

Lebanese Collegiate Network Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of Lebanese Collegiate Network, having a vested interest in cultivating, creating, and conserving University Lebanese Clubs; and in supporting, connecting, and developing students and alumni associated with these clubs academically and professionally, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Lebanese Collegiate Network.

Article I Name of Organization

Section 1 The name of the organization shall be the Lebanese Collegiate Network. For the sake of brevity, the title will be referred to as the LCN.

Article II Objective

Section 1 The foremost purpose of the LCN is to foster, connect and develop University Lebanese Clubs (ULCs), students, and alumni academically and professionally within the United States.

Article III Membership and Dues

Section 1 Any ULC that wishes to subscribe to the LCN must pay an annual membership fee in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 2 Members of the LCN must choose to conform with this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 3 Membership shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 4 There shall be no entrance fee.

Section 5 Annual dues for each ULC shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws. Subscribing membership will cease for any member whose dues are delinquent.

Section 6 LCN is not affiliated with, nor does it support or exclude, any religious, political, racial, or social group.

Article IV Executive Board

Section 1 For the sake of brevity, the Executive Board will be referred to as the “Board”.

Section 2 The Board is composed of six (6) elected Officers: the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Vice Presidents of Public Relations, Membership, and Events.

Section 3 Board members cannot actively hold the office of a ULC President.

Section 4 Board members cannot hold more than one elected office during the same term in the LCN.

Article V Bylaws

Section 1 The Board shall adopt Bylaws consistent with this Constitution in order to guide the officers and members.

Article VI University Lebanese Club Presidents

Section 1 Voting rights are reserved for Presidents of subscribing ULCs as officially recognized per LCN Bylaws.

Section 2 Each subscribing ULC shall constitute one vote.

Article VII Annual Business Meeting and Board Meetings

Section 1 The Annual Business Meeting during the LCN Convention shall be held on such date and at such place as the Board designates.

Section 2 Other meetings shall be held in accordance with the LCN Bylaws.

Article VIII Term

Section 1 The term of the fiscal year shall start June 1st and shall end May 31st.

Section 2 Each Board member shall serve his/her position for one fiscal year with the opportunity of being reelected for consecutive terms each fiscal year.

Section 3 Board members shall assume office on June 1st.

Article IX Amendments

- Section 1 Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by any member of the LCN no later than 45 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting at the LCN Convention.
- Section 2 All amendments must be submitted in written form and include no less than three President signatures from different subscribing ULCs in order to be accepted by the Board.
- Section 3 The Board shall then forward the written request to all subscribing ULC Presidents no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The Presidents shall be asked to vote on the amendment during the Annual Business Meeting.
- Section 4 The Amendment shall be adopted after a minimum two-thirds affirmative vote of no less than five official subscribing ULC Presidents in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting.
- Section 5 Upon approval of the Amendment, the Vice President of Membership shall notify all members including subscribing ULC Presidents and Regional Division Officers. The notification must include a detailed summary and explanation of the Amendment.
- Section 6 Should the Amendment fail to pass, the Vice President of Membership shall notify all members including subscribing ULC Presidents and Regional Division Officers. The notification must include a detailed summary and explanation of how and why the amendment failed.

Article X Elections

- Section 1 Subscribing ULC Presidents shall vote on candidates for the Board at the LCN Convention.
- Section 2 The Board candidates may be self-nominated and/or nominated by any member. No nominees may be President of a ULC during their term as Board members.
- Section 3 The existing Board shall appoint a three person Election Committee. The Election Committee shall not be composed of subscribing ULC Presidents, Board members, or nominees.
- Section 4 Candidates for the office of LCN President shall have served on the LCN Executive Board for at least one (1) fiscal year.
- Section 5 Candidates must be subscribing LCN members.

Section 6 Candidates are strongly encouraged to be present at the LCN Convention during the election. Should the candidate be absent, they are still eligible to be elected.

Section 7 The Board shall take an oath of service by the first meeting of the fiscal year.

Section 8 The oath may be administered by any LCN Co-Founder or Past-President.

Article XI Vacancies

Section 1 Vacancies on the Board shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article XII Resignations

Section 1 Resignations from the Board shall be in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article XIII Impeachment and Removal

Section 1 Impeachment and removal of Board members shall be in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article XIV Regional Divisions

Section 1 The LCN shall recognize three subsidiary organizations: the LCN Western Regional Division (LCN-West), the LCN Central Regional Division (LCN-Central), and the LCN Eastern Regional Division (LCN-East).

Section 2 LCN-West shall include the following 11 states in its jurisdiction: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Section 3 LCN-Central shall include the following 16 states in its jurisdiction: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin.

Section 4 LCN-East shall include the following 23 states in its jurisdiction: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as Washington D.C.

- Section 5 Each LCN Regional Division shall have an elected President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as an Executive Board appointed Executive Director.
- Section 6 The term of each Regional Division fiscal year shall match the fiscal year of the national LCN.
- Section 7 Each LCN Regional Division elected officer shall serve his/her position for a term as specified by the respective Regional Division Bylaws.
- Section 8 Each LCN Regional Division appointed Executive Director shall serve his/her position for two fiscal years with the possibility of being reappointed by the national LCN Executive Board for consecutive terms.
- Section 9 Each LCN Regional Division shall prepare, maintain, and follow Bylaws that have been recognized and approved by the LCN Executive Board.
- Section 10 All powers not expressed in this Constitution and its Bylaws are reserved for the LCN Executive Board.

Article XV Miscellaneous Provisions

- Section 1 Privacy Policy
No part of the net earnings of the LCN shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. No substantial part of the activities of the LCN shall engage in propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. The LCN shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 2 Dissolution
Upon dissolution of the LCN, the assets remaining after the payment of the debts of the LCN shall be distributed to such corporation, community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, which would then qualify under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, as the Board shall have designated.