

AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INCORPORATED

8818 Cullen Lane (P.O. Box 3884, Austin TX 78764-3884)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

1. This organization shall be known as the Austin Association of the Deaf, Incorporated (AAD), doing business as the Austin Deaf Club (hereafter referred to as ADC).
2. The organization shall be operated under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

1. The objective of ADC is to provide opportunities for fellowship, social, recreation, and cultural experience.
2. The power granted herein shall be solely vested in this Association, with equal rights and privileges to all members.

ARTICLE III – CORPORATION

1. This Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas without stocks or shares held by members.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

1. Members shall pay annual membership fees upon joining the association.
2. All members shall comply with local, state, and federal laws, as well as the Association's By-Laws and Policy.
3. All members shall have the right to safety on club premises.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

1. Officers shall be elected individually by a majority vote cast or by secret ballot.
2. Voting members shall have the right to recall and/or referendum.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD

1. The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Public Relations, and five (5) Members at Large.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

1. The 2-year term of each Board Officer and two (2) Members at Large shall be elected in even-numbered years in November and shall begin after the meeting is adjourned.
2. Three (3) Members at Large shall be elected in odd-numbered years in November and shall begin after the meeting is adjourned.
3. The recently elected Members at Large during even-numbered years shall be designated as MAL 2 & 4, and during odd-numbered years as MAL 1, 3, & 5.
4. Any successor replacing a previous member shall serve the remaining term.
5. Officers shall reside in Travis County and surrounding counties up to a 75-mile radius.

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM

1. The quorum for membership shall be determined based on the provisions of the current policy.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. Unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws or Policy, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association.

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS

1. General meetings shall be held monthly.
2. Meeting procedures shall operate based on the provisions of the current policy.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

1. The Association shall establish committees as deemed necessary in the best interest of the Association to facilitate its activities.
2. Committees shall serve at the will of the Association, primarily providing service and/or assistance to the organization.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

1. Any proposals for amendments to the By-Laws shall go through the Vice-President for proper procedure. The Vice-President shall have no authority to deny members the privilege to make a proposal.
2. The By-Laws shall be amended, altered, or revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at a General Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – PROPERTY

1. The members of the Association are owners of all assets and property located at 8818 Cullen Lane, Austin, Texas 78748.

ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION

1. Upon dissolution of the Club, all real estate and other assets shall be sold and converted to cash. After satisfying all Club liabilities, the remaining funds shall be divided among Members at the time of dissolution. The Club shall not be dissolved except upon a vote by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Members eligible to vote at a Regular or Special Meeting of the membership.

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