

Constitution
International Twins Association
Articles and By-Laws Revised

Article I

Name: The name of this organization shall be "International Twins Association, Incorporated," (non-profit) as recorded with the State Corporation Department in the state of Indiana.

Article II

Purpose: The purpose of this organization, organized by Twins and for Twins in 1934, is to promote the spiritual, social and intellectual welfare of Twins, throughout the world.

Article III

Membership: In order to qualify for membership in this organization, a person must be (one) of a multiple birth and shall pay an annual membership due. (Ref. By-Law-MEMBERSHIP paragraph #1.)

Article IV

OFFICERS:

A: The officers of this organization shall consist of: Co-Presidents, Co-Vice-Presidents, and Co-Secretary-Treasurers. Each office is to be held by any member in good standing: A set of twins, single twin, triplets, etc.

B: Election of officers: The officers shall be elected by ballot, prepared by the nominating committee, consisting of three (3) sets of twins, appointed by the Co-Presidents. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, prior to adopting the slate, at the Annual Associations regular business meeting.

There shall be one or more nominations for each office from the nominating committee, on an adopted slate. Any member in good standing with the Association for 3 years and after attaining the age of 21, is eligible for nomination to hold office. Co-nominees receiving a simple majority of votes, shall be declared elected.

C: Terms of office: The term of office for the Co-Presidents and the Co-Vice-Presidents shall be for 1 year. The term of office for Co-Secretary-Treasurers shall be for 3 years.

D: Duties of the officers: The officers shall be responsible for managing the business of the Association. Duties of each office (Ref. By-Law-OFFICERS para. #1, #2, and #3).

E: Vacancy in Office: In the event a set of officers resigns, or for some reason, are not able to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Co-Presidents shall appoint (a) successor(s) to that office for the remainder of that term. In event the Office of the Co-Presidents shall become vacant, the Co-Vice-Presidents shall assume that office and appoint (a) successor(s) to the office of Co-Vice-President for the remainder of the term.

Article V

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS:

The Association shall meet annually in convention. The location for the convention shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the members present at the regular annual business meeting, two (2) years in advance. (Date-Ref: 'By-Laws-ANNUAL CONVENTION para. #1.)

The selected location must receive 51% of the votes cast and if 51% is not obtained on the

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first ballot, there shall be another vote taken and only the two (2) locations receiving the highest number of votes cast, shall be considered on the final ballot.

There shall be at least one open regular business meeting for the members, during each convention. The officers, or any Convention Committees, appointed by the Co-Presidents, may hold other meetings during the year as they deem necessary.

The convention activities, other than the regular business meeting, shall be the decision of the Officers and/or the appointed Convention Committee (Ref: By-Law-ANNUAL CONVENTION para. #2 and 3.)

Article VI

GOVERNING OF THE ASSOCIATION:

A: The Officers shall conduct the affairs of this association in accordance with the Constitution and the will of the members, as established by motions adopted at the regular business meeting, unless unforeseen circumstances arise, whereby the Officers, for the good of the Association, have to deviate from the constitution and the actions taken during the annual business meeting.

B: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedures at the regular annual business meeting, unless otherwise specified.

Article VII

ARTICLE OR BY-LAW CHANGES:

Any Article or By-Law of this constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of those present at any regular business meeting. Any Article or By-Law to be amended must be proposed at one convention and adopted at the next convention.

By-Laws

MEMBERSHIP:

Para. #1. Dues: In order to be considered a member of this Association, infants through 10 years of age shall pay an annual dues of \$5.00 per twin. Those twins 11 years of age through 17 years of age shall pay an annual due of \$10.00 per twin. Those twins 18 years of age and older, shall pay an annual due of \$20.00 per twin.

Para. #2. Voting Rights: Only those members who have their annual membership dues paid, prior to the annual business meeting are eligible to vote at the regular business meeting. There shall be no proxy voting at the regular business meeting.

Para. #3. No associate or honorary members to be allowed in this association.

OFFICERS: Duties

Para. #1. Co-Presidents: The Co-Presidents are responsible for the conducting the business at the regular business meeting; appointing of committees; filling vacancies in Offices and shall be responsible for the planning, promoting and carrying out of the Annual Convention, with the other Officers and the appointed Convention Committee.

Para. #2. Co-Vice-Presidents: The Co-Vice-Presidents are to assume any duties, related to this

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association assigned to them by the Co-Presidents and assist in the planning, promoting and carrying out of the Annual Convention, with the other officers and appointed Convention Committee

Para. #3. Co-Secretary-Treasurers: the Co-Secretary-Treasurers are to keep accurate minutes of the regular business meeting; maintain an up-to-date mailing list of the members of the Association; see to it that the regular membership mailing are sent out on time and assist in the planning, promotion and carrying out of the annual Convention, with the other Officers and the appointed Convention Committee.

The Co-Secretary-Treasurers are also to keep an accurate record of the Association's finances, see to it that an annual audit of the Treasurers' books is made by a Certified Public Accountant and an annual financial report is given at each regular business meeting. The Co-Secretary-Treasurers are to be bonded and this is to be paid for by the Association.

An annual sum of \$1200.00 shall be paid, per set of twins, to the Co-Secretary-Treasures, for their services to the Association.

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS:

Para. #1. Date: The Annual Convention is to be held each year on Labor Day Week-end, commencing on Friday evening, prior to Labor Day and officially closing at noon the following Monday.

Para. #2. Convention Committee: The Co-Presidents may appoint a Convention Committee to assist in the planning, promoting and carrying out of the annual Convention. The Committee would be responsible to the Officers, since the officers are responsible for the Managing of the Association.

Para. #3. Twin Judging Contest: An annual Twin Judging Contest shall be a highlight of the convention. Categories of the contest are to be left to the discretion of the Officers and/or the Convention Committee.

A minimum of 3 judges, unrelated in any way to the Association, shall judge the contest. The decision of the judges is final. A pair of awards are to be presented to the contest winners on each category. Only those members registered for the convention, prior to the judging, are eligible to enter competition in the contest.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REVISED CONSTITUTION:

This revised Constitution, Including Articles and By-Laws, if adopted, shall become effective September, 2009.