



Egyptian Canadian Cultural Association of Ottawa

Articles of Incorporation

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1. The Name of the Corporation:

1.1. EGYPTIAN CANADIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA (ECCAO)

2. Address of the Corporation:

2.1. 2 Swans Way, Gloucester Ontario K1J 6J2

3. The objects for which the Corporations incorporated are:

3.1. To foster the identity of the Egyptian Individual and community in Ottawa:

3.1.1.1.1. Creating programs and activities which provide information about the history and culture of Egypt.

3.1.1.2.2. Create programs and activities utilizing the inherent advantages and strengths of unified ethnic group within the Canadian and North-American context.

3.2. To foster the interaction within the Egyptian Community in Ottawa:

3.2.1. To provide beneficial programs to the community such as:

3.2.1.1. Organizing and/or participating in community exhibitions

3.2.1.2. By establishing a centre which would act as a focal point to bring Egyptian Canadians together.

3.2.1.3. Providing counselling assistance when required, to new immigrants or Canadians of Egyptian origin.

3.2.2. Create programs and activities which would encourage Egyptian Canadians of diversified backgrounds, interests and age groups to interact. e.g. Arabic language teaching, Egyptian history teaching, cultural events.

3.2.3. Disseminate information within the Egyptian Canadian community about existing local Arab talent and resources, particularly in the areas of Business and the Professions, so that they are fully utilized.

3.3. To educate the community at large about the Egyptian Heritage and Culture by creating programs and activities such as:

3.3.1. Establishing a school for teaching the Arabic language at different levels.

3.3.2. Sponsoring a community TV program.

3.3.3. Providing educational lectures and seminars.

3.4. To promote ties and cooperation between the Egyptian Canadian Association and other Canadian Arab associations in Canada:

3.4.1. Establishing contacts with other associations throughout Canada, which have similar objectives.

3.4.2. Coordinate social, cultural and informational activities between Arab Canadians in the interests of the Egyptian community in Ottawa and the large Egyptian community in Canada

3.5. To maintain and strengthen ties between Egyptian communities in Canada and the mother country:

3.5.1. Promote exchange of cultural, educational and social activities between the local community and other Egyptian communities in Canada and the Arab world.

3.5.2. Provide and assist members of the Egyptian Community with information about Egypt and other Arab countries as it may be needed for cultural, social or other purpose

3.6. f) To encourage mutual understanding and friendship between people of Egyptian cultural background and other Canadians:

3.6.1. Create and undertake social, and cultural activities for the purpose of representing the Egyptian community to other groups of the society.

3.6.2. Undertake the necessary actions in response to local conditions and issues which would enhance the understanding and friendship between the Egyptian Canadian community and other Canadians.

4. Restrictions:

- 4.1. Any activities by the Society which might create a threat to law and order are prohibited.
- 4.2. The Society will refrain from getting involved in any political and/or religious matters.
- 4.3. Upon the dissolution of the Society and after the payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to charitable organizations which carry on their work solely in Canada.

5. Membership:

- 5.1. For the purpose of registration, the number of members of the Society is unlimited.
- 5.2. Membership in the Society is individual and shall not be transferable.
- 5.3. The following shall be admitted to membership in the Society:
 - 5.3.1. Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or older, of Egyptian descent, who is a permanent resident in Canada, or his or her spouse, shall be eligible to apply for and be admitted as a REGULAR MEMBER.
 - 5.3.2. Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or older, of Egyptian descent and who is a full-time student in Canada, shall be eligible to apply for and be admitted as a STUDENT MEMBER.
 - 5.3.3. Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or older, of non-Egyptian descent who is interested in furthering the aims of the Society, shall be eligible to apply for and be admitted as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER.
 - 5.3.4. Any person, who has offered distinguished service towards the aims of the Society, may be nominated by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, to an HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. The membership becomes effective after ratification by the general body.
 - 5.3.5. Persons qualifying for regular membership, their spouses, and their children under 18 years of age having the same permanent address, shall be eligible to apply for and receive FAMILY MEMBERSHIP status. Only the parents in a Family Membership are deemed Regular Members.
 - 5.3.6. Any member of the Egyptian Diplomatic Corps shall be eligible to apply for and be admitted as an HONORARY MEMBER, during his/her posting in Canada.

6. Voting Rights:

- 6.1. Only Regular Members in good standing shall have the right to hold any office.
- 6.2. Only Regular Members in good standing shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Society.

7. Amendment to Articles:

Repeal of, and amendment to these Articles shall require an affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of all Regular Members in good standing attending the annual general meeting or a special general meeting, with the exception of item 4 "Restrictions" herein contained, which cannot be changed as long as the Corporation exists.

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