TURKISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA Inc.

Amerika Türk Kadınlar Birliği

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ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The League was incorporated under the name "Turkish Women's League of America, Amerika Türk Kadınlar Birliği" by license No. 12322 issued by the Government of the State of New York on September 17, 1958. It is referred to herein as the "League." The principal office of the League is in the City of New York, State of New York, United States of America.

The street address of the League shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and may be changed by the same procedure when necessary. Address changes shall be reported to the competent authorities in accordance with applicable law.

Upon proposal of the Board of Directors and approval of the General Assembly, the League may open branches and representative offices in other states and cities.

In pursuing its purposes, the League shall have all rights recognized under, and shall be subject to all obligations imposed by, the applicable provisions of Section 202 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The League operates without political purpose or profit motive. The purposes and activities of the League are:

1. To preserve, develop, promote and transmit to future generations the Turkish language, history and culture; and to engage in educational, cultural and artistic activities to that end.
2. To support educational activities in line with the principles and reforms of Atatürk; to coordinate the Atatürk School within this scope, to provide material and moral support, and to ensure that educational programs are conducted in accordance with these principles. The Atatürk School belongs to the League and may not be transferred to any individual, institution or organization.
3. To carry out activities aimed at improving the social, cultural and economic conditions of individuals and families of Turkish origin living in the United States; and to strengthen community solidarity.
4. To engage in activities aimed at fostering friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation among individuals from different cultures, especially Turkish and American women.

5. To contribute to the protection and advancement of women's rights; to promote gender equality and to conduct awareness-raising activities in this field.
6. To strengthen solidarity among members; to create platforms supporting the social, cultural and professional development of women.
7. To prepare, publish and distribute all kinds of written and digital publications, reports, newsletters and similar materials to promote the League's purposes and activities.
8. To organize conferences, seminars, panels, workshops and similar educational and cultural events.
9. To cooperate with national and international institutions and organizations; the League, as an accredited civil society organization with the United Nations Department of Global Communications, contributes to communication, awareness and advocacy activities at the global level.
10. In alignment with the United Nations system, to engage in activities in the areas of sustainable development, quality education, climate action and social equality.
11. To carry out all legally permissible activities deemed necessary, and to develop and implement projects, in furtherance of the League's purposes and activities.

ARTICLE 3 – POWERS TO ACHIEVE PURPOSES

To achieve the purposes set forth in Article 2, the League may, in accordance with applicable law, carry out the following activities and transactions:

1. To accept members and to administer membership procedures.
2. To enter into all kinds of agreements, protocols and legal transactions in furtherance of its purposes and activities; and to establish cooperation with local and international institutions and organizations when necessary.
3. To accept donations, aid and grants within the framework of applicable law; and to make donations and contributions in a manner consistent with its purposes.
4. To establish, operate or cause to be operated facilities for educational, cultural and social purposes; and to create camps, educational centers and similar structures within this scope.
5. To become a member of national and international civil society organizations operating in furtherance of its purposes, to develop joint projects and establish cooperative relationships; and in this context, to participate in global initiatives, particularly within the framework of activities carried out with the United Nations Department of Global Communications.
6. To acquire, lease or rent movable and immovable property; to establish or remove real rights over such property. Acquisition and sale of immovable property shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.
7. The League derives its income from donations, membership dues, grants and other lawful sources; it shall not incur debt and may not lend money to third parties or organizations.
8. To conduct fundraising activities, enter into sponsorship agreements and carry out projects to support its activities.
9. To take all legally permissible initiatives and to carry out such other activities as may be necessary in furtherance of its purposes and activities.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 4.1 – Classes of Membership

The League shall consist of the following classes of members:

(a) Regular Members

Persons who have reached the age of eighteen (18), who accept the purposes and principles of the League, and who pay the membership dues may apply for Regular Membership. Admission to membership is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Applicants who are accepted shall acquire Regular Member status.

(b) Honorary Members

Honorary Membership may be conferred by resolution of the Board of Directors upon people who have made significant material or non-material contributions to the League. Honorary membership shall continue until terminated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Honorary Members:

- Shall not pay dues;
- Shall not have the right to vote;
- May attend General Assembly meetings without voting rights.

Section 4.2 – Admission to Membership

Membership applications shall be submitted in writing or electronically. The Board of Directors shall act on applications within thirty (30) days.

The Board of Directors may accept or reject applications at its discretion. Rejection decisions shall be communicated in writing or electronically; no statement of reasons is required. The application fee shall be refunded to rejected applicants.

Section 4.3 – Membership Term

Membership commences on the date of acceptance by the Board of Directors and is valid for a period of twelve (12) months.

To continue membership, the annual membership dues must be paid and the membership renewed within the time period specified in Section 4.4.

Memberships not renewed within the applicable period shall become inactive and membership rights shall be suspended.

Inactive members may reactivate their membership by fulfilling their dues obligations. Provisions regarding the waiting period for voting rights are reserved.

Membership shall also terminate in the following circumstances:

- Written resignation;
- Expulsion as a result of disciplinary proceedings;
- Death of the member.

Section 4.4 – Dues

(a) Setting the Dues Amount

The annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the dues amount annually and update it when necessary. The current dues amount shall be announced on the League's official website and in renewal notices sent to members.

(b) Payment Timing and Method

The League shall send members a written or electronic renewal notice at least thirty (30) calendar days before the Membership Expiration Date.

Dues may be paid by check, bank transfer or electronic payment methods accepted by the Board of Directors.

(c) Late Payment and Inactive Status

The League shall send a written or electronic reminder notice to any member who has not paid their dues after the Membership Expiration Date has passed. Members who fail to pay their dues on time shall automatically be placed in Inactive status. The membership rights of inactive members who do not fulfill their dues obligations shall be automatically suspended. Such people may subsequently pay their dues and reinstate their membership without the need for a new application.

(d) Refund Policy

Paid annual dues shall not be refunded under any circumstances. This rule applies in cases of resignation, expulsion or termination of membership for any reason.

(e) Record-Keeping Obligation

The League shall maintain records of all dues payments in accordance with the requirements of the New York N-PCL and federal IRS 501(c). These records shall be open to the inspection of the Audit Committee.

Section 4.5 – Voting Rights

Regular Members whose membership has been in effect for at least 30 days as of the date of the General Assembly shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

Members whose membership has been suspended due to non-payment of dues may not vote until 30 days have elapsed from the date of payment.

The following persons may not vote:

- Members with outstanding dues;
- Honorary members;
- Persons who have not continuously held Regular Member status for at least 30 days prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Section 4.6 – Suspension and Reinstatement of Membership

(a) Becoming Inactive

Members who do not pay their dues on time shall automatically become Inactive Members.

(b) Reactivation

Inactive members may reactivate their membership by paying their outstanding dues.

(c) Voting Rights Waiting Period

For people who reactivate their membership, the 30-day waiting period shall recommence. No votes may be cast until this period has elapsed.

Section 4.7 – Membership Admission and Membership Card

Membership shall be affected upon acceptance by a majority of the Board of Directors and payment of the membership dues. The membership card evidence membership, is issued by the League to valid members, and is non-transferable.

Section 4.8 – Resignation from Membership

Any member may resign from membership by providing written notice. Paid dues shall not be refunded.

Section 4.9 – Termination of Membership

Members who act contrary to the League's purposes, resolutions or ethical rules, or who abuse their duties, may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures and principles set forth in Article 11.

ARTICLE 5 – ORGANS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE LEAGUE

The organs of the League shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Procedural matters not expressly regulated in the Bylaws may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Fifteen (15) days after the General Assembly, the boards shall hold their internal organizational meetings, and the newly elected board shall assume office. The organs of the League are:

- General Assembly
- Board of Directors
- Audit Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Standing Committees

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall consist of Regular Members who have the right to vote.

Section 6.1 – General Assembly Meeting

The annual General Assembly meeting of the League shall be held on the second weekend of June each year, in person, via online video conference, or by any other method determined by the Board of Directors. Elections shall be held every two years; the review and approval of the financial report shall take place every year.

Section 6.2 – Notice, Quorum and Adjournment

The date and venue of the General Assembly shall be communicated to all members in writing no less than thirty (30) and no more than fifty (50) days in advance.

The quorum required to open the General Assembly is a majority of the members entitled to vote. If quorum is not achieved, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date determined by the Board of Directors, not to exceed two weeks. That meeting shall be opened without a quorum requirement, and the General Assembly proceedings shall commence.

Section 6.3 – Participation in Votes at the General Assembly

Each member meeting the qualifications set forth in Article 4 shall have one vote at the General Assembly. A member may exercise this right in person or may be represented by another member by means of a written proxy. Such proxies must be sent both to the members who will use the proxy and to the Board of Directors. Each member may use only one (1) proxy.

The Board of Directors may establish procedures for voting by electronic or postal means in compliance with applicable law and the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 6.4 – Meeting Procedures

Members attending the General Assembly shall sign next to their names on the list prepared by the Board of Directors, and next to the name of any member they represent. If the General Assembly is held online, the member must confirm when their name is called during roll call with their camera on and must indicate their confirmation when the name of the person for whom they hold proxy is called.

If a sufficient quorum has been achieved, this fact shall be recorded in a minute appended to the list. The General Assembly meeting shall be opened by the President or Vice President. A Presiding Officer and two secretaries shall be elected by the General Assembly by open or secret ballot to conduct the meeting. The duty of the Presiding Officer is to impartially ensure that the proceedings are conducted in accordance with the Bylaws and laws, with the assistance of two secretaries. The Presiding Officer's duties end up at the conclusion of the General Assembly meeting.

After confirming that a sufficient quorum is present, the General Assembly Presiding Officer shall put the agenda submitted by the Board of Directors, and any proposed amendments, to a vote for adoption, and shall proceed with the implementation of the agenda. At the conclusion of the meeting, all minutes and documents shall be delivered to the newly elected Board of Directors within two months.

Section 6.5 – Special General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly shall be called into special session upon the request of one-fourth (1/4) of the General Assembly members, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by unanimous resolution of the Audit Committee. No matter other than the agenda item, giving rise to the special meeting may be discussed at the special General Assembly.

Section 6.6 – Duties and Powers of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the League. The General Assembly shall elect the President, the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, and the Disciplinary Committee every two years. It shall approve amendments to the Bylaws and provide guidance and recommendations to the League’s officers regarding their activities and objectives for the upcoming term.

Section 6.7.1 – Financial Reports and Discharge

At the end of each fiscal year, the General Assembly shall review the League's financial reports, balance sheet and activity reports.

The General Assembly may, if it is necessary, resolve that the financial records be subject to independent audit.

Section 6.7.2 – Amendment of Bylaws

The Bylaws of the League may be amended at a regular or special General Assembly meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members with voting rights present at the meeting.

Proposed bylaw amendments must be communicated to members in writing or electronically at least fifteen (15) days before the General Assembly meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARDS

The President of the League, the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee and the Disciplinary Committee members shall ordinarily be elected at the Regular General Assembly meeting held every two (2) years.

Elections shall be conducted within the framework of these Bylaws, and for matters not regulated herein, in accordance with reasonable procedures and rules to be determined by the Board of Directors consistent with these Bylaws.

In exceptional circumstances — such as the absence of candidates, failure to achieve the required majority, or the risk of interruption to the League's administrative and institutional functioning — the General Assembly may, by resolution, extend the incumbent President's term of office by one (1) term.

Such an extension of term may be repeated, provided it is re-evaluated and decided upon by the General Assembly each time. If no extension is resolved, the election process shall be initiated immediately.

Section 7.1 – Presidential Candidacy and Notification Process

Presidential candidates shall be nominated upon recommendation by the Nominating Committee or upon the signed recommendation of ten (10) active members. No candidacy application can be accepted through any method other than these.

The Board of Directors shall be obligated to announce duly submitted applications and the candidates' curricula vitae to all members by written mail or electronic mail at least thirty (30) days before the Regular General Assembly date.

Members' personal data and contact information may not under any circumstances be provided to candidates, their representatives or third parties. Communication between candidates and members shall be facilitated only through the Board of Directors and with due regard for the principle of equal treatment.

Section 7.2 – Nominating Committee and Identification of Presidential Candidates

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days before each regular election period, with due regard for the principles of impartiality, equal representation and avoidance of conflicts of interest, and shall serve until the election results are finalized. The Nominating Committee may recommend one or more candidates for the Presidency. The right of independent candidacy as provided in these Bylaws is reserved.

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Two (2) former Presidents and three (3) active members who have been continuously active members for at least five (5) years; or
- Five (5) active members who have been continuously active members for at least five (5) years.

Members of the Nominating Committee may not be candidates for any elected position during the election period in which they serve.

The Board of Directors may, when it is necessary, provide Committee members with training on election procedures, electronic voting systems and League rules.

The Nominating Committee:

- May not alter election results;
- May not alter candidacy requirements;
- May not make decisions contrary to the provisions of these Bylaws.

For ensuring that the election process is conducted in an orderly, impartial and secure manner, the Committee may appoint necessary technical personnel, observers or auxiliary election officers.

Committee decisions shall be taken by a majority of members present at the meeting.

If the Nominating Committee cannot be constituted within the required timeframe, the Board of Directors may appoint temporary and impartial election officers to conduct the election process.

If electronic or hybrid election methods are used, reasonable security, verification and confidentiality measures shall be taken.

The Nominating Committee is not a permanent body. The Committee's duties shall end upon the announcement of election results and the completion of any election appeal processes.

Section 7.3 – Presidential Election Procedure

The League may conduct General Assembly, membership votes and Board of Directors elections electronically or through online platforms.

The Board of Directors is authorized to establish rules regarding the electronic voting system, voting method, election calendar, identity verification procedure and election security.

Votes cast electronically shall have the same validity as votes cast in person.

In elections with more than one candidate, a secret ballot method may be used. It is essential that the electronic election system allows members to cast their votes secretly and securely.

In the event of technical malfunction, security issues or extraordinary circumstances that may affect the election process, the Board of Directors may postpone, restart or determine an alternative election method.

Members participating electronically shall be counted as present for purposes of calculating meeting and decision quorums.

The President shall be elected with the participation of members entitled to vote. The Board of Directors shall determine the voting procedure.

If there are more than two candidates and no candidate obtains more than half of the valid votes cast in the first two rounds of voting, a third round of voting shall be held between the two candidates with the most votes. The candidate who obtains a majority of votes in that round shall be deemed elected as President. Election results shall be recorded in minutes by the Nominating Committee and announced.

ARTICLE 8 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the League shall consist of the following eleven members elected for two-year terms: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six regular members. The General Assembly shall also elect four alternate members. Board of Directors members may not hold more than one office. A Board of Directors member who fails to attend, without excuse, three consecutive Board of Directors meetings shall automatically be removed from the Board of Directors unless the Board of Directors resolves otherwise. An alternate shall be called to replace the removed person. The Board of Directors shall decide which alternate to call by a simple majority.

Section 8.1 – Decision-Making and Signing Procedures

The Board of Directors is authorized to control and manage the activities and property of the League, to conduct the League's business and to make necessary decisions in furtherance of the League's purposes.

The Board of Directors shall meet with most of the total number of Board members. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the President's vote shall be decisive.

Decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes book or electronic record system and may be signed by the President of the Board of Directors or the Secretary chairing the meeting. The

Board of Directors may, if it deems necessary, also obtain the signatures of other Board members.

Board of Directors' decisions may also be taken by written approval without holding a meeting. In such case, the written or electronic approval of all Board of Directors members is required for the decision to be valid.

Electronic signature, scanned signature, email approval and other digital approval methods shall be deemed valid.

Section 8.2 – Election of the Board of Directors

The newly elected President shall submit the Board of Directors candidate list for approval by the General Assembly. If the General Assembly rejects the list, a separate election shall be held for each position. This election shall be conducted by open or secret ballot in accordance with the General Assembly's decision. People who have been active members for at least 90 days may be candidates for Board of Directors membership.

The election of Audit Committee and Disciplinary Committee members shall be subject to the same procedures and principles.

Election results shall be recorded in minutes by the Nominating Committee and announced.

Section 8.3 – Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall never permit or enable the alteration or addition of the fundamental and principal purposes set forth in the League's certificate of incorporation and bylaws, or the derivation of benefit from the League's income and capital by any member or private individual.
2. It shall prepare draft resolutions to be submitted to the General Assembly.
3. The Board of Directors is the executive organ of the League and shall:
   - **(a)** Perform the duties assigned under the League's bylaws;
   - **(b)** Implement General Assembly resolutions;
   - **(c)** Prepare the work program and budget for the coming period and the work report and balance sheet for the past period; collect the League's income and pay its expenses; provide financial support to the Atatürk School belonging to the League and conduct school programs through the School Principal;
   - **(ç)** Hire and dismiss the School Principal and teachers to work at the school;
   - **(d)** Establish committees on various matters and select their members;
   - **(e)** Identify Honorary Members and submit them for approval by the General Assembly; select representatives to be sent to the Federation of Turkish American Associations and the Turkish American Associations Councils; select members and youth members to be sent to the United Nations Department of Global Communications. These representatives shall be accountable to the Board of Directors;
   - **(f)** Appoint paid staff as it deems necessary to conduct the League's ordinary day-to-day business;
   - **(g)** Fill vacancies on the boards during the term of service with alternates;
   - **(ğ)** Become a member of, or terminate existing membership in, organizations operating in furtherance of its purposes and in public interest;
   - **(h)** Prepare internal regulations for the conduct of the League's internal affairs.

Section 8.4 – Meetings and Notice

The Board of Directors shall meet as often as it deems necessary to conduct the League's business. Regular Board of Directors meetings shall be held once a month. The President or a majority of Board members may call a special meeting when necessary.

Meeting notices may be given by email, electronic message, telephone or other appropriate means of communication, and shall include the date, time, place and agenda.

Meetings by the Board of Directors meetings may be held in person, electronically or in a hybrid format. Members participating electronically shall be deemed to be present at the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall meet with most of the total number of members. If a quorum cannot be reached with the members present, the meeting shall be adjourned. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie vote, the President's vote shall be decisive.

Decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes book or electronic record system and signed by the President and Recording Secretary chairing the meeting.

Board of Directors' decisions may also be taken by written or electronic approval without holding a meeting. In such case, the written or electronic approval of all Board of Directors members is required for the decision to be valid.

The Board of Directors shall hold a special meeting upon the call of the President or two members. The venue, time and subject of the meeting shall be communicated to all Board of Directors members at least three days before the meeting.

ARTICLE 9 – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 9.1 – President

The President of the League must be personally present at the General Assembly. The President chairs all meetings.

(a) Duties of the President:

- The President must be able to communicate in English at a level sufficient to conduct the League's official business, subject to the decisions of the Board of Directors. The President is generally responsible for managing the League's activities.
- The President shall continuously keep the Board of Directors informed about the League's activities and cooperate with the Board of Directors on all matters.
- The President shall perform the duties assigned by the Board of Directors.

(b) Voting Rights of the President:

- The President shall have one vote at Board of Directors meetings. However, in the event of a tie between the votes in favor and against, the President shall have two votes.

Section 9.2 – Vice President

The Vice President must be able to communicate in English at a level sufficient to conduct the League's official business. The Vice President shall perform the President's duties at meetings where the President is absent for any reason. If the President resigns for any reason, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President until the next General Assembly.

Section 9.3 – General Secretary

The General Secretary shall conduct all correspondence relating to the League in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Directors and the President. The General Secretary shall administer matters relating to the League's membership records and shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of the Newsletter.

Section 9.4 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall safeguard all funds and securities belonging to the League. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and donations and shall report to the Board of Directors the list of those who have not paid.

In accordance with Board of Directors' resolutions:

- The Treasurer shall sign League checks alongside the President or Vice President;
- The Treasurer shall prepare reports and ledgers for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA);
- The Treasurer shall present the budget for the coming fiscal period to the General Assembly with the assistance of the President;
- The Treasurer shall follow up on and fulfill tax obligations.

Section 9.5 – Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep the records of Board of Directors meetings, reproduce the minutes and distribute them to Board of Directors members. The Recording Secretary shall maintain the League's inventory records.

Section 9.6 – School Principal

The School Principal should be selected by the Board of Directors and must be a licensed educator. The School Principal shall be responsible for the implementation of the Atatürk School regulations and for the duties assigned by the Board of Directors. The School Principal shall be present at all Board of Directors meetings relating to the school.

Section 9.7 – Regular Members

Regular members shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. They shall take on responsibilities at events assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.8 – Alternate Members

Alternate members shall be called to serve in order by resolution of the Board of Directors upon a vacancy in Board of Directors membership. They may not vote at meetings unless called to serve.

ARTICLE 10 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) members. The newly elected President shall present the Audit Committee to the General Assembly. Audit Committee members must have been active members for at least five (5) years.

The Audit Committee shall inspect all records and accounts of the Board of Directors once every three months and shall report to the General Assembly at year-end. During the fiscal year, it may, if it deems necessary, apply to the Board of Directors to examine minutes and accounting records. The Audit Committee may request that the Board of Directors convene a General Assembly meeting.

ARTICLE 11 – DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The provisions of this Article shall apply to members subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4.9.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall review disciplinary applications filed against League members in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The Disciplinary Committee is an independent body that functions solely within the scope of disciplinary proceedings and is not a permanent executive body.

Section — – Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by resolution of the Board of Directors, or upon the written application, with stated reasons, of at least three (3) Regular Members.

Section — – Scope of Review

The Disciplinary Committee is charged with reviewing:

- Complaints concerning conduct clearly contrary to the League's purposes, the provisions of these Bylaws, and written policies and resolutions;
- Situations allegedly causing significant harm to the League's activities, functioning or institutional reputation;
- Applications alleging abuse of duties and powers.

Section — – Review Procedure

The Disciplinary Committee may, when it is deemed necessary, request additional information and documents from the Board of Directors, seek a written defense from the member concerned, and conduct such assessments as may be necessary within the scope of the review.

The members who is the subject of the disciplinary review shall be notified in writing and shall be given at least fifteen (15) days to submit their defense. In the event of a valid excuse, this period may be extended by the Board of Directors.

No decision of expulsion from membership may be made without affording the right to be heard.

Section — – Advisory Opinion and Decision

Upon completion of the review, the Disciplinary Committee shall submit its written advisory opinion and recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall take its decisions on disciplinary measures having regard to this opinion. No disciplinary decision may be made without first obtaining the written opinion of the Disciplinary Committee.

The Board of Directors may decide on necessary disciplinary measures including warning, temporary suspension, restriction of membership rights, and expulsion from membership.

A decision of expulsion from membership shall be taken by at least a two-third (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors. A Board of Directors member who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation may not participate in the vote regarding their own case.

Section — – Notification

Every decision made because of disciplinary proceedings shall be communicated to the member concerned in writing. A decision to expulsion from membership shall also be announced in writing to all League members and shall be placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly meeting for informational purposes.

Section — – Readmission

Persons expelled from membership because of disciplinary proceedings may not apply for readmission for a period of two (2) years from the date the expulsion decision becomes final. For readmission applications submitted after this period, a unanimous resolution of the Board of Directors is required for acceptance.

ARTICLE 12 – STANDING COMMITTEES

Depending on its annual executive program, the Board of Directors may establish standing committees on matters including education, promotion, social welfare, fundraising or other areas it deems necessary. At least one Board of Directors member shall serve on each such committee. The other members of the committee shall consist of capable individuals who may or may not be members of the League.

ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at a regular or special General Assembly meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the registered members entitled to vote. However, proposed bylaw amendments must be sent by the Board of Directors to General Assembly members at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE 14 – GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. The League's fiscal year commences on June 1 and ends on May 31. The League's funds may be kept partially or fully in cash, or, at the discretion and by resolution of the Board of Directors, may be invested in stocks, bonds and other investment vehicles.
2. For procedural matters not regulated in these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply.
3. The official seal of the League, obtained from the State of New York, shall be kept in the custody of the President.
4. The League shall not be liable for legal actions, legal costs or claims for damages arising from the conduct of Board of Directors members, employees, or members and individuals serving as volunteers in any other capacity in various activities.

ARTICLE 15 – DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the League shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the registered members at a General Assembly meeting. The dissolution decision shall be reported to the competent authorities within the framework of the applicable laws of the State of New York, and the legal procedures shall be completed in full.

Following the dissolution decision, all debts and obligations of the League shall be settled as a priority. The remaining assets shall be transferred, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the registered members, to a not-for-profit organization exempt from taxation under IRS 501(c) whose purposes are consistent with those of the League.

The dissolution decision shall be communicated in writing to Turkish community organizations in the region and to the relevant official authorities.

ARTICLE 16 – ELECTRONIC RECORD KEEPING

The League may create, store, archive and, where necessary, back up electronically all documents, records, decisions, member information, financial records, meeting minutes and other official documents relating to its activities.

Records maintained in electronic form shall be deemed to have the same validity as written records. The Board of Directors is authorized to take the necessary measures to ensure the security, confidentiality and proper preservation of electronic records.

Electronic signatures, scanned signatures, email approvals and digital communication methods may be considered valid to the extent consistent with applicable law.

League records may be stored in cloud systems, digital storage platforms or other secure electronic systems.

The written notice requirement shall be satisfied by electronic mail sent to the email address provided by the member, or by postal mail sent to the address provided.

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