

BYLAWS OF INDIA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MOBILE
(Amended 4/27/2009)

ARTICLE 1 – ASSOCIATION

Section 1.1 – Name

The name of this organization is India Association of Greater Mobile, hereinafter called the "Association".

Section 1.2- References

All references herein to the Association shall mean the India Association of Greater Mobile and all references to the Committee shall mean the Executive Committee of the Association. All references to Community shall mean community of Indian origin residing in the United States of America (USA).

Section 1.3- Membership and Voting Rights

Any adult who subscribes to the objectives of IAGM may become member upon approval of executive committee and subject to the rules and regulations as provided by bylaws of IAGM. All members shall hold and enjoy equal rights and privileges.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The primary objectives of the Association are:

1. To establish communication among the members of the community.
2. To promote understanding and corporate welfare among the members of the community.
3. To develop and encourage social/cultural activities among the members of the community.
4. To provide possible help and assistance for the needy and deserving in the community.

ARTICLE 3 – RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

The Association is a non-profit organization and will not discriminate anyone based on nationality, religion, caste or creed and will encourage the members to develop cordial and friendly relationship with other similar organizations. The members will bear no ill will or malice towards any other groups.

ARTICLE 4- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The day-to-day activities of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee consisting of the following:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary
4. Communications Coordinator
5. Cultural Secretaries (Two)

6. Mobile International Festival Coordinator
7. University of South Alabama Indian Students Association Representative
8. Past President (ex-officio)

ARTICLE 5 – ELECTION AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5.1 – Election

The President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Cultural Secretaries, and Mobile International Festival Coordinator will be elected annually for a one year term by the general membership in December. Their term of office shall begin January 1.

Prior to the general body meeting in December, the Secretary shall inform the general membership of the impending election and call for nominations for the various offices. Elections shall be held if there is more than one nomination for any office. Actual voting shall be done at the general body meeting after listening to a brief presentation by the candidates. The ballots shall be marked and handed over to the Secretary who shall count the votes in the presence of the members and announce the results immediately.

Section 5.2 – Duties

All executive committee members have equal voting rights. At least five executive committee members will be needed to make financial transition decisions. Spouses of executive committee members shall have equal right of vote and shall be invited in every executive committee meeting.

- a. President – The president shall preside over all the meetings of the Executive Committee. The president shall have general supervision over the activities and operation of the Association. The president shall sign, execute and acknowledge, in the name of the Association, all transactions authorized by the Executive Committee. He/she shall have the authority to constitute and appoint members, thereto, to transact specific functions/activities.
- b. Treasurer – The treasurer shall have the responsibility of maintaining the funds of the Association. All financial transactions shall be jointly signed by the treasurer and president. The treasurer shall submit quarterly financial reports to the Executive Committee.
- c. Secretary – The secretary shall have the responsibility to maintain the Association records, meeting minutes, and conduct elections for the Executive Committee.
- d. Communications Coordinator – The communications coordinator shall have the responsibility to coordinate communications between the Executive Committee and the general membership of the Association. This includes sending information to the general membership about events that are organized by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Association. No message shall be sent to the general members without mutual agreement of president and communications coordinator. IAGM website shall be maintained by communications coordinator. No update to

the IAGM website made without consent of the president and communications coordinator.

- e. Cultural Secretaries – The cultural secretaries shall have the responsibility of coordinating with the general membership of the Association for organizing and staging of cultural items in the various events organized by the Executive Committee.
- f. Mobile International Festival Coordinator – The Mobile international festival coordinator shall have the responsibility of coordinating with the general membership of the Association for organizing and staging of the Association activities in the Mobile International Festival.
- g. University of South Alabama Indian Students Association Representative (USA ISA Representative) – The USA ISA representative shall have the responsibility of communicating and coordinating the Association activities with the members of USA ISA.
- h. Past President – The president of the Association from the previous year will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and shall serve on an advisory capacity for smooth functioning of the Executive Committee.

Section 5.3 – Vacancies

If the president fails to complete a term, the succession in office shall be the Secretary. If any other Executive Committee member fails to complete a term, the president shall appoint someone from the general membership of the Association to complete their term subject to approval of the remaining Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6 - ADMINISTRATION

The members of the Executive Committee shall hold their offices in an honorary capacity and are not entitled to any emoluments. No executive member should hold more than one post. The members of executive committee may not enter into transaction, or otherwise act for and on behalf of IAGM prior to approval of the executive committee. Any member of the executive committee may resign at any time by giving written notice of such a resignation to the President of IAGM, and shall take effect upon approval by the executive committee. If the President wishes to resign, his/her written notice shall be given to the Secretary of IAGM. Any member of the executive committee may be removed from the executive committee by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of executive committee members or two thirds of general membership.

The President shall convene the general body meeting once a year at such place and time determined by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall communicate this to all members at least two weeks in advance. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meeting as necessary to transact the Association business. The President may also convene, if necessary, special meetings of the Association. The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority of the members who are present and voting. In case of a tie vote in the Executive Committee, the President shall cast an additional tie-breaking vote.

The membership fee shall be decided by the Executive Committee and the members shall be informed of the same by the treasurer. The fee is due to be paid by the Diwali function of the previous year. However, if the fee is not paid by December 31 of the previous year, the membership shall expire and it can be renewed for the rest of the year only after paying the required fee. A membership roster shall be prepared annually and a copy shall be sent to every member of the Association.

A yearly financial report will be presented by the treasurer either during the Diwali function or the New Year's function. In addition, copies of the financial report will be made available to the members of IAGM at the end of the year.

The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended, or replaced, in any particular, and the new Bylaws may be adopted, in each case, by affirmative vote of majority of the members of the Association who are present and voting at a general body meeting or at a special meeting convened by the President.

ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this 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 shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.