



# CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

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## **Article I. General**

Section 1. Name: The name of the association is the International Leadership Association (hereafter ILA or the Association).

## **Article II. Purpose and Goals**

Section 1. The ILA serves as a global network for all those with an interest in leadership. ILA brings together public and private sector leaders, scholars, leadership educators, organizational development professionals, and students from around the world to share information, resources and methods, while developing a deeper understanding of effective leadership.

Section 2. The ILA mission is to: 1) Build bridges among leadership scholars, educators and practitioners for the purpose of generating new ideas and practices in the field of leadership; 2) Disseminate cutting-edge work in leadership theory and practice; 3) Further legitimize the study of leadership.

## **Article III. Membership**

Section 1 General: There are three classes of members -- individual, institutional, and sponsorship -- subject to such qualifications as are set forth in Article II of the Bylaws. All members must support the mission of the Association.

Section 2 Individual Members: There shall be two types of individual memberships:

- (a) Professional Members: Professional membership shall be open to anyone with an interest in leadership education, scholarship, development, or leadership positions.
- (b) Honorary Members: Honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on those individuals who have manifested an exceptional interest in the affairs of the ILA or rendered exceptional

service to the Association over an extended period of time, as determined by the Board. No dues shall be required for honorary members.

- Section 3     Institutional Members: Institutional membership shall be open to colleges, universities, associations, businesses, training institutes, foundations, NGOs and non-profits, and other institutions.
- Section 4     Sponsorship Members: Upon approval of the Board of Directors, sponsorship membership shall be open to individuals, organizations, and groups who meet guidelines determined by the Board. Sponsorship members shall have the privilege of recognition as a sponsor of ILA activities. Sponsorship members are not eligible to hold office or serve as a member of the Board.
- Section 5     Corporate Partner Members: Corporate Partner Membership shall be open to businesses and corporations.

**Article IV.     Affiliated Societies**

- Section 1     Any society or organization committed to the purposes stated in Article II of this Constitution, upon approval of the Board of Directors, may be admitted to the status of an affiliated society.

**Article V.     Board of Directors and Officers**

- Section 1     Board: The Board of this association shall be known as the Board of Directors.
- Section 2     Officers: The Officer of the Association shall be the President and board chair. The President will be an employee of the University of Maryland.

**Article VI.     Elections**

- Section 1     Nomination and Elections: Nominations and elections of Members of the Board shall be conducted as provided in the Bylaws.
- Section 2     Other Officers: The Board may elect other officers in addition to those specified in this Article of the Constitution.

**Article VII.    Member Interest Groups**

- Section 1     The Board has the authority to form Member Interest Groups (MIGs) in accordance with standards it adopts from time to time. A MIG shall remain in operation as long as it is determined to be in good standing as periodically reviewed by the Board.

**Article VIII. Chapters of the ILA**

Section 1 The Board has the authority to form regional Chapters, in accordance with standards it adopts from time to time. A Chapter shall remain in operation as long as it is determined to be in good standing, as periodically reviewed by the Board.

**Article IX. Other Subgroups**

The Board may establish other subgroups or subordinate entities in addition to those specified in this Constitution.

**Article X. Publications**

Section 1 The ILA, upon the approval of the Board, may issue regular or occasional publications, as it deems necessary in the furtherance of its objectives.

**Article XI. Administrative Offices**

Section 1 The ILA shall maintain its headquarters and legal address at the University of Maryland of which it is a part.

**Article XII. Amendments**

Section 1 The powers to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Constitution and Bylaws is vested in the Board. Any such action shall be upon approval of two-thirds of the Board members.