

Bylaws of Oklahoma Afghan Society (OAS)

☒ Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be **Oklahoma Afghan Society (OAS)**.

☒ Article II: Purpose

This Society is a **non-governmental and non-political organization**, established for the following purposes:

1. Support and empower Afghan families in Oklahoma.
2. Provide assistance in education, employment, legal, and immigration matters.
3. Preserve and promote Afghan culture and traditions.
4. Provide financial and moral support to families in need (*eligibility determined through consultation with the leadership board and community elders*).
5. Organize cultural and educational programs.

☒ Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Any Afghan or friend of the Afghan community residing in Oklahoma who supports the mission of the Society shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2: Rights of Members

Members shall have the right to:

- Vote in the election of the leadership board.
- Participate in Society programs.
- Serve on committees.

☒ Article IV: Leadership Board

Section 1: Composition

The Leadership Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer(s)
- Spokesperson(s)
- Committee Chairs

Section 2: Duties

- **President:** Presides over meetings, represents the Society, and oversees all activities.
- **Vice President(s):** Assists the President and assumes responsibilities in his/her absence.
- **Treasurer:** Maintains financial records, manages the bank account, and prepares financial reports.
- **Spokesperson(s):** Manages media and public communications of the Society.

Section 3: Term of Service

- Each position shall serve for **one year**.
- Members may be re-elected for consecutive terms.

Article V: Committees

The Society shall have the following committees:

- Education Committee
- Employment Committee
- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Social Support Committee

Each committee shall include:

- A Chairperson appointed by the Leadership Board
- At least one additional member

☒ Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: General Meetings

The Society shall hold at least **two general meetings annually**.

Section 2: Leadership Board Meetings

The Leadership Board shall meet **at least quarterly** or as needed.

Section 3: Quorum

A majority of Leadership Board members shall constitute a quorum for decision-making.

☒ Article VII: Finance

- The Society shall maintain a bank account in its name.
- All funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes stated in these Bylaws.
- Any expense exceeding **\$500** shall require the signatures of **two authorized board members**.

☒ Article VIII: Eligibility for Assistance

To receive assistance from the Society, a member must have at least **30 days of prior membership**.

☒ Article IX: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a **two-thirds majority vote** of the Leadership Board.

☒ Article X: Dissolution

Upon dissolution, any remaining assets shall be donated to a non-profit organization with similar objectives.