and place designated by the executive committee.

Section 2:

Additional general body meetings of the association may be held at the call of the executive committee or at the request of members upon receipt of a petition calling for such meeting and signed by at least 25% of current members.

Section 3:

The notice for the general body meeting shall be sent at least 15 days prior to the date fixed for such a meeting.

Section 4: Quorum:

The quorum for the Annual body meeting shall be 25% of the active members. If the quorum of this meeting is not satisfied then an additional Annual general body meeting shall be held within fifteen days and no quorum will be necessary for this meetings called by the executive committee, but only the resolution on the agenda shall be voted upon.

Section 5:

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX

The Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the association shall from April 1st through March 31st.

ARTICLE X

Section 1: Finance:

The executive committee shall be responsible for finances of the association.

Section:2:

A financial account in the name of the Association shall be opened in a financial institution, and operated jointly by the president and treasurer of the association.

Section 3:

The executive committee shall be responsible for, and be required to report on all financial transactions conducted during the preceeding year, at the annual general body meeting of the association.

ARTICLE XI

No-confidence motion:

A no-confidence motion against office bearers or the executive committee may be passed by a majority decision of the members. In such an event a new election for the office bearers or the executive committee, as the case may be, shall be held. The terms of the new office bearers so elected shall expire at the usual time as specified in Article IX.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments:

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at a general body meeting provided,

- 1) That the amendment is introduced by a petition signed by at least 10 members, or by the executive committee.
- 2) That the amendment is submitted to the executive committee which shall distribute it to the members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

ADDENDUM TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

JANUARY 16th, 2012

This addendum is due to the new State of Michigan requirement to have 3 Directors on Board for all Non-Profit Corporations.

It was decided at this meeting that:

1. Directors, Vijaya Pandit & Ramesh Gowda will continue on board.
2. The 3rd Director will be always the current President of Pampa Kannada Koota of Michigan for the 2 Year term as covered by the Annual Report.
3. The 3rd Director for the year 2011-2012 will therefore be Nagaraja Tavarekere.
4. The Annual Report has been prepared and mailed to the State with the above information.

Directors and current Committee Members present at this meeting have agreed to the above and set forth their signatures.


VIJAYA PANDIT

(Director)

RAMESH GOWDA

(Director)

J GOWDA


(Vice-President 2010-2012)



NAGARAJA TAVAREKERE

(President 2010-2012)