

## **STANFORD TURKISH STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA) CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION** Stanford Turkish Student Association (TSA)

**ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** The Stanford Turkish Student Association is a Student Organization (VSO) that is registered to the Stanford University that aims to: a) Increase public awareness of the Stanford community on Turkish culture, and on the political, social, and economic situation in Turkey; b) Provide a support network for Turkish students in Stanford.

**ARTICLE III. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP** Currently registered Stanford students enrolled in the tsa e-mailing list. Former and current TSA Board members are also eligible if they are currently registered Stanford students.

### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

A. Titles and Responsibilities President (and Event Coordinator): Determines the agenda and runs the Association and Board meetings; maintains contact with Turkish Groups in the Bay Area. Vice President (and IT Admin): Keeps minutes, compiles address lists, oversees the means of communication belonging to the association and manages communication of events. Financial Officer: Maintains, compiles, and issues financial records that the Association is responsible for. The President, Vice President, and the Financial Officer constitute the board.

B. Election and Removal Processes The Board is elected at the last meeting of the Association Board, in the last month of the academic year. The members are chosen by nomination of eligible members no later than a week before the meeting (attendees should be eligible members by the time of call for board elections) followed by secret vote. Each member can nominate up to 2 eligible members (nominees should be eligible members by the time of call for board elections), 3 nominees with most votes are elected to the board. If there is a tie for the 3rd place, contesting nominees in tie that are attending are openly voted (one vote per attendee this time) while more than one contestant remains. The board then meets and decides on a division of labor by office. A member of the board can either be removed through a vote of confidence as in Article IV C, or anytime throughout the year through the consent of 2 board members.

C. Length of Term The length of term is one year. The board is dissolved after a vote of confidence that can be called at any time by any member. A meeting should be assembled in 15 days and a simple majority of eligible members that attend the meeting (attendees should be eligible members by the time of call for vote of confidence) should be sought for a vote of confidence. If the board is dissolved, a new election takes place right after. If a new board cannot be elected, the Association is dissolved.

### **ARTICLE V. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

A. Disposition of Uncommitted Funds In case of the dissolution of the Association, all transferable funds will be donated to the Bechtel International Center.

B. Disposition of Property In case of the dissolution of the Association, all transferable property will be donated to the Bechtel International Center.

**ARTICLE V. PROCEDURE TO AMEND CONSTITUTION** The Constitution can be amended any time upon request by any member. A meeting should be assembled in 15 days and a simple majority of eligible members that attend the meeting (attendees should be eligible members by the time of constitution amendment request) should be sought to pass the amendment, in force once passed.