

Bylaws of

I. Name and Principle Office

The name of the organization shall be _____, hereinafter referred to as the “**Corporation**”.

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at

_____.

The Board of Directors may change this location as needed.

The Corporation may establish additional offices in other locations as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

II. Purpose and Mission

The Corporation is formed for the following purposes:

- To support community development through education, networking, and access to resources.
- To promote inclusive leadership and sustainable practices across sectors.
- To facilitate collaboration among members working toward economic and social advancement.

The Corporation exists to empower individuals and organizations through shared knowledge, equitable practices, and collaborative action. The Corporation shall operate in compliance with all relevant local, national, and international laws and regulations.

III. Membership

Membership is open to individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and cooperatives that support the mission of the Corporation.

There shall be the following classes of membership:

- **Individual Members:** Persons participating in a personal or professional capacity.
- **Organizational Members:** Entities such as companies or nonprofits.
- **Honorary Members:** Individuals recognized for exceptional service, without voting rights.
- **Voting Members:** Members in good standing with full rights to vote.
- **Non-voting Members:** Members who may participate but do not vote.

All members may attend meetings, access communications, and participate in activities. Voting members may vote in elections and on key organizational matters. Members must adhere to bylaws, uphold the mission, and pay annual dues where applicable.

Membership dues shall be determined annually by the Board. Dues are non-refundable and payable on or before the membership renewal date. Membership may be terminated for failure to pay dues, violation of policies, or conduct harmful to the Corporation. Termination requires a two-thirds vote of the Board. A member may resign at any time by notifying the Secretary in writing.

IV. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall govern the Corporation. It is responsible for:

- Approving the mission, strategy, and policies.
- Overseeing finances and budgets.
- Ensuring legal and ethical integrity.
- Hiring and evaluating executive leadership.

The Board shall consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 15 members. The exact number may be adjusted by the Board as needed. Each Director shall serve a term of 2 years. Directors may serve up to 3 consecutive terms, after which a minimum one-year break is required.

Directors shall be elected by the current Board. A Director may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board.

Regular Board meetings shall occur at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of at least three Directors. Notice must be given at least 7 days in advance. A majority of current Directors constitutes a quorum. Each Director has one vote. Decisions are made by majority vote unless otherwise required. Board vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors for the unexpired term.

V. Officers and Duties

The Officers of the Corporation shall include:

President: Leads meetings, represents the Corporation, and coordinates Board activities.

Vice President: Supports the President and assumes duties in their absence.

Secretary: Keeps records, takes meeting minutes, and ensures proper documentation.

Officers shall be elected by the Board annually and serve 1-year terms. Officers may serve up to 3 consecutive terms. An officer may be removed by majority Board vote. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

VI. Committees

The Board may create standing committees, including but not limited to:

- Finance Committee
- Governance Committee
- Membership and Outreach Committee
- Programs and Events Committee

The Board may form temporary committees for specific tasks. Committees report to the Board. No committee may act on behalf of the Organization unless explicitly authorized.

VII. Financial Administration

The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31. An annual budget shall be adopted by the Board. The Treasurer will provide quarterly financial statements. The Corporation may engage an external auditor or accountant to conduct a financial review or audit annually. Organizational funds shall be deposited in federally insured accounts.

Authorized check signers shall include at least two officers as designated by the Board. The Corporation shall indemnify its Directors, Officers, and employees against legal liability arising from their service, to the extent permitted by law.

VIII. Records and Reports

The Organization shall maintain accurate records, including meeting minutes, policies, financial reports, and legal documents. Members in good standing may request access to certain organizational records as allowed by law.

IX. Conflict of Interest

Directors and Officers must disclose any financial or personal interest in a matter under consideration. No Board member may vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest. Each Director shall sign a conflict of interest disclosure form annually.

X. Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Director or by written petition signed by at least 10% of voting members. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the Board at a meeting with quorum. If member approval is required by law, a majority of voting members must also approve.

XI. Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the Board and a majority vote of the voting membership. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed to another nonprofit or public-benefit organization with similar goals, as approved by the Board, and in accordance with applicable laws. No part of the Corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of private individuals.

These bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors of _____, on _____.

President

Name

Date

Signature

Secretary

Name

Date

Signature



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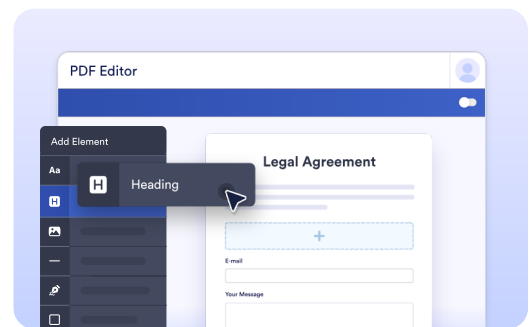
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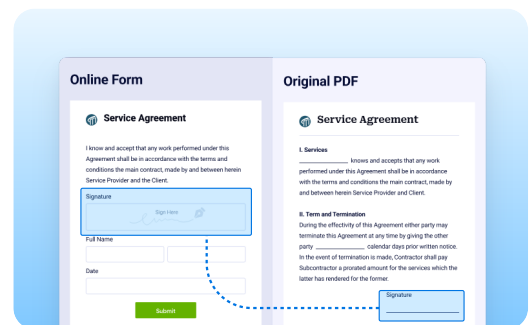
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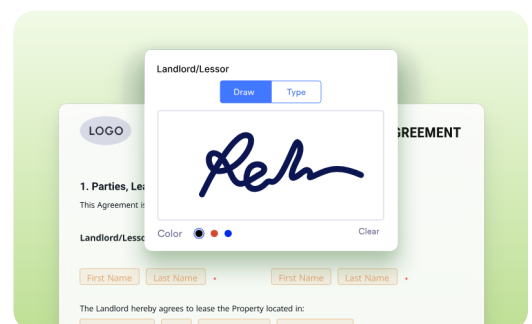
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