

CONSTITUTION  
OR  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the SADDLEBACK BAHAI  
(club name)

CLUB, having formed a voluntary association, do hereby make and establish this constitution in order to promote and further the ideals of the Bahá'í Faith, as proclaimed by the prophet-founder, Bahá'u'lláh.

The Bahá'í 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 enjoins 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 women, 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 performed in the spirit of service to the level of worship, urges either the creation or the selection of an auxiliary international language, and delineates the outlines of those institutions that must establish and perpetuate the general peace of mankind.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This association shall be known as SADDLEBACK

BAHA'I CLUB

(club name)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be to acquaint those interested with the tenets of the Bahá'í 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 Bahá'ís officially recognized as such by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States shall be members thereof and as long as it shall comply with all rules and regulations of SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

(school name)

and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this association is open to all

SADDLEBACK  
(school name)

COLLEGE students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of their families, irrespective of race, color, class, nationality or religion. Any such person may join and remain a member of this association by assenting to its principles and purposes as stated within this constitution. If the Bahá'í 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 Bahá'í 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. Bahá'í Clubs may sponsor events which result in financial gain, or accept any funds from the School or University, or non-Bahá'í members, or any other voluntary source. These monies, however, may in no way be contributed to Bahá'í Funds, either local, national, or international, and are for 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 amendment shall have been approved by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States and the proper campus authority.

#### ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

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

(Optional Article)

#### ARTICLE IX - SPONSORSHIP

Any faculty sponsor deemed necessary for this association by  
SADDLEBACK COLLEGE shall be one who, in  
(school name)  
addition to being on the staff of said institution, has sufficient knowledge of the Bahá'í teachings to give necessary and proper guidance to this association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have executed together these Articles of  
Association this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_.  
(date) (month) (year)

*Prince Smith*  
Associate

*Alex Gottdank*  
Associate

*Rosita Shalicaideh*  
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