

Constitution

Of

The Islamic Society of North East Ohio

(ISNEO)

Ratified By (Board of Directors – 2009):

President

RAZA KHAN _____

Vice President

NOMAN RAFIQUE _____

Director of Finance

MZA SIDDIQUEE _____

Director of Education

HANEEZAIN ISMAIL _____

Secretary

MUHAMMAD AYMEN _____

Article I – Name and Scope

The Society shall be called the "Islamic Society of North East Ohio". It shall be a nonprofit organization, as defined by the rules and regulations of section 501-C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It will be referred to as the "Society" in this document. It will be abbreviated as "ISNEO". The term "Board of Directors" will be abbreviated as "BOD".

The offices of the society shall be located at "6976 Promway Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720".

Article II – Objectives

- A. Maintain a facility, which will be used as an Islamic center for purposes of Islamic worship, religious activities, educational/developmental activities and social events that do not violate the tenets of Quran and authentic Sunnah.
- B. Promote goodwill, tolerance, unity, friendship and understanding to strengthen the fraternal bonds among Muslims of Stark County and bordering counties.
- C. Disseminate information about Islam, its teachings, its history and its philosophy to Muslims and interested non-Muslims.
- D. Promote understanding and act as a channel of communication between Muslims and non-Muslims in the surrounding community.

Article III – Organization

The Society shall be organized into: The Board of Directors (BOD), The General Assembly (GA) and Committees subservient to the BOD. The Committees shall be permanent or temporary in nature.

A. Board of Directors

- 1. The BOD shall comprise of five members. The members will be: President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Education and the Secretary.
- 2. All members shall be elected for tenure of one year through general assembly elections, as established in the Society's Bylaws.
- 3. The President or his designate shall be the sole spokesperson for the Society.
- 4. The BOD shall have the authority and responsibility to manage, maintain and to protect the assets and properties of the Society, as established in Section A under Article II of this document.
- 5. The BOD shall develop a program to implement Section D under Article II of this document, if the need arises.
- 6. The BOD shall have the authority and responsibility to manage, maintain and to protect the operational aspects of the constitution in Section A under Article II of this document.

7. The BOD shall have the authority to charter the formation of the “Masjid Management Committee” to fulfill its obligations stated in Section B and Section C under Article II of this document. The “Masjid Management Committee” shall be a non-elected committee, as established in the Society’s Bylaws.
8. The BOD shall have the authority to charter the formation of temporary committees as needed. The BOD shall charter fiscal requirements for temporary committee’s first.
9. The BOD shall have the authority to make investments of the Society funds and community donations to meet the Objectives stated in Section A under Article II of this document.
10. The BOD shall assess the performance and progress of the committees in their meetings, as established in the Society’s Bylaws, towards achieving the Objectives stated in Section B and Section C under Article II of this document.
11. The BOD shall have the authority to charter the formation of the “Property Management Committee” to fulfill its obligations stated in Section 2 and Section 3 under Article III of this document. The “Property Management Committee” shall be a non-elected committee, as established in the Society’s Bylaws.

Article IV – Membership

The membership shall be categorized as:

A. Active Membership: Active membership shall be awarded to only Muslims, 18 years and older, upon approval of a written membership application and payment of dues as set forth by the BOT of the Society, with such rights and responsibilities as shall be established in the Society’s Bylaws. Muslims categorized as under age per this clause can only become members through a family membership as established in the Society’s Bylaws.

B. Non-member/Guest: Any Muslim adult or child, male or female, is welcome to worship at the facility decreed as the Islamic Center. They may participate in a given activity of the center only as a guest and upon payment of appropriate fees, if any. Non- Muslim guests may participate gratis, by invitation only.

Article V – Finance

- A. The BOD or designate representatives may accept contributions in any form and from any legal source, consistent with the objectives of the Society, the principles of Islam and the provisions of Article I. All funds received as donations, dues or investment returns on such funds shall be used solely for the purposes outlined in Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- B. The fiscal year of the Society begins on the first (1st) day of July and ends on the thirtieth (30th) day of June of the following year.

Article VI – Amendments

- A. Any proposed amendment(s) to the Constitution or Bylaws must be presented in writing to the President of the BOD. The petition for amendment(s) must be signed by at least seven (7) Active Members of the Society. The petition shall be evaluated through a meeting of the BOD within thirty days of receipt. The decision to propose the petition for voting to a special General Body meeting, as established in the Society's Bylaws, shall be based on a majority vote from the meeting of the BOD involving every member of the board.
- B. A quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of all Active Members shall be required to be present at the special General Body meeting for the amendments to be considered. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Active Members present shall be necessary for adoption of the amendment(s). If a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of all Active Members is not present at the initial meeting, a second meeting shall be held within 30 days, and at least one-third (1/3) of all Active Members must be present at the meeting to constitute the required quorum, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those Active Members present shall be necessary for adoption of the amendment(s).
- C. Should there be less than one-third (1/3) of all Active members present at the second meeting, the petition will be rejected, as established in the Society's Bylaws.
- D. Absentee votes may be sent in writing for any meeting held under the auspices of Article VI.

Article VII – Dissolution

- A. Upon written request from the BOD signed by all its members or a written petition from two thirds (2/3) of the Active members of the Society to dissolve the Society, the President of the BOD shall call a meeting of the BOD within twenty days of receipt.
- B. After thorough deliberations and a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the BOD, the President of the BOD shall call a special meeting, as established in the Society's Bylaws, of the General Assembly to consider possible dissolution of the Society. Such a meeting must be attended by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Active members. If a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of all Active Members is not present at the initial meeting, a second meeting shall be held within 30 days, and at least one-half (1/2) of all Active members must be present at the meeting to constitute the required quorum, and the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those Active members present shall be necessary for the approval of the dissolution. In the event that it is decided to dissolve the Society, the BOD shall appoint a committee of three (3) Members to dispose of and liquidate the assets of the

- Society. Should there be less than one-half (1/2) of all Active members present at the second meeting, the petition will be rejected, as established in the Society's Bylaws. The decision to dissolve the Society will solely rest on a decision reached by a meeting of the BOD, as established in the Society's Bylaws.
- C. Absentee votes will not be counted in any meeting held under the auspices of Article VII.
 - D. After all the debts of the Society are paid, the former BOD shall decide how to dispose of the remaining assets of the society. Funds remaining after the payment of all debts shall only be used for purposes outlined in Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This shall be a decision based on a majority vote of all its members. Absentee votes do not count.

Article VIII – Constitution supersedes Bylaws

In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the Constitution of the Society and the Bylaws of the Society, the terms and provisions of the Constitution shall control and supersede the terms and provisions of the Bylaws.

Article IX – Constitution in Effect

In the event of revisions of this document, the revision, which has been formally endorsed through a special General Body meeting, as established in the Society's Bylaws, will be in effect. Draft revisions, which have not been formally endorsed through a special General Body meeting, will not be effective.

Article X – Board Jurisdiction

- A. The BOD is the ultimate authority in the society. The distribution of authority within the BOD is established as per the Bylaws.
- B. The committees shall be accountable to the BOD for its conduct in matters pertinent to the society's operational management relevant to the Islamic center.