

# **HUNGARIAN-CANADIAN INTERCULTURAL SOCIETY**

EXTRACT

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

(THE FULL VERSION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

(Translation from the Hungarian original. The Hungarian version is applicable for any interpretation of the Articles of Association)

The founding members of the **Hungarian-Canadian Intercultural Society** at their convening meeting of foundation laid down and univocally accepted the Society's Articles of Association in full compliance with Act CLXXV. of 2011 on civil organizations, Act CLXXXI of 2011 on the registration of civil organizations and Act V of 2013 (Hungarian Civil Code) as follows:

## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1./ Name of the Society: **Hungarian-Canadian Intercultural Society**
- 2./ Registered office of the Society: H-6500 Baja, V. Körzet 62., Hungary
- 3./ Legal status of the Society: non-profit civil organization with legal personality
- 4./ Names and addresses of the founding members are contained in the non-public Annex hereto.

## **II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY**

- 1./ To establish and support scientific, societal, professional, cultural, and economic co-operations between Canada – and North-America in a wider sense – and Hungary with the endeavour to involve the widest possible circle of international Canadianist organizations in these activities;
- 2./ To promote and support the mutual scientific, professional, economic, cultural, and societal understanding and interoperability between the countries;
- 3./ To establish and foster professional, scientific, economic, cultural, and societal dialogue and future oriented co-operation based on equal rights and duties;
- 4./ Non-profit based participation in establishing and fostering Hungarian-Canadian interrelations;
- 5./ Professional and cultural services;
- 6./ The Society pursues the aim of supporting Canada-related scientific, teaching, research, social and common-interest activities.

## **III. MEMBERSHIP**

- 1./ Membership in the Society is voluntary;
- 2./ Members can be natural or legal entities, and their organizations having legal personality;
- 3./ Members' status can be:
  - ordinary member
  - sponsoring member
  - honorary member

### **3.a.) Ordinary members:**

(i) Founding members;

(ii) Those who - having read and accepted the Articles of Association - declare their intention to become a member of the Society. Such declaration shall be made in writing addressed to the President. The application for membership shall be approved by the Board by simple majority vote;

### **3.b.) Sponsoring members:**

(i) Those who - having read and accepted the Articles of Association - declare their intention to become a member of the Society. Such declaration shall be made in writing addressed to the President. The application for membership shall be approved by the Board by simple majority vote;

(ii) Sponsoring members shall make financial contributions to the Society;

(iii) Sponsoring members cannot become executives of the Society in terms of Ectv. 4. § (5);

(iv) The amount of the financial contribution, mode of performance and deadlines for performance shall be laid down in a separate written agreement between the parties;

(v) Sponsoring members have no voting right in the Assembly. However, if at least one quarter of all members support a motion of the sponsoring member, the Board cannot deny the inclusion of such a motion in the agenda;

### **3.c.) Honorary members:**

(i) With a resolution of the Assembly, honorary membership can be awarded to natural persons who have distinguished themselves, and acquired particular merits in the support of the purposes of the Society;

(ii) Honorary members have no financial duties towards the Society;

(iii) Honorary members undertake to use their social, professional, and scientific standing to publicly support and promote the purposes of the Society;

(iv) Honorary members can participate in the Assembly in an advisory capacity; they cannot become executives of the Society.

## **4./ Expiry of membership**

4.1. Death of a member; the loss of capacity of a legal entity;

4.2. Resignation of the member. Resignation shall be submitted in writing to the President. It shall become effective on the day of receipt of it by the President;

4.3. A member shall be deleted from the Register of Members, if – despite of having been called upon – the member fails to pay the membership fee within six months of such notification;

4.4. Exclusion;

4.5. Cancellation of membership by the Society, if the conditions for membership in terms of the Articles do not exist;

4.6. Dissolution of the Society.

## **5./ Exclusion of a member**

5.1. Any member can be excluded by a resolution of the Assembly if the member gravely and repeatedly violates the law, the provisions of the Articles of Association or any resolution of the Assembly, or if the member's behaviour and/or attitude seriously endangers the achievement of the purposes of the Society. The exclusion can be initiated by the Board, or by any member. The extraordinary meeting of the Assembly – to be convened by the President within 8 days – decides about the exclusion within 30 days – extendable by a further 30 days - from receipt of the motion.

## **6. Rights of the member**

6.1. Depending on the form of membership, the member has the right to vote, to make motions or to participate in the Assembly in an advisory capacity;

6.2. Ordinary members have active and passive voting rights;

6.3. Members can make suggestions, submit motions and applications and can suggested points for the agenda for the meeting of the Assembly;

6.4. The member has the right to make comments, ask questions, make suggestions and remarks in the Assembly;

6.5. The member is entitled to make use of the services, and professional and financial supports approved and on the conditions laid down by the Board.

## **7./ Duties of the member**

7.1. Payment of the annual membership fee or of the separately and individually negotiated financial contribution;

7.2. The member shall identify with the purposes of the Society and shall actively and personally participate in achieving these;

7.3. Members shall acquaint themselves with the resolutions of the Society and they shall execute them;

7.4. Membership shall be exercised personally. Corporate membership shall be exercised by the person(s) duly authorized hereto;

7.5. Members are not liable for any debts of the Society beyond the payment of the membership fees.

## **8./ Organization of the Society**

### **8.1. The Assembly**

The Assembly is the highest decision making organ of the Society. It is the *sum total* of all members, which has the exclusive competence to decide about issues specified in these Articles of Association:

#### **8.1.1. Exclusive competence of the Assembly**

- a.) Ratification and amendment of the Articles of Association;
- b.) Electing and discharging members of the Executive, electing members of the Supervisory Body, establishing their honorarium;
- c.) Appointing and discharging auditors, establishing their remuneration;
- d.) Acceptance of reports by the Board and of proposed budgets;
- e.) Decision about the dissolution, separation of the Society, or merger with an other society;
- f.) Membership fees and due dates for payment;
- g.) - k.) *upon request*

#### **8.1.2. Meeting of the Assembly**

- a.) It can be ordinary or extraordinary;
- b.) The meeting is not public;
- c.) The ordinary meeting shall be convened as need may be, but at least once a year;
- d.) Extraordinary meeting must be convened if
  - at least 10% of the members request it in writing, specifying the purpose;
  - if the Board deems it necessary;
  - if the Society is faced with serious liquidity problems;
  - if the purposes of the Society have been seriously endangered;
  - if the supervisory authority initiates it by law.
- e.) The Assembly shall make its resolutions by holding a meeting or without it. (*rest of this paragraph upon request*)
- f.) The meeting of the Assembly shall be convened by the President. The invitation containing the place, time and agenda of the meeting shall be published not later than 15 days before the date of the meeting on the homepage of the Society. (*rest of this paragraph upon request*)
- g.) (*this paragraph upon request*)
- h.) The Assembly has a quorum if at least half of the voting membership plus one member is present...(*rest of this paragraph upon request*)
- i.) (*this paragraph upon request*)

j.) For the amendment of the Articles of Association or the modification of the purposes of the Society, a resolution made by the qualified majority (three-quarters of the members present) is necessary;

k.) – m.) (*rest of this paragraph upon request*)

## **9./ The Executive, Management**

9.1. The Society is directed and managed by the Board. The Board shall consist of minimum three and maximum seven members elected by the Assembly from among members of the Society by simple majority vote. The appointed Board members elect the President by internal open voting. (*rest of this paragraph upon request*);

9.2. The work of the Board is supported by a Secretary, elected by the Assembly by simple majority vote. (*rest of this paragraph upon request*);

9.3. In terms of Ptk. 3:77. § the members of the Board are the executive members of the Society;

9.4. Members of the Board and the Secretary have been elected for an initial two year term, renewable without limitation every two years;

9.5. Should the Society be in a financial position to pay honoraria without endangering the purposes of the Society. These shall be established by the Assembly. Until such time, members of the Executive shall perform their duties on a voluntary basis without remuneration.

## **10. Representation**

10.1. The Society is represented by its President. Should the President, for whatever reason, be unable to fulfil his/her duties for a period exceeding 30 days, two other members of the Board shall take over the President's duties. If the President is incapacitated for a period exceeding 90 days and such incapacitation is expected to last, the Board shall convene an extraordinary meeting of the Assembly.

## **11. The Board**

The founding members, at their inaugural meeting, univocally elected the members of the Board:

11.1. Members of the Board:

a.) Dr. Kádár Judit

b.) Dr. Kodó Krisztina

- c.) Dr. László Gábor
- d.) Dr. Richter Kálmán
- e.) Dr. Szabó F. Andrea

The members of the Board univocally elected Dr. Richter Kálmán President of the Board.  
*(rest of this paragraph upon request)*

## **12. Finances**

12.1. The prime source of income of the Society is deemed to be the membership fees;

12.2. Membership fees are to be paid once a year by bank transfer or by bank card payment as published on the homepage of the Society, by not later than 30<sup>th</sup> May of the given fiscal year;

12.3. In terms of the prevailing law underlying the registration of this Society, the Society – in the interest of realizing its purposes and objectives – may pursue for-profit activities.

## **13. Sundry provisions**

*(this paragraph upon request)*

**(SIGNED BY THE FOUNDING MEMBERS)**