

# CONSTITUTION FOR CINCINNATI CULTURAL INITIATIVE

## Mission

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This is the constitution of Cincinnati Cultural Initiative (CCI), approved at the General Body Meeting held at Cincinnati, Ohio on **March 30, 2008**. CCI is formed as a non-profit organization, primarily to organize the annual Durga Festival in Cincinnati and other programs that are not organized by Agrani (The Bengali Association of Cincinnati). The main purpose of CCI is to promote the cultural and educational activities of Bengal and Eastern India, especially amongst the second and later generation immigrants of Indian origin, foster a spirit of friendship and cooperation between its members and those of Agrani through social activities, and highlight the cultural heritage of India, especially Bengal and Eastern India, in its external activities. Thus, the mission of CCI is to be a complementary organization to and not become a competitive one with Agrani. To this end, CCI's mission does not permit organizing any event that is similar in spirit to those organized by Agrani. We invite people from everywhere to join CCI in our activities.

*Replaced by 006/2011*

## Article I (Name)

### Section I:

The organization shall be known as "**Cincinnati Cultural Initiative.**" Hereinafter, the organization will be referred to as "**CCI**" in the text of the Constitution.

## Article II (Address)

### Section I:

The association will have an address in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Board of Trustees (as defined in Section VII.1) will decide this address.

## Article III (Objectives)

### Section I:

The primary objective of CCI will be to host the Annual Durga Festival in Cincinnati. Durga Festival is celebrated during September-October of every year on an auspicious day according to the Indian lunar calendar. Celebrated to mark the victory of Goddess Durga over the tyrant Buffalo-demon Mahishashura, and that of Lord Rama over the demon king Ravana, the Durga festival over the years, has become the principal annual festival celebrated by the Bengali speaking population (Bengalees) all over the world. Through its celebration and associated activities, CCI will promote the cultural religious and educational activities of Bengal and Eastern India, foster a spirit of friendship and cooperation between its members through social activities, and highlight the cultural heritage of India, especially Bengal and Eastern India, through its external activities.

### **Section II:**

The corporation is organized exclusively for cultural, charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. The intention of this corporation is to be a non-profit corporation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, CCI will support any initiative by other non-profit organizations, such as Agrani, through financial participation and/or direct grant disbursed according to and in compliance with the appropriate by-laws of CCI as long as they share the common goal with CCI.

### **Section III:**

Additional goals of CCI will be to foster a spirit of friendship and cooperation between its members and the members of Agrani through social activities, cultural activities, sports events, musical gatherings, religious festivals and any other activities. In order to pursue this objective, and to be consistent with its mission, CCI will not organize any event that is similar in spirit to those organized by Agrani. Membership of Agrani is encouraged amongst the members of CCI though it is not necessary.

### **Section IV:**

Additionally, CCI will attempt to highlight the cultural heritage of India, especially Bengal and Eastern India, with its external activities.

### **Section V:**

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

## **Article IV (Membership)**

### **Section I:**

Membership is open to all individuals who believe in the Missions and the Objectives of CCI as noted above in the Mission Statement and the above Article III. Members will be required to pledge to uphold the mission, objectives and the Constitution of CCI till such time they remain a member and pay the appropriate dues in a timely manner as decided by the Board of Trustees and approved by the General Body.

### **Section II:**

Family membership shall be comprised of both spouses and any dependent children. A single member shall be defined as a person who is over 18 years of age and is not married.

### **Section III:**

Children of school going age of members in good standing will automatically be recognized as "Junior Members" till such time they graduate from high schools at which time they can apply to be admitted as a "Student Member" by paying appropriate fees as decided by the Board of Trustees and the General Body. Planning and arrangement of all activities involving the Junior and the Student Members should have active participation from the said members. If necessary, the Board of Trustees may specify appropriate mechanism/s to be adopted for that purpose for a particular activity.



## Article V (Voting Rights)

### Section I:

All members in good standing will have full voting rights. Each adult member above the age of 18 will have one vote.

### Section II:

All elections will be held by secret ballot, voice vote, or proxy as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.

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## Article VI (General Body)

### Section I:

All members shall constitute the General Body. There will be at least one Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the General Body where the activities for the year will be reported by the Board of Trustees to the General Body. Typically, this will follow the annual event Durga Festival.

### Section II:

003/2008 The General Body has the right to amend this Constitution and by-laws. At least two-thirds majority vote of attending members shall be needed to amend or revise this Constitution and by-laws subject to quorum.

### Section III:

The quorum for the General Body shall be constituted by the presence of at least 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its members.

### Section IV:

Unless under extraordinary circumstances, at least two weeks notice will be given to the members advising the time, date, place, and agenda for a meeting of the General Body.

### Section V:

The Board of Trustees is authorized to summon extraordinary meetings of the General Body, if called for, which may be called with less than two weeks notice.

### Section VI:

The General Body is authorized to convene an extraordinary General Body meeting by presenting signatory evidence of at least 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the General Body to the Board of Trustees. Upon presentation of such evidence, the Board of Trustees is obligated to facilitate in convening a General Body meeting.

## Article VII (Management)

### Section I:

004/2008 CCI will be managed by a Board of Trustees, which will not be less than three at any time and will not be more than nine at any time. Board of Trustees will have a tenure of three years at a time and will be elected by the general body in a General Body Meeting. The Durga Festival will be led by a Convener, who must be a member of the Trustees and be elected for that purpose by the Board of Trustees. The

Convener will set up appropriate event teams as convenient to facilitate holding of Durga Festival and appoint individuals as Team Leaders. Every year at the AGM the Team Leaders of the past events held during the immediately preceding year will automatically contest for three additional seats at the Board of Trustees. To be elected as a Board of Trustee, a candidate must receive at least 50% vote of all the voting members present at the meeting. In case no Team Leader can be elected as a Board of Trustee, open nomination from the floor will be solicited for filling up of a seat at the Board of Trustees. All CCI assets will be held in joint custody of the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

### **Section II:**

The Board of Trustees will be led its officers: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Internal Auditor and the Convener of the Durga Festival. The Internal Auditor will be appointed whenever there are more than three members. The Convener of the Durga Festival can hold other offices of the Trustees if necessary. Only the members of the Board of trustees (except the treasurer and the internal auditor) will have check signing power. The Board of Trustees must meet at least once in a year and as needed with a notice of not less than two weeks. The Board of Trustees must hold an Annual Election amongst its members to appoint its officers. All officers of the Board of Trustee will be elected for a one year term and shall hold office until the new officers are duly elected and installed. The Board of Trustees will have the power to appoint special officers from its members for a specific task for a period of one year at a time. Such special officers as well any member can attend the Board of Trustee meeting upon invitation by the Board of Trustees; however, none of these attendees will have voting power.

### **Section III:**

In the event of a resignation, the Chairperson is empowered to nominate another member of the Board of Trustees for that position until the next election.

### **Section IV:**

Duties of the Officers of the Board of Trustees will be as follows:

**Chairperson:** Has the over all responsibility for the proper functioning of the Association. S/he will be responsible to hold the election of the Board of Trustees and of the General Body and ascertain that all the members are upholding the objectives and mission of the organization and the officers are properly discharging their duties. In addition, the Chairperson will be responsible for liaison work with other local organizations such as Agrani.

**Secretary:** Has the responsible for convening General Body meetings, keeping records of all meetings, presenting a complete synopsis of all activities to the Board of Trustees and the General Body and shall prepare an agenda for all meetings. The secretary will also be responsible for maintaining member records and for maintaining and updating by-laws and the Constitution and assists the treasurer in tax/legal filings and assist the Chairperson in all elections. The secretary will also have the joint custody of all assets along with the Chairperson.

**Treasurer:** Has the responsibility of all financial matter for CCI and will keep physical custody of all financial records and bank related documents. The treasurer will prepare an Annual Financial Statement in collaboration with the Convener of the Durga Festival and the respective Team Leaders and present it to the General Body annually. The treasurer is also responsible for any required annual tax and organizational filings.



**Internal Auditor:** Has the responsibility of auditing the propriety of the financial statement prepared by the treasurer and the event Teams. The Internal Auditor will have the power to ask for any relevant document and proof to verify the scope of the activity and ascertain appropriate authority for any expenditure.

**Convener:** The Convener will have the full authority to define the scope and the duties of each event team and appoint the Team Leaders and coordinate all activities of the Team Leaders and the teams. The responsibilities of the Convener shall include but not limited to the execution of an event, management of the overall event budget and any conflict resolution among the team leads.

#### **Section V:**

The members of the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility to attend all meetings, participate in the decision making, cooperate and participate in all elections in order to vote and to hold offices.

#### **Section VI:**

A proposal for a program other than the Annual Durga Festival may be made by any member to the Board of Trustees who will have the responsibility to analyze and present to the General Body three aspects of the proposed program: its economic feasibility, its desirability and its constitutional validity. The new program must be approved by the general body on each of the above three aspects by at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.

### **Article VIII (Compensation)**

#### **Section I:**

There will be no compensation for services rendered by any members of CCI, including its elected members. Any work done by outside help (e.g., auditing, legal assistance, secretarial help, printing, copying, etc.) will be paid by CCI if considered appropriate by the Board of Trustees and for an event, by the Convener.

#### **Section II:**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or others 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 **Section 501(c)(3)** purposes.

### **Article IX (No Confidence and Disciplinary Action)**

#### **Section I:**

No confidence resolution can be moved against any officer or a member of the Board of Trustee by a written motion of the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> members of the Board of Trustees. If the motion passes the member/officer must immediately step down from the Board of Trustees. In such an event, an additional member will be elected in the following election for the Board of Trustee members.

### **Section II:**

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The Board of Trustees will have the power to enquire and investigate any allegation against a member's violation of his/her membership pledge through a due process in consistent with the By Laws and may recommend appropriate remedies, if any to the general body. Such remedies may include but not limited to disciplinary actions such as warning, counseling and ultimately, revoking of the membership of the organization. A motion of disciplinary action including the revoking of membership against any member can be moved with the written endorsement of at least two-third of the members of the Board of Trustees. Such a resolution shall require for its passage the approval of at least 51% of the members present in a General Body Meeting.

### **Section III:**

If any proposal of the Board of Trustees fails to get a majority support on the ground of constitutional validity, such vote would constitute a prima facie no confidence motion against the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees, except the Chairman will step down to facilitate discussion on the no-confidence motion and if passed by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority, facilitate new elections for all Board of Trustees members. For any ground other than constitutional validity, a no confidence motion would require the vote of at least 50% of the members to be considered and a vote of at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the members to pass. For such cases the Board of Trustees need not stand down until dismissed by the vote of at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the members.

## **Article X (Dissolution)**

### **Section I:**

To dissolve CCI, a resolution in writing asking for such dissolution shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall then call a special meeting of the General Body for the purpose of considering and acting upon such a resolution. If at this meeting, 2/3rds of the members in good standing vote for dissolution, the Board of Trustees will take necessary steps to wind up the affairs of the organization. Specifically, the Board of Trustees must get the approval from 67% of the voting members to decide on fair disposal of funds of the organization left over after all payments are completed.

### **Section II:**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article XI (Enactment)**

This Constitution and by-laws shall be effective immediately upon the acceptance by 2/3rds (67%) of the voting members of the General Body of CCI.



## By Laws

1. The Convener should be appointed by the Board of Trustees in a meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held no later than March 31 of each year.
2. Each event team will have its respective budgets for an event approved jointly by the Convener and the Board of Trustees. The Convener will have a separate budget for discretionary and emergency funds and will have the authority to negotiate and implement changes in the budgets of any team in order to supplement a team's budget from the emergency funds and/or augment the emergency funds by reallocating funds from any team's budget. For any dispute between the Team Leaders, the Convener will have the power to arbitrate. The Team Leaders must be appointed no later than May 31 of each year unless under exceptional circumstances to be approved by the Board of Trustees.
3. Each Team leader must submit to the Convener a summary report of expenses for the event within 30 days of its conclusion. The Convener must prepare a report of collection and expenses for the event in conjunction with the Treasurer and submit it to the Board of trustees within 60 days of the completion of the event.
4. The Board of Trustees and the Convener must arrive at a Budget by the end of August each year and convey that to the Teams.
5. The event teams have relative freedom to decide the scope and extent of the activities within the specified budget so long as they are not specifically objected to by the Convener, are contrary to the mission or guidelines and by-laws of CCI. Additional guidelines and deadlines that are not in conflict with the bylaws may be jointly set up by the Convener with the event teams based on a particular activity. The Convener will have the right to modify the guidelines for an event in consultation with the Board of Trustees.
6. As and when a grant application is submitted by an agency, the Board of Trustees will appoint a Grants Review Committee from the members of the General Body not in the Board of Trustees, who will make a recommendation within 30 days. If the grant is recommended by the Board of trustees, a General Body meeting will be called immediately with proper notice for consideration and approval of the grant. If approved by the General Body, the applicant will be notified within one week of the approval and the funds will be disbursed within two weeks of the approval. The grantee will have an obligation to prepare and submit a completion report within 30 days of the completion of the activity. The Board of Trustees will appoint a Grant Coordinator and identify the Grant Coordinator to the grantee at the time of disbursement. Any deviation in the expenditure from the terms of the grant will require prior approval of the Grant Coordinator, who will monitor the progress of the grant, evaluate the grant completion report and will make appropriate recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding satisfactory completion of the terms of the grant. In the event it is found that the grantee has not complied with the terms of the

grant, the Board of Trustees will have the authority to revoke the award of the grant and pursue the recovery of funds through every reasonable legal means.

7. Any disciplinary action can only be initiated against a specific complain lodged in writing by at least five members. Before initiating any disciplinary action, a member should be given ample opportunity to explain his position of the issue by way of any document and testimony of fellow members. Any disciplinary proceeding must be concluded within three months of its lodge.

**Signatories of the Constitutions**

1. AMAR BHATTACHARYA.

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2. Soma Banerjee

S Banerjee 03/30/08

3. KALLOL SENGUPTA

K Sengupta 03/30/08

4. VASWATI SENGUPTA

V Sengupta 03/30/08.

5. SREEPARNA MUKHERJEE

S Banerjee 3/20/08

6. BIBEK DEY

Bibek Dey 3/30/08

7. SANDIP CHATTOPADHYAY

Sandip 3/30/2008

8. ANINDYA BISWAS

A Biswas 3/30/2008

9. RUMA SIKDAR

Rumabikdar 3/30/08

10. Tapen Ray

T Ray 3/30/08.

11. Joydeep Mukherjee

J Mukherjee 3/30/08

12. Parthajit Ghosh Dasgupta

P Dasgupta 3/30/08



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16 TAPENDRA SINHA	Tapendra Sinha	3/30/08
17 SUBHASISH MUKHERJEE	Subhasish Mukherjee	3/30/08
18 RUPAK BANERJEE	RK Banerjee	3/30/08
19 Pradyot K Sen	Pradyot K Sen	3/30/08
20 BUSHABEN MUKHERJEE	Bushaben Mukherjee	3/30/08
21 BIPLAB Mukherjee	Biplab Mukherjee	03/30/08
22 AMALENDU BISWAS	Amalendu Biswas	03/30/08
23 Debjani Biswas	Debjani Biswas	04/01/08
24 SUGATA CHAKRAVARTI	Sugata Chakravarti	4/12/08
25 Susmita Chakraborty	Susmita Chakraborty	4/12/08
26 ASHIS MAITY	Ashis Maity	4/13/08
27 CHAITALI MAITY	Chaitali Maity	4/13/08
28 BITAN BASU	Bitan Basu	19th Apr 2008
29 SANDIP BASU	Sandip Basu	4/19/08
30 DEVAMITA CHATTOPADHYAY	Devamita Chattopadhyay	4/19/08

## **\* Amendment No 000/2008**

This resolution adopted by the General Body during the General Body Meeting (GBM) of August 2, 2008 amends the mission statement and Article III Section III of the CCI Constitution to replace their contents in its entirety respectively with the following:

### **Mission**

006/2011  
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### **Article III (Objectives)**

#### **Section III:**

Additional goals of CCI will be to foster a spirit of friendship and cooperation between its members and the members of Agrani through social activities, cultural activities, sports events, musical gatherings, religious festivals and any other activities. In order to pursue this objective, and to be consistent with its mission, CCI will not organize any **stand alone cultural** event that is similar in spirit to those organized by Agrani.

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## ★ Amendment No 001/2008

This resolution proposed by the membership committee consisting of Buddhadev Mukherjee, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray and adopted by the General Body during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of October 25 2008 amends Article IV Sections I and II of the CCI Constitution to replace their contents in its entirety respectively with the following:

### **Article IV (Membership)**

#### **Section I:**

Category of Membership:

The membership will consist of Chartered Members, Life Members, Single Members and Family Members. The duties, rights and responsibilities of each category of members are as follows:

- (i) Chartered Members: All original signatories of the constitution and their family members will be recognized as Chartered Members. The Chartered Members will meet at least once a year for which a notice of not less than two weeks will be given by the Board of Trustees. The Chartered Members will have the right to nominate candidates for future Chartered members among the single and family members of good standing. Upon nomination, the existing Chartered members will put the nomination to vote and if the nomination receives support from at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of all Chartered members, the nominated member will be admitted as a Chartered member of CCI.
- (ii) Life Members: Any Chartered Member will have the option to become a Life Member by paying a one-time fee of \$500 or ten years membership fees, whichever is more.
- (iii) Family membership shall be comprised of both spouses and any dependent children.
- (iv) A single member shall be defined as a person who is over 18 years of age and is single, divorced, widowed or separated.

#### **Section II:**

Single and Family Memberships are open to all individuals who believe in the Missions and the Objectives of CCI as noted above in the Mission Statement and the above Article III. Members will be required to pledge to uphold the mission, objectives and the Constitution of CCI, and share the financial burden in the event of a loss incurred while hosting any CCI event, till such time they remain a member and pay the appropriate dues in a timely manner as decided by the Board of Trustees and approved by the General Body.

★ **Amendment No 002/2008**

This resolution proposed by the membership committee consisting of Buddhadev Mukherjee, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray and adopted by the General Body during the AGM of October 25 2008 inserts the following Section III in the Article V of the CCI Constitution as follows:

**Article V (Voting Rights)**

**Section III:**

Only the Chartered Members collectively have the right to amend this Constitution and by-laws. At least two-thirds majority vote of attending Chartered Members shall be needed to amend or revise this Constitution and by-laws subject to quorum at a Chartered Members' Meeting () convened with due notice as stated in the Charter.

★ **Amendment No 003/2008**

This resolution proposed by the membership committee consisting of Buddhadev Mukherjee, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray and adopted by the General Body during the AGM of October 25 2008 **deletes** Section II in the Article VI of the CCI Constitution which read as follows:

**Section II:**

The General Body has the right to amend this Constitution and by-laws. At least two-thirds majority vote of attending members shall be needed to amend or revise this Constitution and by-laws subject to quorum.

★ **Amendment No 004/2008**

This resolution proposed by the membership committee consisting of Buddhadev Mukherjee, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray and adopted by the General Body during the AGM of October 25 2008 amends Article VII Section I of the CCI Constitution to replace its contents in its entirety with the following:

**Section I:**

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contest for three additional seats at the Board of Trustees. To be elected as a Board of Trustee, a candidate must receive at least 50% vote of all the voting members present at the meeting. In case no candidate can be elected as a Board of Trustee, open nomination from all Chartered Members from the floor will be solicited for filling up of a seat at the Board of Trustees. All CCI assets will be held in joint custody of the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

★ **Amendment No 005/2008**

This resolution proposed by the membership committee consisting of Buddhadev Mukherjee, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray and adopted by the General Body during the AGM of October 25 2008 amends Article IX Section II of the CCI Constitution to replace its contents in its entirety with the following:

**Article IX (No Confidence and Disciplinary Action)**

***Section II:***

The Board of Trustees will have the power to enquire and investigate any allegation against a member's violation of his/her membership pledge through a due process in consistent with the By Laws and may recommend appropriate remedies, if any to the general body. Such remedies may include but not limited to disciplinary actions such as warning, counseling and ultimately, revoking of membership of the organization. A motion of disciplinary action including the revoking of membership against any member can be moved with the written endorsement of at least two-third of the members of the Board of Trustees. Such a resolution shall require for its passage the approval of at least 51% of the **Chartered** members present in a Chartered Members' Meeting.

★ **Amendment No 006/2011**

This resolution proposed and seconded by the Board of Trustees (BOT) consisting of Anshuman Das, Bibek Dey, Kallol Sen Gupta, Sarbari Gupta, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray on Fri, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and voted by the chartered members seeks to amend the mission statement of the CCI Constitution to replace their contents in its entirety respectively with the following:

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★ **Amendment No 007/2011**

This resolution proposed and seconded by the Board of Trustees (BOT) consisting of Anshuman Das, Bibek Dey, Kallol Sen Gupta, Sarbari Gupta, Sugata Chakravarti and Tapas Ray on Fri, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and voted by the chartered members seeks to amend the statement and Article III Section III of the CCI Constitution to **delete** their contents in its entirety.

## **Article III (Objectives)**

### **~~Section III:~~**

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