

**BYLAWS OF THE
ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

Article 1

The name of the registered organization shall be ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Hereinafter, the abbreviated name shall be: "IABBC"

Hereinafter, Jamaat Board means Board of Directors

Hereinafter, Jamaat means members of association

Hereinafter, Riyasat means highest religious authority (Reisul-ulema)

Hereinafter, Reisul-ulema means Grand Mufti

Hereinafter, Mufti means Islamic Scholar/Authority capable of Fatwa (formal Islamic opinion)

Hereinafter, membership dues refer to Vazife

Hereinafter, "peace be upon him" is the respectful term used whenever a reference is made to any prophet

Article 2

The IABBC is part of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was established with the aim of fulfilling all spiritual and religious needs and obligations of Bosniaks in British Columbia.

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Article 3

The IABBC was established in compliance with the Societies Act of British Columbia in order to achieve the objectives outlined in the Articles of these bylaws.

OFFICE LOCATION

Article 4

The principal office of the IABBC is located at Unit 26, 1610 Derwent Way, Delta, British Columbia, V3M 6W1.

Article 5

The Board of Directors can propose and decide to the change of the principal office if deemed necessary. This paragraph can be changed by addendum, which describes a new location, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The IABBC can at any time establish a branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the organization shall act with its normative acts.

PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Article 6

The primary purpose of the IABBC shall be to provide the necessary conditions for performing Islamic religious obligations in accordance with Islamic Sharia.

Article 7

The purpose of IABBC shall be to protect the authenticity of the Islamic norms and to ensure their interpretation and application.

Article 8

The IABBC shall promote the advancement of Islamic education and upbringing and dedicate itself to the preservation of the values of marriage and family life. The IABBC shall organize and support activities which improve social and living conditions of Muslims.

The IABBC shall organize activities for acquiring, protecting and augmenting the property of the IABBC.

The IABBC shall establish and maintain contacts with other Islamic communities, institutions and organizations world-wide.

The IABBC shall cooperate with other religious communities and organizations in activities which promote peace, justice and good-will amongst people.

Article 9

The IABBC shall maintain an open dialogue with other religious organizations promoting universal peace and human rights with the aim of positive integration in the broader society through maintaining an open dialogue with other religious and cultural communities, regardless of race, religion, or color, country without discrimination based on beliefs as well as proclaiming the universality and comprehensiveness of religion and spirituality.

Article 10

One of the objectives of the IABBC shall be educating the Muslim and Non-Muslim communities about the tolerant and peaceful concepts in Islam.

The IABBC shall continuously carry out humanitarian activities in Canada and where necessary, including but not exclusive to those activities which combat poverty (Example: food drives).

Promoting extremist religious principles shall be rejected and any official of the IABBC elected or appointed who advocates any beliefs that are characterized as radical or controversial shall be adequately removed by the competent authority of the IABBC in accordance with the normative acts.

Article 11

In order to prevent changing the aims of the IABBC defined by these bylaws, or anything considered as a violation of the same, shall be canceled or eliminated by the competent authorities of the IABBC.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY THE JAMAAT

Article 12

The Jamaat is the basic organizational unit of the IABBC. The Jamaat generally consists of a group of people who live in an area and are connected to each other in the performance of Islamic duties.

Article 13

Activities of Jamaat shall be in accordance with Canadian law and its democratic institutions. In addition, the activities of Jamaat shall be in accordance with Societies Act of British Columbia.

All activities of Jamaat will be in accordance with Canadian Law, public service, responsibilities, which are submissive to Islamic principles, responsibilities and righteousness.

Article 14

Structure of the Jamaat and all its activities will be built on the foundation of Quran Al Kareem, Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and Islamic tradition of Bosniaks.

Article 15

The organs of the Jamaat are the Jamaat Assembly and the Jamaat Board.

Article 16

The Jamaat Assembly consists of all members who perform their duties in the respective Jamaat. Members who pay membership dues and are 18 years or older, with the understanding that one family (with the same address) has right to one vote.

Article 17

A quorum of the assembly meeting shall consist of at least 30% members present at the meeting, of the total number of members. If the quorum is not reached, assembly is postponed two weeks, after which assembly meeting will be held regardless of quorum.

Special assembly meeting is called as per needed basis.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE “ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA“

Article 18

The Board of Directors is the highest religious and administrative organ of the IABBC.

The Board of Directors consists of at least 5 members, including Imam.

Article 19

Length of mandate of the members of the Jamaat Board is four years, with the right to be elected for another mandate. A maximum of two terms is allowed for any Jamaat Board member.

All members of board have the same right and voice in Jamaat.

All decisions in the Jamaat are to be done by the Jamaat Board and upon approval and signature of the secretary and the president will be noted in the decision book. This may be done digitally.

The Imam has the right to veto any decisions that are contrary to Islamic regulations.

Article 20

The Jamaat shall adjust their work with the rules of procedure of IABBC and mandate of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Board of directors will perform their duties until end of their mandate and until a new election assembly meeting and election of new Board of Directors has occurred.

Article 21

The Jamaat Assembly shall elect the Jamaat Board, members of the Majlis Assembly, members of the Council of the IABBC, and shall take part in important decisions concerning the organization of the Jamaat and Islamic religious life within the Jamaat.

Article 22

The president of the Jamaat Board shall represent the Jamaat in administrative and property matters. The president presides upon Jamaat Board calls in assembly, in writing or with public invitation to all Jamaat members.

Invitation must have place, time, and date of general assembly and must be sent at least 21 days prior to the general assembly meeting.

Regular election assembly meeting must be held every second year.

The assembly annual general meeting shall be held every year at a certain time and place.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Article 23

The President of the Jamaat shall preside at the Board of Directors meeting and call the same. Upon president's or secretary's invitation in writing, all directors are required to be present at the meeting.

Article 24

As an option, Board of Directors meeting can be called by the phone to attend the meeting.

Board decisions are based on majority of vote in the Board of Directors meeting.

All candidates voted to be a director of board gives a following oath in front of the witness(es):

"I (First and Last Name) swear to God that I will, as long as I seat on the Board of Directors of the "ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA", serve faith and Islam and work for the benefit of this Jamaat. O God, from you I ask for help".

RESIGNATION AND DISMISSAL OF DIRECTORS

Article 25

In case that any of the directors do not perform his/her duties, or with his/her actions is destroying Jamaat's name and reputation, can be dismissed from the board by the majority vote of the board.

Article 26

Board member can be dismissed from the board for the following reasons:

- His/her behavior directly or indirectly contradicts to the norms, rules and decisions of the IABBC.
- Member does not perform basic responsibility for which he/she was chosen
- Member abused their power in any form or way
- Member is not capable of fulfilling the position responsibilities
- Member has been absent three or more times from the Board of Director Meetings without having board approved reason
- The directors of board may resign at any time.
- A resignation does not exempt the member resigning from pre-existing conditions or obligations. These could be in the form of financial transactions, contracts, or services still due

OFFICERS OF THE “ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA” AND THEIR DUTIES

Article 27

The officers of the IABBC are the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Duties of Jamaat can be performed only by officers who are proficient in both English and Bosnian language.

Officers' mandate is four years, from the election assembly date, except Imam whose mandate will be in the special contract.

Article 28

Board of Directors elects the President by majority vote. Mandate of the president, four years, and has right to be re-elected for another term.

Article 29

All elected officers can be dismissed for the reasons listed in the article No. 26 above and are responsible to report the Board of Directors.

Article 30

The President of the Jamaat shall preside at the Board of Directors meetings, Assembly meetings and call the same.

In the absence of the president, Vice president shall preside at the Board of Directors meeting and call the same.

Article 31

The secretary shall perform all administrative activities of the IABBC.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and its Assembly and shall keep a book of minutes with the date and place of holding, and the names of those present at meetings of the Board of Directors and Assembly meetings.

The Secretary is bound to manage duly the office and archival work of the IABBC.

The Secretary will have to submit notice of all meetings required by these bylaws, and to keep the seal of the IABBC in safe custody and will have other powers and duties as may be regulated by the Board of Directors.

Article 32

The Treasurer shall keep records of all financial transactions of the IABBC. The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts in books in accordance with laws and regulations and make them open to the inspection as may be provided by the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors IABBC.

The Treasurer shall have the necessary powers to perform duties that are in the nature of his/her service.

All collected funds should be promptly deposited to the account of "ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIAKS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA" in bank(s) selected by the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Treasurer and the Secretary may be consolidated.

In the absence or inability of the Secretary or the Treasurer, President and Vice shall have the powers to perform the duties of the absent.

THE IMAM

Article 33

The Imam shall be organizing religious matters and activities in the Jamaat, as well as establish and maintain relationships with the public.

The Imam shall take care of religious life in the Jamaat and shall represent the Jamaat in religious matters.

The Imam must be proficient in both English and Bosnian language.

The Imam shall be appointed, transferred or dismissed by the Reisul-ulema upon the proposal of the Board of Directors.

Article 34

The Imam reports directly to the Board of Directors.

The Imam signs an employment contract with the Board of Directors, in which are regulated rights and responsibilities of both parties, and term of the contract. Based on decree, Riyasat will confirm license for the imam to perform the duties.

Article 35

Once a year Board of Directors will analyze the Imam's performance and work.

The Imam shall be a person who has at least one of finished madrasah or Islamic university.

THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Article 36

Elections in the IABBC shall be held by secret ballot from among more than one candidate.

Article 37

Each member of the Jamaat who has reached eighteen years of age and who fulfills his/her duties in the Jamaat shall have the active and passive right to vote.

The electoral commission is bound to reject the candidacy of any person who does not fulfill the conditions for election to the organs of the IABBC.

Article 38

The mandate of members of all collective organs shall be regulated by the rules on elections and mandate.

The elected organs of the IABBC shall continue to perform their duties after the expiry of their mandate until the relevant elections confirm new organs.

Article 39

Eligible candidates may not be a member of another society, association or charity where a conflict of interest may occur.

THE PASSIVE ELECTORAL RIGHT

Article 40

Any member of Jamaat can be elected to the board under the following provisions:

- Member has active membership for at least one continuous year or has been deemed appropriate by the Jamaat.
- He / She is a person who is proactive in Jamaat and is willing to volunteer his/her time and abilities in Jamaat.
- He / She shall refrain from sins known in Islam
- He / She shall understand basic Islamic rules and practice Islamic prayers on daily basis

THE MEMBERSHIP

Article 41

The member of the Jamaat can be any Muslim who lives in the lower mainland and has reached eighteen years of age.

Secretary of Jamaat keeps record of the membership.

Membership dues is determined according to needs of Jamaat and can be changed by Board of Directors without notice.

Article 42

All family members are considered to be members of Jamaat if at least one family member of that household has active membership at the IABBC.

The structure of a family is derived directly from the Quran and the Sunnah from the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him).

Members with specific social assistance needs and retired members pay membership in the amount that Board of Directors prescribes on case-by-case basis.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 43

Members who have not paid membership for consecutive 6 months will be informed through mail, email or phone contact of pending suspension.

After one year of unpaid membership dues, membership shall be automatically revoked.

If a member refuses to pay membership for no reason, he/she will not receive service of the Imam until their debt to "IABBC" is fully settled.

Any service of Imam: Marriage, Funeral etc. for non-members will be charged in amount that is prescribed by Board of Directors.

Article 44

Grave sites may be provided to members from the existing sites owned by IABBC. The purchase cost of this site is the current replacement cost price.

OTHER PROVISIONS – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Article 45

All instruments executed in the name of the IABBC, including, but not limited to; contracts, agreements, purchase orders, notes, deeds, deeds of trust, mortgages, leases, security agreements, checks and drafts issued, endorsements of cheques and drafts receives, certificates, applications and reports, shall be executed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the IABBC as authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

All received financial instruments; cash, cheques, drafts, certified cheques, credit card deposits, must be deposited within two working days to the Jamaat's bank account.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Article 46

The IABBC shall keep adequate and correct books and records of account, minutes in written form of the proceedings of the members of the assembly, Board of Directors, Committees of the Board, and a record of its members, giving their names and addresses and other membership information as needed.

All records and reports shall be available for review and can be reviewed by Board of Directors, members of assembly or individual members at any time.

All such records shall be kept at the principal office of the IABBC. The principal office may also reside in storage on the internet (cloud storage).

FISCAL YEAR

Article 47

The fiscal year end of the IABBC shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year.

Financial report must be done every year and must be approved by Board of Directors.

STAMP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 48

Board of directors shall get stamp that contains name of the association as well as any supply needed for the association.

DISSOLUTION

Article 49

In the event of dissolution of the IABBC, all assets shall belong to the Islamic Community of North American Bosniaks (ICNAB).

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS

Article 50

The Board of Director adopted these bylaws on 16 May 2025 by majority vote. → update the date

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meetings of the Assembly by majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

Article 51

I certify that I am the acting Secretary of IABBC in the province of British Columbia, and that these bylaws (articles), consisting of 51 articles, are the bylaws of this organization adopted by the Board of Directors.

Signed by _____ (Mersida Sumbulovic), in _____, British Columbia on
date _____.