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C O N S T I T U T I O N
of the
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Budget

The Treasurer, together with the President and Executive Secretary, shall prepare and present a budget to the National Council for approval which shall contain all items of general or special expenses for the term of their office not otherwise provided for by special appropriation.

Article II

Traveling Expenses

Section 1. The elective officers of the National Board attending National official business shall be entitled to traveling and reasonable allowance for hotel and board expenses.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall pay the traveling expenses of persons set forth in Section 1 out of the general fund upon presentation of vouchers counter-signed by the President, or the Executive Secretary.

Section 3. Traveling expenses of any other individual incurred while on official business shall be paid by the Treasurer upon presentation of vouchers counter-signed by the President and the Executive Secretary.

Article III

Qualification of Chapters

Any chapter to be in good standing in this organization must qualify as follows:

- a. Shall have a minimum of 25 members of the age of 18 or over.
- b. Shall have paid National and District Council dues as well as authorized assessments.
- c. The President shall be at least 21 years old.

Article IV

National Council Dues

Each chapter shall pay National Council dues of \$10.00 annually, said dues to be payable in advance to the Treasurer of this organization.

Article V

Delegates

Section 1. Each chapter shall designate two official delegates and two alternate delegates to represent it at any and all meetings of this organization for a term of at least one year.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the delegates shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters in the month of January.

Article VI

National Membership Cards

Section 1. The Treasurer of this organization shall forward to each chartered chapter National Membership Cards at the price of 10 cents per card upon receipt of remittance.

Section 2. The National Membership Card shall have alternating colors of white and blue from year to year and shall be of such form as the National Board shall decide.

Article VII

District Councils

Section 1. There shall be the following district councils:

Northwest District Council; Northern California District Council; and Southern California District Council.

Section 2. The district councils set forth in Section 1 of this Article shall include the following areas within their jurisdiction:

a. Northwest District Council: States of Oregon and Washington and the adjoining territories of the Pacific Northwest.

b. Northern California District Council: Kern County, Monterey County and all other counties in California north of said counties.

c. Southern California District Council: All counties south of Kern and Monterey Counties in the State of California.

Article VIII

Convention Registration Assessment

Section 1. Every person attending the Conventions must be registered by the host chapter and a list thereof shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary within 60 days.

Section 2. A sum of \$1.00 per person shall be taken out of the National Convention Registration and shall be paid into the National Treasury within 60 days.

Section 3. A sum of 50¢ per person registered shall be taken out of the District Council Convention Registration and paid into the National Treasury within 60 days.

Article IX

The Pacific Citizen

Section 1. The official monthly publication shall be called "The Pacific Citizen" and shall be conducted as an educational project of this organization.

Section 2. Each chapter shall pay an annual subscription price of 25¢ per member to the Treasurer of this organization and shall pay an annual advertisement cost of \$12.00 in addition thereto.

Article X

Projects

Section 1. Projects of this organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors appointed by the National Board with the approval of the National Council.

Section 2. The Directors shall hold office during the term of the officers elected at the National Convention or until their successors shall be chosen and qualified.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall select its own officers, make rules and regulations, and employ qualified individuals to further the projects undertaken.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall report the progress made and account to the National Board from month to month and at all other times whenever called upon to do so.

Section 5. In the event of deadlock upon an issue in the Board of Directors meeting, the President of this organization shall cast one vote if he is not a member of said Board and he shall cast an extra vote if he be a member thereof.

Article XI

Current Funds

All funds received from membership dues, membership cards, District and National Convention Registration, and other current activities of the Organization shall be deposited with the current fund.

Article XII

Endowment Fund

Section 1. A fund, known as the "Endowment Fund", shall be established and the income therefrom shall be used for the purpose of financing or assisting projects of this organization.

Section 2. All funds received from Endowment Fund pledges, donations and gifts shall be deposited with the Endowment Fund.

Section 3. There shall be a Board of nine (9) Directors. The term of said Directors shall be for six (6) years, save and except the first Directors, one-third of whom shall be appointed for two years, one-third of whom shall be appointed for six years and one-third of whom shall be appointed for six years.

Section 4. All funds of the Endowment Fund shall be deposited in some savings bank or invested in national, state, county or municipal bonds, or in stocks; provided, however, that twenty-five per cent of the funds must be deposited with the savings bank at all times and not over twenty-five per cent of the funds shall be invested in stocks.

Section 5. Withdrawal of accumulated income from this fund for furthering the purposes of any project or undertaking of this organization shall be made by the Board of Directors with the approval of the National Council.

Section 6. The income from the Endowment Fund may be transferred to the current fund to be used to pay for the rent of the offices of this organization and the wages and expenses of the staff members. This withdrawal is permissible only in the event that there is an insufficient fund in the current fund.

Section 7. Provisions of Article X of these By-Laws shall be binding hereunder if not in conflict herewith.

Article XIII

Emergency Fund

Section 1. A fund, known as the "Emergency Fund", shall be established to be used whenever necessary to further justice for the members of this organization or to insure better understanding between members of the Japanese and American races.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,000.00 shall be set aside for this fund by the Treasurer out of the current fund to be subject to appropriation from time to time during the term of the officers duly elected by the National Council.

Section 3. The National Board shall have power to appropriate from said fund such sums of money as the occasion shall demand for its own use or for the use of its agency.

Section 4. No appropriation for any one undertaking shall exceed the sum of \$500.00 without first obtaining approval of the National Council.

Article XIV

Ex-officio Officials

Any ex-officio member of any board, committee or other body of this organization present at its meetings shall have no right to vote, except in the event of a tie, unless otherwise provided.