

INDIA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

BYLAW 1: MEMBERSHIP

Any person who meets the membership qualification requirements of Article III of the Constitution is eligible to become a member of the India Cultural Association (HINDU MANDIR OF LAKE COUNTY) in **any one** of the following categories described herein. The eligible person shall fill out an application and pay the proper membership dues. The membership dues may be changed by a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees or General Body of the HINDU MANDIR OF LAKE COUNTY. The membership shall be renewed every year. The membership will be based on a calendar year.

“For the purpose of eligibility of membership privileges based on member donations, the family shall be defined as husband, wife and children who are full time students”.

There will be three categories of members: (1) Regular Member (2) Life Member and (3) Patron Member.

1) **Regular Member:**

Annual Member: Any person who pays \$600 or more in any calendar year by October 31, and meets the membership requirements of the constitution, shall be a regular member with voting rights in that category for that calendar year. The \$600 must be in the form of cumulative donations of \$100 or more or Pooja sponsorship of \$100 or more, or a single payment exclusively towards the membership. Such person shall fill out an application form to express his/her willingness to abide by the Constitution of ICA (HINDU MANDIR OF LAKE COUNTY). A Regular member can convert to a Life member or Patron Member if he/she meets the requirements of a Life member or Patron Member as described or more.

Life Member: Any person who has (a) paid a cumulative amount of \$10,000 from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2008, or (b) has paid \$10,000 or more over a period of 5 years, to the ICA, and meets the membership requirements of the Constitution is eligible to be Life member with voting rights in that category. The membership dues shall be paid before October 31, of the year to be eligible for voting rights in that category for that year. The \$10,000 can be in the form of donations of \$100 or more or Pooja Sponsorship of \$100 or more. Such person shall fill out an application form to express his/her Willingness to abide by the Constitution of ICA (HINDU MANDIR OF LAKE COUNTY).

A Life member shall renew his/her membership, once a year by returning a duly signed renewal form, and an annual fee of \$100 before October 31, of that year. If any Life member does not renew his/her annual membership, he/she will be listed as an inactive

life member of the HINDU MANDIR OF LAKE COUNTY without any voting rights for that year. He/she can activate his/her membership and restore voting rights by sending his/her written consent to the secretary along with **ALL UNPAID ANNUAL DUES** [the annual dues before October 31 of that year].

A Life member can change his/her membership to a Patron membership by donating a[n additional amount to make up a] total \$40,000 over a period of 3 consecutive years.

2) **Patron Members**

Any person who has paid a cumulative amount of (a) \$40,000 or more between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2008 or (b) has paid \$40,000 over a period of five years will be eligible to become a patron member. The \$40,000 can be in the form of donations or Pooja sponsorships. The Patron Members will be considered as a separate category of members for voting and administrative purpose and shall follow the same procedure as for Life members for annual renewal of membership.

Any person who has paid \$100,000 or more since the beginning of ICA will be eligible for Patron membership based on their past contributions and services to The Hindu Mandir of Lake County.

Any Patron member who has donated a minimum of \$80,000 to the Mandir (ICA) is eligible to nominate his/her spouse as a patron member.

A Patron member shall renew his/her membership, once a year by returning a duly signed renewal form, and an annual fee of \$100 before October 31, of that year.

Exclusions:

a) Purchase of food, religious and all other auxiliary items b) Rental payment for the Temple premises, and c) Purchase of fund-raising dinner tickets will not be counted for any membership requirements.