

HINDU SENIOR CITIZENS OF SOUTH JERSEY, Inc. CONSTITUTION

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Article I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey. The terms “organization”, “association”, or “corporation” shall be used to mean the same entity.

Article II: REGISTERED OFFICE

The principal place of business of the organization shall be Hindu Temple, India Temple Association, 25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey, 08009, USA.

Article III: PURPOSE

Section 1. The organization shall exclusively be a charitable, volunteer organization.

Section 2. The purpose of this non-profit corporation shall be the support, recreation, and wellbeing of seniors (irrespective of religion, country of origin, gender or marital status), and to obtain government support for their wellbeing/ welfare. Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall comprise of Hindu seniors (citizens and permanent residents of USA, and others lawfully admitted in USA).

Section 2. The organization shall have two classes of members: Full members (60 years of age or older), and Associate members (50 to 59 years of age). Their spouses may be younger.

Section 3. All members shall have voting rights; however, only full members shall be elected to the Executive Council.

Article V: GENERAL BODY

Section 1. All members shall constitute the General Body that shall be the supreme authority.

Section 2. It shall have powers to amend the constitution by a three-fourth majority.

Section 3. It shall have powers to elect and remove members of the Executive Council.

Section 4. It shall have powers to liquidate the corporation.

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Article VI: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council (Board of Trustees) shall be responsible for directing, supervising, and transacting the general business of the association.

Section 2. The members of the Executive Council (EC) shall be nominated by the President elect, who will select his/her nominees from the General Body. The President-elect shall have an opportunity to defend his/her selection of the proposed nominees. The General Body's majority vote will have the final say in the matter of the final selections.

Section 3. The Council members shall be volunteers and shall receive no pay or compensation.

Section 4. The term of office of the Executive Council shall be two years. No person shall hold the same office for more than two terms (a total of four years). Section 5. The Executive Council shall have eight members:

- a. President – Shall preside over the meetings of the General Body & the Executive Council and provide direction.
- b. Vice-President – Shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
- c. Secretary, Proceedings & Records – Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the General Body & the Executive Council and maintain correspondence & records.
- d. Secretary, Funds & Audits (Treasurer) – Shall collect all donations & dues, maintain an Itemized account of receipts & expenditures, and get them audited.
- e. Secretary, Communications and Event Support – Shall be responsible for general communication between EC and the members, as well as provide support for different events.
- f. Secretary, Website & E-commerce – Shall maintain the HSCSJ website and explore avenues of E-Commerce to raise funds for HSCSJ.
- g. Secretary, Food & Nutrition Programs – Shall arrange vegetarian food and nutrition program activities.
- h. Secretary, Excursion Programs – Shall arrange trips to places of worship and recreation.

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Article VII: DURATION & DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The duration of the corporation shall be PERPETUAL.

Section 2. A three-fourth majority of the General Body shall be required for liquidation. Section 3.

Section 3. Upon the dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed to the Hindu Temple, India Temple Association, Berlin, New Jersey 08009, a charitable, religious institution within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VIII. DIRECTIVES

Section 1. The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes; no part of net income shall inure to the benefit of, or be attributable to any private persons, or individuals, or members of the Executive Council (Board of Trustees).

Section 2. The organization shall financially be supported by contributions from public and public supported organizations (e.g., Hindu Temple, Berlin NJ); it shall also seek government support.

Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 4. The organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.