

# **TAGCA Board of Trustees Amendment:**

### **1.0 DEFINITION AND COMPOSITION:**

- A. The Board of Trustees (BOT) shall consist minimum of three (3) and up to five (5) members.
- B. Out of these five members, without involving any general election procedure, one (1) trustee shall be appointed by the current executive committee. For the long term benefit of the organization, this position is filled from among all founding members, patrons or life members that have been members for at least two years and retained good standing, priority shall be given to life Members of TAGCA based on their volunteer contributions to the TAGCA events and organizations growth in general.
- C. The immediate past President will be an official member of the BOT. If the immediate past president is not interested in becoming a member of BOT, Executive Committee (EC) will fill that position with another past president, founding member, patron or life member. A majority vote within the Executive Committee is required for this purpose.
- D. The President of the current term Executive Committee shall automatically be part of the board of trustees for the elected term.
- D. The remaining two (2) positions are filled by regular election process occurring once every two years.
- E. All BOT members shall be founding, life or patron members of TAGCA and current residents of the greater Charlotte Area.

# 2.0 Election for Board of Trustees (2 positions):

The election of two BOT members in shall be done as follows:

Every two years the election shall be called for two positions. If for any reason, the Executive Committee chooses not to appoint trustee; election shall be conducted for such position, following the same procedures as in the other category. The election for BOT should be conducted at the same the time as EC elections and should be completed before April 1<sup>st</sup> once every two years as stated in bylaws of TAGCA.

Page 1 of 4 Author: Sasi Sunkara

#### **3.0: BOARD OF TRUSTEES ROLE:**

The board of trustees shall follow to the best of their ability in upholding the constitution and bylaws of the TAGCA. BOT shall have oversight on Executive Committee to ensure that TAGCA remains highly respectable in the community, scandal free and financially viable organization.

Promptly resolve or help to resolve any major issues or conflict as they become evident.

Each BOT member may have a specifically identified or defined long-range area of focus objective, such as:

- Financial Audit
- Membership Audit
- Social Promotions
- Cultural Promotions
- Sponsorships and covenants
- Fund-Raising
- Community Outreach
- Conflict Resolution.

### **4.0: TERM OF A BOT MEMBER**

- A. Every BOT member is elected for a 2-year term.
- B. The Immediate past President shall serve in the BOT for only one EC term as a Chairman, if elected by majority BOT vote.
- C. No BOT member can serve a third consecutive term.
- D. There shall be a gap of at least one year after two consecutive terms on BOT.

### **5.0: MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE**

- A. BOT shall have a minimum of 4 meetings in a year. One every quarter and at any additional time as deemed necessary to review status of the key activities of the organization.
- B. Every member of BOT is expected to participate in all the meetings called. Any possible absence may be conveyed in advance to rest of members or attempt should be made to be available via telephone or conference call.
- C. Non-participation in two (2) consecutive meetings or 50% of the total meetings without proper cause and excuse by the BOT is a reason for review and

Page 2 of 4 Author: Sasi Sunkara

replacement with a suitable candidate as recommended by Executive Committee operating during that year.

### **6.0: FORMATION**

- A. All board of trustees equally responsible in performing the duties in organizing and conducting meetings as needed.
- B. The trustees will elect a Chairman by a majority vote every two years among themselves, and such positions shall have a term of two (2) years.
- C. The Immediate Past President is automatically eligible to hold Chairman position of BOT as long as the majority vote from trustees is in favor.
- D. Board trustees shall assign responsibilities among themselves to the specific roles to fulfill the role of BOT as defined in section 3.0
- E. No BOT Chairman can serve more than two consecutive years (one term).
- F. For the first term in 2010 the BOT shall start with total of three(3) trustees because of the missing election time period prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- G. In future if there are not enough nominations received for BOT positions, EC has right to appoint the positions or decide to go with minimum formation of the BOT, whichever is decided by the majority of vote in EC meeting.

# 7.0: DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES and BOT

#### A. Responsibilities:

- 1. The BOT's main responsibility is fiduciary in nature. BOT will periodically review the financial status, budget, assets, membership lists etc. along with President, Secretary and Treasurer of TAGCA.
- 2. The BOT shall oversee the function of the organization, ensuring that the core values and purposes of the organization are reflected in the operational process.
- 3. The BOT shall perform the task of developing public policy that adequately promotes the values of the organization and also ensures that all interaction with the wider community is conducted in a manner that is in keeping with Articles of Organization & Bylaws.
- 4. The BOT will oversee the mission; provide a vision; a long-range planning; financial viability including fundraising, and conflict resolution of TAGCA affairs, but not daily and routine operations of TAGCA.
- 5. The BOT is responsible for ensuring smooth transition when a new EC takes office, sale of TAGCA capital assets when needed, and guiding the EC as mentors

Page 3 of 4 Author: Sasi Sunkara



to ensure that TAGCA is governed as per the TAGCA Articles of Organization and Bylaws.

- 6. BOT members may also represent TAGCA to enhance the image of TAGCA in other organizations when such requests are made.
- 7. BOT is responsible to form the following three committees to ensure proper checks and balances are in place running the TAGCA organization:
  - i. Election Committee to conduct BOT election once every two years
  - ii. Election Committee to conduct EC election once every two years
  - iii. Audit Committee to Review Financial Records once every year
  - iv. Membership Verification Committee to review the memberships
- 8. BOT is responsible to preserve the existence of the TAGCA and shall work actively with EC in maintaining the harmony with the community and is also responsible in addressing any activities taking place in the community that might damage the image of TAGCA.

#### **B. Voting Privileges:**

BOT shall have voting privileges along with the EC members on matters relating to:

- 1. Articles of Organization and Bylaws and Amendments.
- 2. Election policies and procedures.
- 3. Long term purpose, mission and objectives of TAGCA as outlined in the Articles of Organization and Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.
- **4.** Removal and suspension of any member including committees.
- 5. Financial decisions where expenses for TAGCA exceeding \$15,000.00
- **6.** Honoring the individuals who are serving the Telugu community and community at large in the greater Charlotte area.

Committee	Formation	Term and Elections
Boart Of Trustees(BOT)	Total up t o 5 Members Consists of (Minimum 3):  1 – Trustee (appointed)  2 – Trustees (election process)  1 – EC Past President  1 – EC Current President	2 year term

Page 4 of 4