

## CONSTITUTION

OR

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Saddleback Baha'i Club, having formed a voluntary association, do hereby make and establish this constitution in order to promote and further the ideals of the Baha'i Faith, as proclaimed by the prophet-founder, Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith upholds the unity of God, recognizes the unity of His Prophets, and inculcates the principle of the oneness and wholeness of the unification of mankind, asserts that it is gradually approaching, and claims that nothing short of the transmuting spirit of God, working through His Mouthpiece in this day, can ultimately succeed in bringing it about. It moreover enjoys upon its followers the primary duty of an unfettered search after truth, condemns all manner of prejudice and superstition, declares the purpose of religion to be the promotion of amity and concord, proclaims its essential harmony with science, and recognizes it as the foremost agency for the pacification and the orderly progress of human society. It unequivocally maintains the principle of equal rights, opportunities and privileges for men and woman, insists on compulsory education, eliminates extremes of poverty and wealth, abolishes the institution of priesthood, prohibits slavery, asceticism, mendicancy and monasticism, prescribes monogamy, discourages divorce, emphasizes the necessity of strict obedience to one's government, exalts any work performance in the spirit of service to the level of worship, urges either the creation or the selection of any auxiliary international language, and delineates the outlines of those institutions that must be established and perpetuate the general peace of mankind.

## ARTICLE I- NAME

This association shall be known as Saddleback Baha'i Club.

## ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be to acquaint those interested with the tenets of the Baha'i Faith, by sponsoring such things as lectures, discussions, informal gatherings, social activities, and public meetings. This association shall not endorse any partisan or political group, on a campus level or otherwise.

## ARTICLE III- DURATION

This association, once formed, shall exist as long as two or more Baha'is officially recognized as such by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States shall be members thereof and as long as it shall comply with all rules and regulations of saddleback college and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States.

## ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this association is open to all saddleback college students, faculty, staff, alumni and members off their families, irrespective of race, color, class, nationality, or religion. Any such persons may join and remain a member of this association by assenting to its principles and purposes as stated within this constitution. If the Baha'i membership drops below two, the club is suspended.

## ARTICLE V- GOVERNMENT

The government of this association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of only members of the Baha'i Faith whose number shall be no less than two or more than nine elected annually.

#### ARTICLE VI- FINANCES

There shall be no dues payable by or assessments levied against the members of this association. Baha'i Clubs may sponsor events, which result in financial gain, or accept any funds from the school or University, or non-Baha'i members, or any other voluntary source. These monies, however, may in no way be contributed to Baha'i Funds, local, national, or international, and are the promotion of club activities only.

#### ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and shall thereafter be submitted by the Board to the membership at the next regular meeting of this association. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members of this association, provided that the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States and the proper campus authority shall have approved the amendment.

#### AMENDMENT VIII- AFFILIATION

This association is responsible in all respects to the campus authorities and to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, or its designated representative.

#### ARTICLE IX- SPONSORSHIP

Any faculty sponsor deemed necessary for this association by Saddleback College shall be one who, in addition to being on the staff said institution, has sufficient knowledge of the Baha'i teachings to give necessary and proper guidance to this association

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have executed together these articles of association this

13 day of September 2010

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(Month)

(year)

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