

The Justice Coalition USA

Constitution and Bylaws

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of The Justice Coalition USA (JCUSA), to promote the preservation of justice in the political, educational, social, and economic systems of the United States of America and the world, do now enact and establish this Constitution for the government of its members.

FOUNDER

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CONSTITUTION

Of The Justice Coalition USA

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 - Name

The name of this Organization shall be THE JUSTICE COALITION USA (JCUSA).

ARTICLE II

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1-Mission

The Justice Coalition USA—The mission is to pursue freedom, justice, equity, and constitutional rights of underrepresented populations that will allow everyone to live, thrive, and breathe.

Section 2 - Objectives

The objectives of this Organization are to bring political, educational, social, and economic justice to those members of humanity who suffer injustices in various organizations and governments. To seek equality for all people, address corruption in government and organizations, promote actions that eliminate ethnic and racial hatred, and end discrimination and racism wherever they exist.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Section 1 - Good Standing

Any responsible adult over the age of eighteen is eligible for membership. Those not meeting those criteria can still be eligible for associate membership established by the Constitution and bylaws.

1.1 A member is in good standing if they are up to date with the payment of dues or hold the status of life membership. Members currently under disciplinary action, including suspension, are not in good standing.

Section 2 – Guests

All members in good standing with "The Justice Coalition USA" who are not currently under suspension may attend the organizational meetings and participate in its proceedings. Guests when invited shall not be entitled to offer motions or have a vote.

Section 3 - Eligibility for Membership

Any person fitting the above-established criteria shall be eligible for membership, provided that such person shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member of the Organization. A proposal for membership, endorsed by the two endorsers, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, who shall report it, together with the sponsors' names, at the Organization's next regular meeting, where they are voted on and approved by a two-thirds vote. The person so elected shall be declared a member of the society upon payment of the annual dues or life membership requirement.

Section 4 – Dues and Life Memberships

The annual dues shall be ten (10) dollars, payable at any time during the year. Life memberships are available in silver for one hundred (100) dollars, gold for two hundred (200) dollars, and platinum for three hundred (300) dollars.

Section 5 – Resignation from Membership

Any member desiring to resign from the Organization shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Executive Board for action. No member's resignation shall be accepted until their dues are paid.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers and Duties

The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors [members of the Board-at-large from the Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Western times zones of the USA (Alaska and Hawaii will be considered a part of the Western Zone), and one member-at-large]. All officers will be elected by a simple majority vote.

These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization. The President can appoint with the Organization's approval a Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Legal Counsel(s), or Chaplain to serve as non-voting advisors to the Board.

Section 2 – Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections

At the July meeting at least three (3) and not more than seven (7) members will be elected by the general body to serve on the Nominating Committee by a plurality vote. The elected members will vote for the person who will Chair the Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in December. During the election at the annual meeting in December, additional nominations, or write-ins of eligible members from the floor shall be permitted.

Section 3 – Ballot Election, Term of Office, Removal from Office

The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Elections are won by a simple majority of those present and voting. In the event that someone is nominated, and is unopposed, they can be elected by "acclamation" provided the motion to close nominations was not used as a means of moving their election. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority through the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 4 – Office-Holding Limitations

No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve three consecutive terms in the same office without interruption.

Section 5 - Vacancies

5.1 In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office, the Nominating Committee shall present a list of eligible candidates to the general Organization, with nominations from the floor, and the ensuing vote will elect the replacement officer. A special election for the office of Vice President shall be held within not more than sixty days following the notice of the unexpired term.

5.2 If the President leaves office due to death, resignation, incapacity, or removal from office, the Vice President shall fill the remainder of the President's term. Should vacancies occur in both the President and Vice President positions simultaneously, the Secretary shall serve as President, and the Organization shall fill the remaining vacancies under the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Meetings

The Board shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, and the Organization shall meet monthly on the second Tuesday. Regular Meetings shall hereafter be referred to as Regular meeting(s).

Section 2 - Special Meetings

2.1 Special meetings may be called by two of the four (5) primary officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer) or by written petition of twenty-five (25) percent of the Organization's members in good standing delivered to the Secretary.

2.2 Notice of special meetings shall be given in writing to all members in good standing no less than 48 hours before the meeting. The notice shall include the purpose, date, time, and location of the special meeting.

Section 3 - Voting

3.1 Each organization member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

3.2 Voting by proxy is prohibited during regular, special meetings and elections.

Section 4 - Quorum

4.1 A quorum at a regular or special meeting shall consist of ten (10) percent of the organizational members present at any regular or special meeting. It must have at least two of the five (5) principal officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer).

4.2 A quorum at a Board meeting consists of at least four (4) of existing board members, including two of the five principal officers.

Section 5 – Virtual Meetings

In the event of severe weather conditions, a public emergency, or extreme conditions affecting member safety or proximity of the meeting, then a Regular Meeting, Special Meeting, or Committee Meeting shall be authorized to meet through electronic means— Internet meeting services recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the Organization.

The electronic voting method used must comply with those suggested by the parliamentary authority. The service must support routine voting methods and visible displays identifying those participating by video or phone, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. RONR 45:18, 23, 42, 55 situations. The electronic meeting shall be subject to the rules and governing documents adopted by the Organization through the parliamentary authority. RONR 30-36. Guidelines for different scenarios of electronic meetings that adhere to proper democratic principles are found in the Sample Rules for Electronic Meetings.

ARTICLE VI

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Board Composition

The officers of the Organization, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2: Board's Duties and Powers

The Executive Board shall supervise the affairs of the Organization between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Organization, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. Decisions of the Board made in between meetings must be ratified or rescinded by the body at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Board Meetings

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board given forty-eight (48) hours notice and should include the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1: Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall recruit, retain, and record new members.

Section 2: Media Committee

The Media Committee is in charge of updating the website, designing organizational communications, and getting out information to sources that can disseminate it.

Section 3: Political Justice Committee

The Political Committee shall be in charge of educating, researching, organizing, and spearheading the Organization's response to injustices in the political arena.

Section 4: Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee is responsible for informing and designing strategies, and the Organizational response to injustices in our society

Section 5: Economic Justice Committee

The Economic Justice Committee shall be responsible for researching information on economic justice and proposing possible solutions to the Organization.

Section 6: Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is composed of the Treasurer and two other members after each annual meeting to prepare a budget for the fiscal year and submit it to the Organization by its regular meeting in March. They may propose amendments to the budget for the current fiscal year, which a majority vote may adopt.

Section 7: Program Committee

The Program Committee is responsible for planning and oversight of all programs of the Organization.

Section 8: Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee of three members is responsible for auditing the Treasurer's account at the close of the fiscal year. The Auditing Committee shall consist of at least three (3) and not more than seven

(7) members who will be elected by the general body as early as necessary, to serve on the Auditing Committee by a plurality vote. At least one member of the Committee shall be a Director, elected by the Board. The elected members will vote for the person who will Chair the Auditing Committee. This committee will report its findings in a report bi-annually (July and December), or as requested by the Organization.

Section 9: Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee will be appointed when disciplinary action matters are necessary. At least three (3) and not more than seven (7) members will be elected by the general body to serve on the Disciplinary Committee by a plurality vote. At least one member of the Committee shall be a Director, elected by the Board. The elected members will vote for the person who will Chair the Disciplinary Committee. All matters of discipline will be referred to this committee. The guidelines recommended by the parliamentary authority will be the rules of this committee. RONR 61:1-63:40

Section 10: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will produce a slate of officers by November's meeting, ahead of the December elections. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) and not more than seven (7) members who will be elected by the general body to serve on the Nominating Committee by a plurality vote. The elected members will vote for the person who will Chair the Nominating Committee.

Section 11: Other Committees: President Ex-Officio Committee Membership

The President shall be ex officio a member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee and the Disciplinary Committee. All Committees standing or special, may be established by the Organization as it shall, from time to time, deem necessary to carry on its work. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, reviewed by the Executive Board, and approved by the Organization unless a two-thirds vote suspends this rule before their appointment.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Organization may adopt.

ARTICLE IX

FUNDS AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Funds should benefits the mission

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Two of the Constitution of JCUSA.

Section 2: How funds are derived

Principal funds of the Association shall be derived from fundraising, membership dues, fees, and donations from members.

Section 4: Dissolution by 2/3 vote

The dissolution of the Association may occur upon two-thirds vote of members present at a special membership meeting.

Section 5: How to dispose of assets

In the event of dissolution, the Association shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Organization, dispose of all assets of the Organization to Justice Coalition USA or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), as the Board of Directors of the Association shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended at any organization's regular meeting by a three-quarters (3/4) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

BYLAWS

Of The Justice Coalition USA

ARTICLE I

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - President

1.1 The duties of the President shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 1.11 Preside over meetings of the Organization except when objections are raised and sustained by a majority vote of the members in good standing present;
- 1.12 Chair the Executive Board;
- 1.13 Appoint, with approval of the Executive Board, chairpersons of Standing and Ad Hoc committees;
- 1.14 Appoint Ad Hoc committee(s) as necessary;
- 1.15 Prepare Organization and special meeting agendas and coordinate the proper notification of the time and place to the membership;
- 1.16 Serve as an ex-officio, a non-voting member of all committees except the Nominating and Disciplinary Committee;
- 1.17 Insure that the Constitution and By-Laws and policy and procedures of the Organization are followed;
- 1.18 Interpret the Constitution and Bylaws of the Organization. His/her decision shall be final except upon an objection being raised and sustained by a majority vote of the members or by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Executive Board while it's in session.
- 1.19 The President is the spokesperson for the organization, and can give opinions on behalf of the Organization in accordance with the Constitution.
- 1.20 The President is empowered to make emergency decisions between meetings and will report back to the Board and Organization for ratification or rescinding of such decisions.

Section 2 - Vice President

- 2.1 The duties of the Vice President shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 2.11 Preside over meetings in the absence of the President;
 - 2.12 Coordinate committee activities and generally assist the President in executing the laws of the Organization.
 - 2.13 Serve as Chairman of the Executive Board in the absence of the President.
 - 2.14 Perform all duties incumbent upon the President when the President is absent or vacates the office during his/her term.

Section 3 -Secretary

- 3.1 The duties of the Secretary shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 3.11 Record the proceedings of all Organization and special meetings;
 - 3.12 Serve as custodian of all records of the Organization, including committee and financial reports;
 - 3.13 Serve as custodian of the official seal and affix same to all official correspondence;
 - 3.14 Serve as custodian of the Organization's Special rules and orders and any other property of the Organization.

Section 4 – Assistant Secretary

- 4.1 The duties of the Assistant Secretary are to assist the Secretary in all of their duties.

Section 5 - Treasurer

- 5.1 The duties of the Treasurer shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 5.11 Responsible for all funds being deposited and securities of the Organization;
 - 5.12 Responsible for the deposit all funds and securities of the Organization in such depositories as designated by the Organization;

- 5.13 Maintain all bank statements and financial records;
- 5.14 Responsible for the receipt and disbursement, when properly authorized, of all funds of the Organization;
- 5.15 Report monthly to the Executive Board and the Organization on the exact status of the treasury;
- 5.16 Present a monthly and annual financial report to the Executive Board and the Organization;
- 5.17 Maintain an accurate accounting of the financial status of each member;
- 5.18 Serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- 5.19 Appoint an Assistant Treasurer as needed.

ARTICLE II
STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Designation of Standing Committees

- 1.1 The Standing Committees of the Organization shall be as follows:
 - 1.11 Membership Committee
 - 1.12 Media Committee
 - 1.13 Political Committee
 - 1.14 Social Justice Committee
 - 1.15 Economic Justice Committee
 - 1.16 Finance Committee
 - 1.17 Program Committee
 - 1.18 Auditing Committee
 - 1.18 Disciplinary Committee
 - 1.19 Nominating Committee

Section 2 - Composition of Standing Committees, and Ad Hoc Committees

- 2.1 The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, shall appoint Chairpersons to Standing Committees, except the Auditing, Disciplinary, and Nominating Committees. The appointments shall be ratified or rescinded individually by a 2/3 vote of the Organization at their next meeting. The Chairperson of such Committees will accept members in good standing who desires and have skills to contribute to said Committees.
- 2.2 Standing Committees shall be composed of not less than three (3) members of the Organization.

Section 3 - General Responsibilities

- 3.1 Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall advise the President and Vice President on matters which may affect the Organization.
- 3.2 All committees shall report as needed in writing to the Organization unless otherwise specified in the Organization's Constitution and Bylaws.
- 3.3 All committees shall present their recommended budget by the March Organization's meeting.

ARTICLE III

DISCIPLINE

Section 1 - Discipline

- 1.1 The Executive Board shall have the power to recommend disciplinary action of a member by censure, fine, removal from office, or recommendation of suspension for violation of the rules of the Organization.
- 1.2 The Executive Board shall present its recommendation to the Organization during an Organization or special meeting. A 2/3 (two-third) majority vote shall affirm the recommendation of the Executive Board. The recommendation will then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.3 If the President is charged with a violation(s) of the Organization's rules or orders, the Vice President shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board.
- 1.4 Any member in good standing can recommend a disciplinary action to the body in a written statement to the Secretary, that complaint will then be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

ARTICLE IV

DUES AND FEES

Dues and fees are payable in January of each year. The Fiscal year shall be from January 1st, to December 31st of each year. The annual dues shall be ten (10) dollars, payable at any time during the year. Life memberships are available in silver for one hundred (100) dollars, gold for two hundred (200) dollars, and platinum for three hundred (300) dollars.

ARTICLE V

AUDIT

Section 1 - Audit

The Organization shall audit the treasury bi-annually or as needed by a majority vote of the Organization. The Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and any other financial officer of the Organization shall not serve on the Audit Committee.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any organization's regular meeting by a two-thirds vote (2/3), provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.