

AlKawthar Community Centre of Calgary

Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

Section 1 – Definition:

Trustee is a member of a board given control or powers of administration of the Community Center in trust with a religious and legal obligation to administer it solely for the purposes specified. Trustees may **NOT** be elected officers of the Society. No trustee of the Society shall receive any remuneration for his services

Section 2 – Selection of Trustee:

1. The number of trustees will be three in total.
2. The executive committee will nominate the names of the two trustees to founding Alim. Founding Alim will choose from the nominated names.
3. The founding Alim will be designated as “Sheikh Ali Sbeiti”. He will be a permanent Trustee for the center.

Section 3 – Operations and Procedures:

1. The Trustees shall adopt their own rules and procedures in relation to the conduct of their meetings and shall keep a proper record thereof
2. The President or in his absence the acting president shall preside jointly with one of the Trustees over such meetings
3. The Trustees of the Society may, as circumstances require, call special meetings of the Executive committee and/or membership of the Society in accordance with the notice periods prescribed herein.
4. In case of any vacancy the trustees have the authority to appoint a trustee to the board with the approval of the founding Alim
5. The nominated and selected trustees must be committed Muslim Shias.
6. The founding Alim has the right to dissolve the trustee committee in the circumstances were the trustees became not fit for the position

Section 4 – Role and Responsibility:

1. Setting the Center's vision and aims: The trustee members main objective, individually and collectively, is to assure that the center's is utilized to the purposes set in its bylaw. And that the actions of its board members' are aligned to path of Ahlulbayt (AS) and serves the objectives set in the Center's bylaws.
2. Conflict Resolution: in case a major conflict occurs between the executive committee members the trustees will interfere as arbitrators. Trustees have the right to take the necessary measures to save the centre and control the situation including dismissal of the committee and calling for an election.
3. Managing relationships with Scholars (Alim): The Board of Trustees is the body to deal with all Founding Alim issues at Al Kawthar Center.
4. Dissolution of the center / alterations to the center: Trustees unanimous approval will be required for any motion to dissolve the center, any proposed major reconstruction, and for any proposed financing or additional loans.
5. In case the committee decided to dismiss any of its members from his position, they need the trustees' approval.

Section 5 – Replacements of Trustees

With the exception of Founding Alim, a trustee shall be replaced only upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

1. The trustee is no longer a resident of Alberta.
2. The trustee has been discharged by Founding Imam
3. The Trustee is convicted of a criminal act under any provincial or federal law or of a "Kabira" under the teaching of Islam.
4. The Trustee resigns by giving one month's notice in writing to the remaining Trustees.
5. The Trustee is certified or otherwise adjudged to be of an unsound mind or insane.
6. Death of a Trustee.
7. The trustee ceases to be a member in good standing.

8. Any other event, which would render the Trustee incapable of performing his duties.

Amendments to the existing bylaw:

1. The day to day activities of the Society, not within the prescribed duties of the Trustees shall be managed by an executive committee
2. The Executive members may consider or transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the Executive Committee so long as it does not conflict with the Trustees' duties
3. In the case of the president inability to perform his duties, the Board of Directors shall appoint another president. The founding Alim approval is needed.
4. Amendments to the bylaw should be approved by the Trustees
5. Dissolution of the center:
 - At a special meeting called for such purpose by the consent of 90% of the members in good standing testified by their signature to an instrument of dissolution and in such case the net assets of the Society shall be handed over as determined by the Founding Alim, to one or more charitable institutions in Canada or abroad working for the same aims and objectives similar to those of the Society.
 - By a unanimous decision of the Trustees.