

**AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INCORPORATED 8818**

Cullen Lane (P.O. Box 3884, Austin TX 78764-3884)

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

1. This organization shall be known as the Austin Association of the Deaf, Incorporated (AAD), doing business as Austin Deaf Club (hereafter known as ADC).
2. The organization is organized and shall be operated as Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

1. The objectives of this Association shall be:
  - a) To provide fellowship.
  - b) To provide social, recreational & cultural opportunities.
2. The power herein granted shall be solely vested in this Association with equal rights and privileges to all members.

**ARTICLE III – CORPORATION**

1. This Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas without stocks or shares held by members.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members shall pay membership fees annually on the date they join the association.
2. All members are expected to follow local, state, and federal laws and Association's By-Laws and Policy.
3. All members have rights to be safe on the club premises.

**ARTICLE V – THE ELECTION**

1. The Officers shall be elected one by one, by majority of the vote cast or by secret ballot.
2. The voting members have their right of recall and/or referendum.

**ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

1. The elected officers of this Association shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Director of Public Relations, and Five (5) Members at Large. They shall be called Executive Board.

2. The qualification of the candidates for the offices in this Association shall be a voting member who has attended to the General Meetings for at least six months prior to November elections.
3. The 2-year term of the Executive Board and two (2) Members at Large shall be elected on even-numbered year in the month of November and shall begin after the meeting is adjourned.
4. Three (3) Members at Large shall be elected on odd-numbered year in the month of November and shall begin after the meeting is adjourned.
5. The recent-elected Members at Large during the even-numbered year shall be called MAL 2 & 4. Also, for those during odd numbered year shall be MAL 1, 3, & 5.
6. Any successor who replaces the previous member shall serve only the remaining term.
7. Shall reside in Travis County and surrounding counties up to 75 miles radius.

#### **ARTICLE VII – QUORUM**

1. The quorum for the membership shall be determined based on the provisions of the current policy.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

1. Unless otherwise provided by in the By-Laws, Policy, and latest edition Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

1. General Meeting shall be held monthly.
2. Special Meeting may be called for any reason at President’s discretion.
3. The business of the Executive Board, and the Committees shall be conducted monthly prior to the next General Meeting.
4. General Meeting shall be held on the Second (2) Saturday.
5. General Meeting may be moved to next available Saturday as necessary.
7. Oath for new officers:
  - a) “I, (name), do hereby pledge myself to abide by the By-Laws and Policy of the Austin Association of the Deaf, Inc. and to faithfully per- form the duties of my office as (position) to the best of my knowledge and ability.”

#### **ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES**

1. The Association may have such committees as may be deemed necessary in the best of interests of the Association and to facilitate activities of the Association.

2. The committees shall serve at the will of the Association with their primary function being that of providing service and/or assistance to the organization.

#### **ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

1. Any proposal for amendment(s) to By-Laws shall go through Vice-President for proper procedure. Vice-President shall have no authority to deny member's privilege to make a proposal.
2. The Bylaws may be amended, altered, or revoked by two-third (2/3) vote of members who are present at General Meeting.
3. The Bylaws may be suspended by two-third (2/3) vote of members present at General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XII – PROPERTY**

1. The members of the Association are owners of all assets and the property of 8818 Cullen Lane, Austin, Texas 78748.

#### **ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION**

1. Upon dissolution of the Club, all real estate and other assets of the Club shall be sold and converted to cash. Following satisfaction or discharge of all Club liabilities, the remaining funds shall be divided among the Members at the time of dissolution. The Club shall not be dissolved except upon vote by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those Members eligible to vote at a Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the membership.