

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY

Article V. Membership

- Clause 2. Classes Of Membership: There will be four classes of Membership
- a. Family
 - b. Individual
 - c. Patron
 - d. Grand Benefactor

Article VI. Organization

Clause 1. **General Body**

The following lines shall be added:

A member in good standing eligible to vote and seek election is a member holding one of the classes of membership defined in Article V. Clause 2.

Members holding Individual and Family Memberships are eligible to vote and seek elections if they have paid their membership dues during the calendar year preceding the year of elections.

Patrons and Grand Benefactors have the privileges of Life Membership as per By-Laws Section IV, Clause 2.

Clause 2. **Board of Trustees**

The following line shall be added:

Dedicated and sincere members who have demonstrated record of selfless service to the Society should be encouraged to serve on the Board of Trustees.

- Clause 3. **Executive Council**: The Executive Council shall consist of thirteen (13) voting Members including the Bal-Vihar Director. The General Body shall elect twelve (12) members of the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall appoint the Bal-Vihar Director. The thirteen (13) voting members of the Executive Council shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Program Director
- f. Editor
- g. Bal Vihar Director
- h. Community Relations Director
- i. Five (5) members at large.

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ARTICLE VII. Bal-Vihar

The following lines shall be added:

Bal Vihar Director shall be a Voting Member of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII. Hindu Youth Association

There shall be a Hindu Youth Association dedicated to the cultural, social and recreational activities. This Association shall function within the guidelines set by the Executive Council to promote the objectives of the Society. This Association shall elect its Director, who will be a non-voting member of the Executive Council for a two-year period.

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS OF THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY

SECTION IV. MEMBERS

Clause 2. The following shall be the kinds of membership and their dues:

a.	Family	\$	151.00
b.	Individual	\$	75.00
c.	Patron	\$	5,000.00
d..	Grand Benefactor	\$	25,000.00

For categories (a) and (b), the dues are based on the calendar year, which begins on January 1, and ends on December 31.

For categories (c) and (d), payments may be spread over a specified number of years (1-5 years) as determined by the Board of Trustees.

These dues may be periodically reviewed and recommended by the Board of Trustees for approval at the General Body Meeting.

Clause 3. **Definition of Membership**

a. Family Membership

A family consists of a married couple with their legal dependents. The family membership gives the husband and wife a right to cast one vote each.

b. Individual Membership

An individual, twenty-two years of age and over, may seek individual membership and is entitled to cast one vote.

c. Patron Membership

A family/individual may seek Patron Membership status by paying the dues defined in Section IV, Clause 2.

The family Patron Membership entitles the husband and wife all the rights and privileges of membership for life, including the right to cast one vote each at the General Body meetings. The individual Patron Membership entitles the individual all the rights and privileges of membership for life,

including the right to cast one vote at the General Body meeting. Their name(s) shall be recognized in the society newsletter, the Annual Report, and as appropriately determined by the Board of Trustees.

d. **Grand Benefactor Membership**

A family/individual may seek Grand Benefactor Membership status by paying the dues defined in Section IV, Clause 2.

The family Grand Benefactor Membership entitles the husband and wife all the rights and privileges of membership for life, including the right to cast one vote each at the General Body meetings. The individual Grand Benefactor Membership entitles the individual all the rights and privileges of membership for life, including the right to cast one vote at the General Body meeting. In addition, the family/individual will hold honorific status for the year they have paid the Grand Benefactor Membership dues. Their name(s) shall be recognized in the society newsletter, the Annual Report and as appropriately determined by the Board of Trustees.

- Note:
1. There will be no change in the rights and privileges of all the prior Individual and Family Life Members who have already become Life Members and Patron Members by paying dues as defined in Section IV, Clause 2, of By-Laws dated April 29, 1989, prior to the adoption of these amendments.
 2. In addition to recognition given to Patron/Grand Benefactors, recognition may also be given to other members who have rendered extraordinary beneficial service to the Society, as determined by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Council.

SECTION VI. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Clause 2. **Duties of the Officers.**

- a. **President:** *The following lines shall be added.*

The President shall review and discuss the monthly financial statements, prepared by the treasurer, in the meetings of the Executives Council. He/She shall summarize the monthly financial statements in the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It shall be the responsibility of the President to ensure that the duly approved Annual Report of the preceding year is mailed to all the members

of the Society at least 15 days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting. The President shall have the Annual Reports reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board of Trustees and before March 31St .

b. **Vice President**: *The following line shall be deleted.*

~~He/She shall be responsible for promoting good relations in the community at large and with other organizations.~~

d. **Treasurer**: *The last two lines shall be changed to read as:*

Any two of these officers must sign any check of \$3,000 (three thousand) or more. Any one of the three officers may sign a check in the amount of less than \$3,000 (three thousand).

The following lines shall be added at the end:

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to give monthly statements of all accounts including but not limited to income, expenses, assets, liability, bank balance etc. to the President with a copy to the Audit Committee. The treasurer shall also prepare consolidated quarterly statement at the end of each quarter and give to the President and the Audit Committee.

The treasure shall complete the financial part of the Annual Report, along with the detailed donors list, before March 15th , so that the duly approved annual reports are mailed at least 15 days prior to the annual general body meeting.

The following sub clause shall be added:

h. **Community Relations Director**: The Director shall be the liaison person between the Society, the Indo American Community and local civic organizations in the Lehigh Valley.

DUTIES: The duties shall include (but not limited to) the following functions: Coordinate welcome of the new comers in the Valley and strive to increase the Membership of the Society.

Coordinate needed support for the families/individuals in events of sicknesses, deaths, financial hardships etc.

Coordinate services such as priest services, transportations to and from hospitals and doctors, food supplies, medical help etc

Coordinate revenue collection for emergency relief funds in USA and India, in cases of natural disasters.

Coordinate fund raising for needy charitable organizations in India and organize events for their financial help during their visits to the Lehigh Valley.

Coordinate compliance with the requests from local churches, schools, colleges and interfaith organizations for Speakers/Delegates, and other requests such as their visits to the Hindu Temple etc.

To accomplish these objectives, a **Community Relations Committee** shall be formed. The committee shall consist of a minimum of five members including members from the Executive Council, Board of Trustees, Seniors Group and volunteer community members.

The Committee shall take additional help from the Temple Priest, interested members of the Executive Council, Board of Trustees, sub committees and interested community members, as needed.

SECTION VIII. ELECTIONS

Clause 3. a.

The following line shall be added at the end.

The members of the nominating committee shall be members who have demonstrated record of selfless service to the Society.

Clause 3. b.

The following line shall be added at the end.

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Clause 12. *The following correction shall be made in the paragraph:*

In voting for the ~~four~~ five members at large of the executive council, the ~~four~~ five candidates who have received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Approved by the General Body at the Meeting held on April 26, 2009

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Trustees Constitution Review

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