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# **BYLAWS**

of

# LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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#### ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as The La Sierra University Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The Office of the Association shall be located on the campus of La Sierra University.

#### ARCTILE II. PURPOSES

The primary purpose of this Association shall be to promote the welfare and influence of La Sierra University, hereinafter referred to as "University", and to establish beneficial relationships among the University, its alumni, and its many constituencies. The purposes of the Association are:

- A. To promote the interests of La Sierra University.
- B. To foster an attachment by the alumni to their alma mater.
- C. To promote unity of purpose among the alumni.
- D. To facilitate the gathering of alumni on campus and at Alumni Gatherings.
- E. To recognize, identify, and celebrate contributions of alumni.
- F. To work with and support students on projects.

#### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Association shall be classified as Regular, Associate, Honorary, and Ex-Officio as hereinafter defined:

#### Section 3.1 Regular Members

- A. Those who have completed at least one course at La Sierra University, Loma Linda University/La Sierra campus, La Sierra College or its predecessor shall be eligible for Regular membership.
- B. Recipients of Honorary Degrees from La Sierra University, Loma Linda University/La Sierra Campus, La Sierra College or its predecessor shall be eligible for Regular membership.
- C. Regular members are entitled to vote and to hold elective office in the Association.

#### Section 3.2 Associate Members

- A. Former and present full-time, part-time, and emeritus faculty members and professional staff of La Sierra University who are not eligible for Regular membership shall be eligible for Associate membership.
- B. Former and present La Sierra University Board of Trustees who are not eligible for Regular membership shall be eligible for Associate membership.
- C. Associate members are eligible to vote, but not to hold elective office.

#### Section 3.3 Honorary Members

- A. Non-alumni distinguished in service to La Sierra University may be elected honorary members by the Board of Directors.
- B. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote or to hold elective office.
- C. Candidates for honorary membership shall be recommended in writing by a Regular member. These recommendations shall be processed by the Executive Committee and passed on to the Board of Directors for action.

## Section 3.4 Alumni Percentage

Whatever the numeric makeup of the Board may be, the number of voting members must always consist of						

# Section 4.2 Nominations

Six months before the annual Alumni Homecoming, the President shall appoint

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall consist of President, President-Elect, Past-President, and Secretary.

#### Section 5.4 Duties of Elected Officers and Appointees

#### A. President

The duties of the President shall be:

- To preside over all meetings of the Association and to act as chair of the Board of Directors.
- 2. To execute the Bylaws of the Association.
- 3. To see that all resolutions passed by the Board of Directors are carried into effect.
- 4. To sign all checks.
- 5. To sign all contracts and other legal documents.
- 6. To represent the Alumni Association to the University administration.
- 7. To nominate or appoint all committees, and to fill all vacancies occurring in such bodies, such nominations to be subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

#### B. President-Elect

The duties of the President-Elect shall be:

- 1. To attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 2. To assist the President in such duties as may be requested of him/her by the President.
- 3. To become familiar with the duties of the President.
- 4. To act in the absence of the President.
- 5. To become President of the Association following his/her term as President-Elect.

## C. Past-President

The duties of the Past-President shall be:

- 1. To attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 2. To assist the President in such duties as may be requested of him/her by the President.

# D. Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

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#### Section 9.2 Formation

A chapter may form if ten (10) or more alumni sharing a common geographic location or ethnic, linguistic, or cultural identity request in writing and obtain approval of the Board of Directors for recognition as a chapter. The request shall include the names of the interested members of the proposed chapter and designation of a temporary chair, secretary and treasurer for the chapter. The request shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Association which may recognize the chapter. The decision of the Board of Directors on recognition shall be final and conclusive.

#### Section 9.3 Governance

The Board of Directors shall adopt a model set of Chapter Bylaws (See Appendix) which shall order the affairs of each chapter organized and recognized by the Board of Directors.

## Section 9.4 Chapter

The recognition of any chapter, once formed, may be pulled and terminated for any reason by the Board of Directors of the Association by a majority vote of the attending directors.

#### Section 9.5 Notice

After a vote to terminate a chapter's authorization to function, the President of the Alumni Association shall notify the president of the chapter and its Board of Directors of this action in writing within 30 days of the vote. This notice shall include the right to appeal the decision to terminate the chapter.

#### Section 9.6 Appeal

If the chapter chooses to appeal the decision to terminate they must notify the Board of Directors and President of the Association in writing. Said written notice must be received at the Association headquarters within 60 days of th0.1 (n) -24 0 0 0.24 72 187.2 cm BT 5rsece(r) 0.1 (m) -0.1 (i)-0.1 (n) -0.2 (t6) -0.1 () 0.1 (

## Section 9.8 Appeal Presentation

Once an appeal is properly requested as described in Section 9.6, it will be heard by a majority of the Board of Directors within 45 days of receipt of the request at the Association headquarters and must be heard at the headquarters or an alternate location chosen by the President of the Association. If the appeal is not presented within this 45-day period, the appeal is considered withdrawn by the chapter and the termination becomes final, immediately.

Section 9.9 Termination

The decision of the board hearing the appeal is final.

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agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as director, officer, employee, or agent of another Association, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of an Association which was a predecessor Association of the Association or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor Association.

### ARTICLE XI. CONSTRUCTION OF BYLAWS WITH REFERENCE TO PROVISIONS OF LAW

## Section 11.1 Bylaw Provisions Additional and Supplemental to Provisions of Law

All restrictions, limitations, requirements and other provisions of these Bylaws shall be construed, insofar as possible, as supplemental and additional to all provisions of law applicable to -249.2 (e) -0.1 (m)-0.1 (f L) -0.1 (a) -0.1 (w)