



LULAC COUNCIL 60

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LULAC COUNCIL NO.60 BY-LAWS

(Revised 2-1-07; Changed Dues to \$50)

These By-laws (revised) supplement the current constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Should any conflict occur between the National Constitution and these Bylaws, the National Constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Qualification and Limitations

- A. All persons of either sex who are native born or naturalized American citizens, permanent or temporary residents of the United States of America, eighteen years of age or older, and whose loyalty to our country is unquestionable, are eligible for membership in the Council.
- B. Membership in the Council may be affected through individual-initiated application to the Council, or by recommendation of a member in good standing.
- C. Membership dues shall be a one-time \$6.00 initiation fee and \$50 for one year for a total of \$56.00 for the first year; thereafter, the dues will be \$50.00 yearly. **(Revised 2-1-07)**
- D. Acceptance as a member shall be based on the recommendation of the Council's membership committee, and by affirmative investigation of the applicant.
- E. Application for membership is a three reading process whereby each reading is made at a regularly scheduled meeting. After the third reading the candidate must be present and will be accepted or rejected by a majority vote of those present.
- F. Members will have certain duties and responsibilities: such as

to participate in all meetings or activities of the Council; and to abide by the Constitution and By-laws established by the National, State, and District Assemblies, and the Council.

- G. Definition of a member in good standing shall be a member whose dues are current.
- H. Membership shall be terminated by resignation, or if a member fails to pay his/her dues the membership will go into arrears and the voting privileges will be suspended until current,

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers of the Council must be American Citizens and will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, and two Sergeants-at-arms. All candidates must be present to be elected.

Section 2. Duties of officers: (Refer to pages 1 through 5 "simplified parliamentary procedure" of the Constitution, latest revision.)

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members. The term of the Directors shall be for two years with four members being elected on even-numbered years and three members on the odd-numbered years.

Section 2. There will only be one Board of Directors, which shall also be the Trustees.

Section 3. If a director has three consecutive absences, the Board shall replace that director.

Section 4. Management and responsibility shall be vested in the Board of

Directors for the Council meeting hall, the activities, policies, fixtures, and records.

Section 5. Any item having to do with the transfer, using as collateral or sale of the property must be brought before the Council at three regular meetings for a vote.

Section 6. The Board of Directors will submit a budget the Council.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. The membership shall meet weekly at the Council meeting hall every Thursday except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day promptly at eight o'clock p.

A. Each administration shall have the option of changing the meeting time for that administration by a majority vote of the Council.

B. Meetings shall be conducted according to established Ritual, Order of Business; and Robert's Rules of Order (latest revision) shall apply in all matters and situations.

Section 2. Ten members in attendance at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum to authorize a meeting. Majority may waive this in the case of an emergency meeting provided that the business conducted by the emergency action is ratified at the next regular meeting.

Section 3. Meeting time shall be limited to one hour and no prior notice is required if extended.

Section 4. Order of business: Ritual of the League, page 54 in Constitution.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the

President with a Chairperson to head each committee

- A. Membership committee
- B. Public Relations committee
- C. Health Committee
- D. Ways and Means committee
- E. Historical committee
- F. Nominations committee.

Section 2. The Council will ratify all chairpersons nominated by the President.

Section 3. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominations committee.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. All amendments are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

Section 2. All amendments are to be read at two regular meetings with the final disposition being considered at the third meeting. A two-thirds vote of those members present will determine ratification or rejection of the amendment.

ARTICLE VII

DECORUM

Probably the most serious defect in most meetings is the lack of decorum. Good order must be maintained if business is to be carried out. Courtesy would demand that there should be no whispering or commotion while the speaker has the floor. Do not speak too frequently. Beware of personalities. State the facts rather than what you think or believe. Nothing so mars the dignity of a meeting as a sharp report or angry voice. Speak while the motion is pending not after a vote has been taken or after the meeting is over.

ARTICLE VIII

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 1. Delegates shall be selected as prescribed by the National Constitution.

Section 2. All delegations from this Council to the conventions or meetings shall be instructed prior to attending the convention or meeting. These instructions shall indicate whether or not the delegation will vote based on the unit rule or vote their individual conscience. The instructions will be given based on the last meeting prior to attending any convention or meeting. If no instructions are given, then the delegation will go uninstructed and vote their conscience. If there is a difference of interpretation of issues at the meeting, the head of the delegation will interpret the issues based on the majority vote of the delegation and then follow the unit rule or the uninstructed status of the delegation. If instructed to follow the unit rule, the delegation will follow the unit rule. In the event of a conflict in the interpretation of issues and while voting under the unit rule, the issue will be interpreted by majority vote of the delegation and voted as such. In case of a tie, the head of the delegation will settle the issue.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Council will maintain three separate funds: General, Building and Utility.

A. The general fund will be used to pay for ordinary expenses incurred by the Council.

(l) Revenue for this fund will be derived from membership and initiation dues, from fund-raisers designated for this fund, and from a percentage of other fund-raisers as designated by the Council after each event with the exception of fund-raisers for the Scholarship and Education Fund,

B. Building fund will be maintained by the Board of Directors for the general purpose of the meeting hall. The Board of Directors shall submit a projected budget to the Council at the same time

the Council submits its own budget.

(1) Revenue for this building fund will be twenty (20%) percent from all fund-raisers conducted by the Council and/or its members and any fund-raiser designated for this fund with the exception of the Scholarship and Education Fund.

C. The utility fund will be used to pay utility items and to pay for repairs on any utility equipment.

(1) Revenue for this fund will be from the rental of any part of the meeting hall and yard, profit from after meeting activities and any fund-raiser designated for this fund with the exception of the Scholarship and Education Committee,

Section 2. Membership and Initiation Dues

- A. Each member will pay an annual fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars a year. Dues can be increased or decreased after three consecutive readings on the proposal. Two thirds of the members present will be required to accept or reject the proposal. (Revised 2-1-07)
- B. New members accepted by the Council shall pay six dollars initiation fee and dues for one full year to become a duly qualified member.
- C. Proposals for assessments on members must be presented at three consecutive meetings. Two-thirds majority vote of members present at the third official meeting will accept or reject the proposal.

Section 3. Disbursement of funds;

- A. Request from outside interest from any fund will be brought before the Council for three consecutive meetings before a vote is taken. Two-thirds majority of the members present is required for approval or rejection.

Section 4. Conventions

- A. Any profit from any convention shall be distributed to the separate funds as designated by two-thirds majority of members present at an official meeting.

Section 5. Certificate of deposit

- A. A certificate of deposit will be kept at a financial institution offering the best terms. The Council will review the deposit at least annually.
- B. The face value of the certificate of deposit will not be decreased except under extreme need for funds. The face value may be increased upon the recommendation of the Council Treasurer when the funds on hand exceed the expenditures of the previous fiscal year.
- C. Interest from the certificate of deposit will be deposited in the general fund to be used at the discretion of the Council Treasurer to cover general and budgeted meeting hall expenses.

Section 6. Audits

- A. An audit committee composed of at least three but not more than five past Council presidents and/or treasurers will audit the financial books no later than sixty days after the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE X

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

Paid up for Life members.

In recognition for devoted service to LULAC, a person who has continuously paid dues for 50 Years, shall be considered a paid up for life member. Membership for this classification shall be certified by the Council. Paid up members for life shall be:

- (1) Exempt from all membership dues.


(2) Entitled to all rights and privileges of active membership.

CERTIFICATION

These By-Laws (Revised) were approved by the membership of Council No. 60.

Date: February 1, 2007

Secretary



Arturo Lopez,