

ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN (SASKATOON) INCORPORATED
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

September, 2011

ARTICLE I: Name

The association shall be a non-profit religious organization and shall be called “**The Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) Inc.**”

ARTICLE II: Aims and Objectives

1. To follow the path of Allah and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) according to the Quran and the Sunnah.
2. To preserve and promote Islam as a complete way of life and to encourage the adoption and practice of these beliefs in the daily life of the local Muslim community
3. To promote a community of respect, understanding, acceptance, tolerance, and diversity, accommodating the multitude of cultures that make up the Muslim community.
4. To undertake educational initiatives with the goal to teach Islamic beliefs, practices, and lifestyle to members of the Muslim community and their children.
5. To present the religion of Islam to people of other faiths in the broader community and to work to encourage Muslims to become active and contributing members of Canadian society by living the ideals of Islam.
6. To facilitate the education and integration of new Muslims into the broader Saskatchewan community.
7. To strive to be as representative of the make-up of the Muslim community, as possible, with respect to its hopes, aspirations, diversity and capabilities.
8. To strive to provide services to assist Muslims in their religious practices, which may include:
 - a. Founding and maintaining places of worship that provide services, prayers, and ceremonies conducted in accordance with the tenets of Islam;
 - b. Establishing and maintaining an Islamic and Arabic religious school of instruction for children, youths, and adults;
 - c. Performance of weddings, funerals, and other religiously oriented social gatherings;
 - d. Declaration of Ramadan and Eid dates;
 - e. Relieving poverty amongst Saskatchewan’s Muslim and broader communities by providing money and basic amenities, including food, clothing, and shelter to the needy;
 - f. Gifting funds to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act;
 - g. Facilitating social, recreational, educational, and/or religious programs and services for children, youths, and adults,

- h. Facilitating Muslim burial services,
- i. Advancing and teaching the religious tenets, doctrines, and observances associated with Islam as a component of interfaith service and outreach.

ARTICLE III: Membership

A. Eligibility:

1. General Membership:

- a. The Founding Members and such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Association shall be members and shall be entitled to have their names recorded in the register kept for that purpose.
 - b. General Members shall consist exclusively of the Founding, Voting (Regular and Life), Associate, and Honorary Members of the Association.
2. **Voting Membership:** all Muslims who are of age 16 or more and reside in Saskatoon and surrounding areas in the province of Saskatchewan, and who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or legal residents (international students, holders of work permit,...etc) who have resided in Saskatoon for more than six months are eligible for Voting membership.
3. **Associate Member:** any Muslim who is not eligible for regular membership or a non-Muslim who has an interest in Islam can become an Associate Member provided that the individual is sponsored by at least two members of the association.
4. **Honorary Member** - An annual General Meeting may wish to confer honorary membership on a non-Muslim in Saskatchewan or any other person in Canada or the rest of the world for outstanding service to Islam and Muslims. The recommendation for such honour must come from the Board of Directors. Honorary Membership will be at the “pleasure of the board of Directors”.
5. **Disqualification for non-recognition of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW):** Any person who claims to be a believer in Islam but who, either individually or by virtue of his/her identification with a sect or group, does not recognize the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as the final prophet or does not believe that both the Quran and Sunnah are the true guidance, is not eligible for any kind of membership in the Association.
6. **Application for Membership:** Applications for membership, on the prescribed form shall be filed with the General Secretary. Membership applications will require sponsorship by two members of the Association in good standing. In the event of uncertainty or ambiguity about the accuracy or veracity of any content or information provided in the application, the General Secretary may ask for further information or particulars in order to confirm or verify the information provided. Where false information is provided on the application, membership may be refused at the discretion of the General Secretary.

B. Duration of Membership:

Membership shall remain valid for the fiscal year (see Article III(C)(3) below) for which the membership dues have been paid. Application for membership renewal, on the prescribed form, shall be filed with the General Secretary.

C. Rights of Members:

1. Members will be eligible to vote on all matters concerning the Association provided they have been members in good standing and have paid their annual dues at least 30 days prior to such vote.
2. Members (over the age of 18 years) except hired staff will be eligible to hold elective office when elected, provided they have been members in good standing for at least 12 months and have paid their annual dues at least 30 days prior to such election.
3. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if the annual dues are not paid within 90 days of the beginning of a fiscal year. After such time, the person whose membership has lapsed may rejoin the Association upon payment of the annual dues.
4. Associate Members may discuss any issue at meetings but shall not have the right to:
 - a) propose or second any motion
 - b) vote
 - c) hold elective office.

D. Membership Dues:

1. All members of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) Inc. shall be required to pay an annual membership fee (“fee”) as proposed by the Board of Directors (BoD) and approved by the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. The BoD may propose or change the annual membership fee for regular and associate individuals or family membership (family includes spouses and all children under the age of 16 years).
3. Life Member - Any Member may obtain a life membership by making a lump-sum payment equivalent to 10 years of the annual fee in effect at the time of payment.

E. Termination of Membership:

1. Any Member, Associate Member, or Life Member (“member”) may resign at any time by providing written notice to the General Secretary. However, fees paid by the member will not be reimbursed.
2. If there is sufficient evidence that a member of the Association provided false information at the time that he or she applied for membership, his/her membership may be terminated by the BoD.

3. A member may be expelled for a cause from the Association by a two-third majority vote of a properly constituted general or special general meeting, further to a recommendation made by the BoD. Such member shall have the opportunity to be heard, at such meetings, prior to a vote being held.
4. A member may be suspended for a cause from the Association by the BoD for a maximum period of three months within which an action is taken by the general meeting as in Article III E-3 above. Suspension requires the approval of at least two third of the BoD.

ARTICLE IV: Organization

A. General Meeting:

1. The general meeting shall be composed of the General Members of the Association and shall be presided over by the President or by the Vice-President, in the event of the President's absence. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, a properly-constituted general meeting at which at least a quorum of members is present shall elect its own chairperson to preside at the meeting.
2. The Association shall have an Annual General Meeting in every calendar year, which shall be held within 60 days of the end of the previous fiscal year, i.e. the Meeting shall be held between January 1 and February 28 (or February 29 in leap year). The fiscal year of the Association shall be from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December.
3. The Annual General Meeting shall elect the members of the Board of Directors (BoD).
5. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the notice board of the Masjid(s) (Islamic Center(s)), 21 days in advance of the Meeting. This period shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of meeting.
6. A notice of the agenda of the Annual General Meeting, together with an Audited Financial Statement shall be mailed or e-mailed to all General Members, whose mailing and email addresses have been provided to the General Secretary, at least 7 days before the meeting is held.
7. The attendees at the Annual General Meeting shall be provided reports from all the Committees, as well as the reports of the President and Treasurer.
8. Special General Meetings of the Association may be called by a majority decision of the BoD, or by a written request bearing the signatures of 20% of the voting members or 40 voting members in good standing, which ever is the least.
8. Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be posted on the notice board of the IAS Masjid(s)/Center(s), 14 days in advance of the Meeting. This period shall be deemed sufficient notice of the Meeting.

9. The agenda for a Special General Meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed to all General Members, whose mailing and email addresses have been provided to the General Secretary, at least 7 days in advance of the Meeting.
10. The Quorum of any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association shall be at least one-third of the total number of Voting Members or 80 Voting Members, whichever is less. If the Quorum is not achieved, the meeting shall be rescheduled, with notice of the rescheduled meeting being provided 7 days in advance. The Quorum of the rescheduled general meeting shall be at least one-fourth of the voting members or 40 members in attendance, whichever is less.
11. Emergency General Meetings may be called, with a notice of 48 hours of the time and agenda of such a meeting in exceptional circumstances, by unanimous decision of the BoD present in the Province of Saskatchewan at the time the exceptional circumstances arise, provided that such decision is made by at least two-third of the total numbers of the BoD.
12. No issue that has without any doubt been clarified in Quran or Sunnah shall ever be put to a vote.
13. Any Annual, Special, or Emergency General Meeting may elect to decide any issue by secret ballot upon approval by a simple majority of Voting Members in attendance.
14. Voting shall be a simple show of hands except where otherwise provided in this constitution (see Articles IV A-13 and IV B-5).
15. The meeting shall be conducted by Robert's rules of order unless otherwise stated in this constitution. Where Robert's rules of order and this constitution are in conflict, this constitution shall take precedence.
16. Each Voting member in good standing and present at the Annual, Special, or Emergency General Meeting is entitled to one vote on any issue put to Vote at the Meeting.
17. The chairperson at any meeting shall not have a vote, except where there is an equality of votes cast, in which case the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

B. Conduct of Elections:

1. Elections Chair: The BoD shall select the Elections chair person at least two months before the proposed date of the AGM or election date. The Election Chair shall not be a current member of the BoD, and shall not be nominated for an elective office during his/her term as Elections chair. If deemed necessary, the Elections chair may select up to two General Members in good standing to help the chair by serving as an election committee that includes the chair. The election committee members shall not be current members of the BoD, and shall not be nominated for elective offices during their service on the committee.
2. Nominations: Nomination time shall start four weeks prior to the Election date. The proposal (nomination) of members for elective office may be made by General Members in good standing in writing to the Election Chair using a prescribed form. Such nomination should be signed by the

nominee showing his/her acceptance of the nomination and willingness to serve if elected. Nominations will be closed one week prior to the Election date.

3. Nominees may withdraw their nomination at any time prior to the Elections date. If all the nominees for a particular position withdraw their names after the closing date for nominations, new nominations may be accepted until the time of the elections.

4. Names of eligible nominees shall be made public, by email or posting on the notice board, to all General Members once nominations close. Nominees shall make themselves available, personally, by phone, or email, prior to the elections date to answer questions or concerns raised by the General Members.

5. Whenever there is more than one candidate for an elective office, the elections shall be conducted by secret ballot at an Annual General Meeting of the Association, subject to the qualification that a representative of each candidate shall be present during the counting of ballots. If only one candidate is nominated until the nomination deadline is closed, the candidate shall be announced as the new BoD member by acclamation.

6. Elections for the BoD shall normally be held at an Annual General Meeting.

7. Members of the BoD shall be elected by simple majority of the Voting Members in attendance during the annual general meeting.

8. The Elections chair shall be responsible for the elections process; starting by receiving nominations till the announcement of the elected members.

C. Board of Directors (BoD):

1. The BoD shall consist of eleven different officers: President, Vice President, Vice President Sisters Affairs, General Secretary, Treasurer, and chairpersons of the six remaining standing committees.

2. Members of BoD shall be elected for a term of two years. To maintain continuity, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and three committee chairpersons, for the Asset Management and Operations Committee, the Social and Community Affairs Committee, and the Youth and Sports Committee, shall be elected in one year. The Vice President Sisters Affairs, General Secretary, and three committee chairpersons, for the Religious Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, and the Finance and Fund raising Committee shall be elected in the alternate year. In the upcoming elections after this amended constitution is effected, positions will become open for elections based on the schedule in appendix A. Afterwards, election arrangement for the various positions shall be held according to this constitution.

3. In case of a vacancy in the BoD, the BoD may elect a replacement from the Voting Members in good standing to continue till the next AGM, provided that the replacement is approved by two-thirds of the Board.

4. No person shall hold the President's office for more than two consecutive terms.

5. The BoD shall be responsible for implementing the resolutions passed at any general meeting and shall manage the affairs of the Association between general meetings.

6. The meetings of the BoD shall be presided over by the President and, in the event of the President's absence, by the Vice-President. In the event that both are absent, the present members of the BoD shall elect a member as chairperson to preside the meeting.

7. The BoD shall have regular monthly meetings and no less than ten meetings per year.

8. Special meetings of the BoD may be called at any time by the President or, in the President's absence, by the Vice-President, provided 48 hours notice of such meeting is given.

9. The President, or in case of the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall call a special meeting of the BoD upon receipt of a request to that effect from at least four members of the BoD.

10. Six members of the board shall form a quorum.

11. The BoD shall appoint members to each standing committee on the recommendation of the respective committee's chairperson. The BoD should ensure that women and youth are adequately represented and accommodated in working with the standing committees.

12. The BoD shall appoint a chairperson for each of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), Muslim Communications and Outreach Committee (MCOC), and Takaful Fund Committee (TFC). In collaboration with the appointed chairs, the BoD may establish the membership of such committees, and may choose to include other Muslim organizations in the committees. The BoD shall appoint a board member to act as an ex-officio with each committee. The BoD may also appoint ad-hoc committees, chaired by non board members to consider and report back to the BoD on any issue or issues not covered by the standing committees. The life-time of any ad-hoc committee shall initially be one year but may be extended based on need and/or the discretion of the BoD.

13. No person shall be a member of the BoD for more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

14. For any voting issue in the BoD meetings that requires more than a simple majority vote to pass, the President or presiding person must cast a vote.

15. Accountability and Transparency:

The members of the BoD are accountable to Allah and to the community members who elected them. The board members shall strive to be as transparent and open to the community as possible. To ensure transparency, the following steps shall be taken;

- a) One week before every routine monthly meeting of the BoD, the agenda of the meeting may be sent to all the Association's membership through an email or may be posted on the Association's website.
- b) The BoD meetings shall be open to all of the Association's membership except when a sensitive issue is being discussed. Where there is a concern that the matters discussed should remain confidential, the meeting may be conducted in-camera.

- c) One week after every meeting, highlights of the proceedings of the meeting may be conveyed to the membership via email, the website, or the Association's newsletter.
- d) If a member requests, approved minutes of the meeting may be provided to the requesting member, subject to the due process established by the BoD. The BoD has the right not to disclose portions of the minutes that were discussed during in-camera meetings.

16. The BoD may establish and enforce policies and regulations for the proper management of the Association.

17. The BoD may hire/appoint full-time or part-time employees to help the BoD in running the affairs of the Association, provided that the General Body approves, in principle, the creation of the position. The BoD may terminate an employee's contract, in accordance with applicable legislative requirements.

18. If the Association comes to acquire or manage multiple Centers or Mosques, the BoD may appoint an executive committee for the day-to-day operation of each Center or Mosque. The BoD may hire/appoint full-time or part-time employees to help the executive committee in running the affairs of the Center/Mosque, provided that the General Body approves, in principle, the creation of the position.

D. Standing Committees:

1. The standing committees of the Association shall include:

- a) Religious Affairs Committee.
- b) Education Committee.
- c) Asset Management and Operations Committee.
- d) Finance and Fund Raising Committee.
- e) Social and Community Affairs Committee.
- f) Youth and Sports Committee.

2. The chairpersons of the standing committees shall be members of the BoD and shall be elected at a properly constituted general meeting (see Article IV B-6).

3. **The Religious Affairs Committee** shall be responsible for:

- a) Consulting with the Imam, as a member of the religious affairs committee, on various religious affairs.
- b) Developing protocols for selection, hiring, and annual evaluation of the Imam
- c) The arrangement of prayers in the Masjid.
- d) The arrangement for Khutbas and other talks on Islam.
- e) The arrangement of seminars and talks on Islam, social and contemporary issues facing the Muslim community at large, and parenting and family life for both Muslims and interested non-Muslims (in conjunction with other Committees of the Association).

f) Identifying and recommending publications and booklets on Islamic matters for the use of the membership in conjunction with the Youth and Sports Committee & the Education Committee.

g) Establishing the dates of major Islamic events.

h) Facilitating the education and integration of convert/reverts into the community, in coordination with the Social and Community Affairs Committee.

i) Facilitating the work of the Imam to perform his duties.

4. The Education Committee shall be responsible for educational activities including:

a) Organization and execution of all educational classes for children and adults based on a curriculum that includes, Quran, Arabic studies, Seerah (Life of the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him), Basic Fiqh, Adab (Islamic morals, etiquette and virtues) and volunteering and social service.

b) Provision of materials for all instructional classes.

c) Recruitment and training of teachers.

d) Identifying and recommending publications, booklets, tapes and records etc. on Islamic matters for the use of school and also for the membership (in conjunction with the Religious Affairs Committee and the Asset Management and Operations Committee).

e) Consulting with Islamic seminaries, Muslim educational institutes, and think-tanks in order to acquire authentic resources to teach and train young and adult Muslims.

f) Establish academic and non-academic scholarship programs for the Muslim community in Saskatoon.

g) Providing seminars and workshops for professional development and increasing awareness among Muslims in general, and the BoD members in particular, with regard to various socio-political and cultural issues as well as the governance of nonprofit organizations

5. The Asset Management and Operations Committee shall be responsible for:

a) Overseeing the general day-to-day operations of the buildings, including room booking for Association events or other authorized events.

b) Affecting any repairs up to a maximum cost as determined from time to time by the BoD.

c) Asset management and periodically inspecting the Association's Centers and other properties, and bringing to the attention of the BoD any need for major alteration, additions, or repairs.

d) Keeping a record of the keys to the Islamic Centers. The distribution of keys shall be at the discretion of the BoD

e) Operation and maintenance of the Library, including maintaining regular hours of operation and coordinating with the Education Committee and the Religious Affairs Committee in procuring new books helpful to the needs of the community.

f) Ensuring recycling in the Centers.

g) Keeping an up-to-date inventory of equipments, furniture, and all articles owned by the Association.

h) Acting as the direct supervisor of all administrative and maintenance staff.

6. The Social and Community Affairs Committee shall be responsible for:

a) Arranging activities on the occasions of the major events of the Islamic calendar such as the Eids, Iftar, etc. in the Islamic Centers.

b) Arranging social activities such as picnics, summer camps, etc. with other Islamic groups to encourage liaison and cooperation with such groups.

c) The encouragement of Islamic social interaction between individuals and families, both adults and children to broaden and strengthen the community as a whole.

d) Arranging, in conjunction with the Religious Affairs Committee, occasions of religious significance to individuals and individual families, such as weddings.

e) Leading and coordinating work for publishing the community newsletter on a regular basis to keep the members and others interested persons informed on the affairs of the Association.

7. The Finance and Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for:

a) Fund raising and revenue generating projects (e.g., food (and other) sale, donation boxes, fund raising dinners)

b) Budget preparations.

c) Financial planning and policies.

8. The Youth and Sports Committee shall be responsible for youth and sport activities including:

a) Arrangement of youth events and summer programs.

b) Arrangement of youth conferences.

c) Acting as a liaison with the Muslim Students' Association (MSA) and any other Muslim Youth groups.

d) Intra-group liaison through sports activities and events such as tournaments, tours, exchange of sports teams with other youth groups.

e) Procurement and maintenance of sports and games items and equipments.

E. Duties of the President:

The President shall be responsible for:

1. the general management of all the affairs of the Association between BoD meetings.
2. Directing and coordinating all the activities of the Association so as to fulfill the aims and objectives of the Association.
3. Presiding at the general meetings and at the meetings of the BoD.
4. Presenting the annual report to the Annual General Meeting.
5. Signing documents in the name of the Association.
6. Being a spokesperson, representative, and correspondent for the Association or designating another member of the BoD to be the same for the Association's activities.
7. Signing all cheques issued on behalf of the Association in conjunction with the Treasurer or the Vice-President, in case of absence of the Treasurer.
8. Coordinating, following up, and directing the BoD members, and resolving any conflict or overlap issues among the BoD members.

F . Duties of the Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall be responsible for:

1. Assisting the President in accomplishing the objectives of the Association.
2. Fulfilling the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.
3. Fulfilling any duties assigned by the President or the BoD
4. Acting as President until the next Annual General Meeting, in the event that the President cannot complete the term of the office.
5. Signing all the cheques issued on behalf of the Association in conjunction with the President, in case of absence of the Treasurer, or in conjunction with the Treasurer, in case of absence of the President.

G. Duties of the Vice President-Sisters Affairs

The Vice-President-Sisters Affairs shall be responsible for:

1. Directing and coordinating all issues related to women in the Association (religious, education, fund raising, social, youth, sports, logistics, and space).

2. Promoting and engaging women in the affairs of the Association.
3. Working with the President to resolve and rule on any arising temporal, spatial, or logistical issues or conflicts affecting the women members, supporters, or congregants of the Association.
4. Fulfilling any duties assigned by the President or the BoD.

H. Duties of the General Secretary:

The Secretary shall be responsible for:

1. Issuing notices for the meetings of the BoD and of the general meeting at the time and in the manner required by this Constitution and the Association's By-Laws.
2. Preparing agendas for all BoD meetings in consultation with the President and other members of the BoD.
3. Recording and maintaining the minutes of the BoD and the general meetings and distributing them to the BoD members in timely fashion.
4. The custody of the seal of the Association.
5. Maintaining an accurate record of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the members of the Association in a register kept for that purpose.
6. Maintaining an accurate record and archive of the Association.
7. Communications within the Muslim community (website, mails, emails, and announcements)

I. Duties of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

1. The care and custody of the funds of the Association.
2. Depositing the funds of the Association in a chartered bank designated by the BoD.
3. Signing all cheques on behalf of the Association in conjunction with the President or, in case of absence of the President, with the Vice-President.
4. Maintaining complete and accurate books of accounting, and reporting on the financial position of the Association at each BoD meeting.
5. Presenting a true and audited account of the Association's finances at the Annual General Meeting, and filing the Association's annual return with the Canada Revenue Agency.
6. Ensuring that the standing committees be given adequate funding to fulfill their responsibilities.

J. Resignations and Dismissals from the BoD:

1. Any member of BoD may resign after providing notice to the Secretary, except that in the case of the resignation of the Secretary, in which case notice shall be given to the President. The resigning member shall continue running the affairs of his/her Office for a period of one month or until a replacement is elected by the BoD.
2. Any BoD member who does not attend three consecutive BoD meetings without reason shall be considered to have resigned from the position, subject to affirmation by two-thirds of the members of the BoD.
3. Any member of the BoD who propagates activities contrary to the aims and the objectives of the Association shall be censured, in writing, by the BoD and, if such behaviour persists, may be dismissed from the BoD by a majority vote at a properly constituted general meeting, upon recommendation by the BoD.

ARTICLE V: Management of Islamic Center/Islamic Association of Saskatchewan Properties

1. All legal contracts concerning the operation of the Islamic Centers shall be signed by the President and Treasurer upon simple majority consent of the BoD. In the absence of the President or Treasurer, the Vice president may sign in place of any of them.
2. The premises of the Islamic Center building(s) shall be used for:
 - a) Prayers;
 - b) Activities either initiated or sponsored by the IAS BoD, in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Association, related to the teaching and learning of Quran and Arabic language, and any other educational activity endorsed by the IAS BoD.
 - c) Pre-arranged functions of religious significance such as marriage ceremonies (Nikah), funeral prayers, and Eid functions. The use of the premises may also be pre-arranged for social and sports activities, and dialogue and discussion with Muslims and non-Muslims about Islam.
3. Any activity that is contrary to the basic principles of Islam shall not be held at the Islamic Center(s).
4. Alcohol, tobacco products, smoking, all intoxicating drugs, pork and pork products shall not be introduced into the center(s).
5. Any additional long-term activity (more than 3 months) not specified in Article V-2 that may occupy a large space (more than one room) must be approved by two-thirds of the members of the BoD prior to presentation for approval of the membership. Such a proposal requires the approval of a simple majority of a properly constituted General Meeting before the proposal can be implemented.
6. In the event of a proposed sale of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) Center buildings, approval of three-quarters of the members of the BoD must be obtained to present such a proposal to a General Meeting. The proposed sale must then be approved by a three-quarters majority of a properly constituted general meeting before the sale may be executed.

ARTICLE V(a): Management of Waqf Properties

1. All property currently owned by the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) and all property yet to be acquired by the IAS shall be considered as, and is declared to be waqf property, or property assigned only for the purpose of the IAS Islamic Centers for the sake of Allah (SWT).
2. All revenue, after expenses, earned from or generated by the property currently owned by the Islamic Association and all revenue, after expenses, earned from or generated by the property yet to be acquired by the Islamic Association shall be utilized only for the operational and maintenance costs/expenses of the Saskatoon Islamic centre for the sake of Allah (S. W.); these operational and maintenance costs/expenses refer to the utility costs, insurance, maintenance, repair or improvement to the physical infrastructure or superstructure of the Islamic Centre.
3. Waqf properties owned by the Association are to be managed exclusively by the IAS or any designate(s) authorized by the IAS.
4. A proposed sale of any of the ‘waqf’ properties must be approved by three-quarters of the members of the BoD to present such a proposal to a General Meeting. The proposed sale requires approval of at least three-quarters Voting Members present at a properly constituted general meeting before the sale may be executed.
5. Proceeds of the sale of any of the Waqf properties/investments shall only be used for the acquisition of other waqf properties/investments for the purpose of the IAS Islamic Centers for the sake of Allah (S. W.).

ARTICLE VI: Affiliations:

1. The Association, through a simple majority of an annual general meeting, may decide to affiliate with other groups at national and/or international level for the promotion of its objectives as defined in Article II of this constitution.
2. Representatives of the Association shall be chosen by the BoD to represent the Association on the Boards of such organizations and to report back to the BoD.

ARTICLE VII: Miscellaneous:

1. The general meeting shall have the power to amend this constitution by a two-third majority provided a one month notice of the special resolution has been sent to all members of the association.
2. The BoD may accept any contributions in any form from any source consistent with the purpose of the Association.
3. The Association may be dissolved upon approval by a three-quarter majority of the Association’s members in a properly constituted general meeting.

4. The balance sheets and statements of income and expenditures prepared each year shall be checked and audited by a chartered accountant and presented to the annual general meeting. The Chartered Accountant must be at arms-length from all the members of the BoD.
5. Contracts, deeds, bills of exchange, and other documents on behalf of the Association shall be executed by the Treasurer, subject to special execution requirements noted in this Constitution and the by-laws of the Association.
6. Upon the dissolution of the Association and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more recognized Islamic charitable organizations in Canada as decided by the General Meeting of the Association.

APPENDIX A

Elections – 2012	Elections – 2013
Open positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President (two years);- Vice President (two years);- Vice President Sisters Affairs (one year);- Treasurer (two years);- Asset Management and Operations (two years);- Social and Community Affairs (two years);- Youth and Sports (two years).	Open positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vice President Sisters Affairs (two years);- General Secretary (two years);- Religious Affairs (two years);- Education (two years);- Finance and Fund raising (two years).