

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization shall be called "The Islamic Society of Greater Harrisburg," hereafter referred to as 'the Society.'

ARTICLE II : HEADQUARTERS

The Society shall have ~~a~~ **its** headquarters in the Greater Harrisburg Area **consisting of Harrisburg City and adjoining municipalities within Dauphin County** ~~to facilitate the~~. The management and administration of ~~its~~ activities **of the Society** and maintenance of all documents and records **shall be at its headquarters.**

ARTICLE III : PURPOSE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Society shall be a nonprofit, ~~non-political~~, charitable and religious organization, and shall be organized and operated exclusively for ~~the~~ following ~~purposes~~ **aims and objectives:**

1. To create a community based on Islamic principles **of Quran and Sunnah** and to promote a closer understanding among the people of Islamic faith;
2. To conduct a program of Islamic education to impart knowledge of the Islamic way of life;
3. To organize religious, cultural and other related activities to foster community ties;
4. To encourage mutual understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims, and
5. To further cooperation with other Islamic organizations.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the activities of the Society shall be open to all who believe in the aims and objectives of the Society as outlined in Article III of this constitution. The Society shall extend membership to all residents of **Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties** ~~in the Greater Harrisburg Area and beyond~~ based on the following considerations:

1. All Muslims over the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to become ~~voting~~ **Regular or Life Members. The membership shall take effect after a period of three months from the date of submission of application for such membership. The Regular and Life Members shall constitute the General Membership of the Society.**
32. The Society may recognize and bestow upon a living individual Honorary Membership for outstanding services to the Islamic community of this area.
4. **Past members of the Society who have left the area shall be Alumni Members of the Society.**
3. **Children of all Members below the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to become Junior Members.**
25. ~~All Non-Muslims interested in participating in the activities of the Society shall be Guests of the Society. over the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to become Associate Members.~~

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

The Society shall structure its organization for the realization of its ~~purposes~~ **aims and objectives** as outlined in Article III.

1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The General Membership of the Society shall be the source of all **policy and decision making** powers. ~~It shall constitute of all Regular and life voting members shall constitute the General Membership of the Society. Only the General Membership shall have the right to vote.~~ It shall set forth bylaws consistent with provisions of the Constitution. It shall

elect a Council **based on proportional representation** and delegate powers **to it** to conduct affairs of the Society. **It shall also elect a Mediation Panel and empower it to resolve disputes and conflicts that may arise between members of the Society.**

2. COUNCIL

The Council shall consist of ~~seven~~ **nine** members including a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and ~~three~~ **five** Council Members elected ~~for one year~~ by the General Membership **to serve the Society for a term of two years.** ~~The Council shall have the power to delegate authority to members of the Society.~~

3. MEDIATION PANEL

The Mediation Panel, hereafter referred to as 'the Panel', shall mediate disputes and conflicts related to activities of the Society. It shall consist of three members, each serving a staggered term of six years. One member shall be elected every other year to replace the member who has served for six years. The member who has served on the Panel for the longest period shall be Chairperson of the Panel.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ VI: ELECTION

An election shall be held every **other** year. **The General Membership shall** ~~to~~ elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, ~~and three~~ **five** Council Members **and a member of the Mediation Panel** ~~by the General Membership.~~

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ VII: AMENDMENT

The General Membership shall have the exclusive power to make amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws. ~~An amendment adopted by the General Membership shall not be subject to further amendment by the Council.~~ **The quorum for the meeting to consider amendment shall be fifty percent of the General Membership, and approval of the amendment shall require two-third of the members present voting in favor.**

