

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
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Minnesota Hindu Dharmic Sabha: VISHNU MANDIR

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THE MINNESOTA HINDU DHARMIC SABHA CONSTITUTION:

Preamble

In order to promote, maintain, teach and practice our social, cultural and practical welfare of all Hindus and interested people who want to partake in MHDS's functions here in Minnesota, we hereby ordain this organization as one of the representatives in the Hindu Community. Further it should be noted in no way will MHDS discriminate against people because of their race, sex, or age.

ARTICLE I: NAME & OFFICE

The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota Hindu Dharmic Sabha Vishnu Mandir, also known as MHDS Vishnu Mandir. The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To practice and teach Hindu customs, traditions, and ceremony;
2. To implement cross-cultural awareness within the Twin Cities as well as the State of Minnesota;
3. MHDS shall be a volunteer, non-political, and non-profit religious organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES:

MHDS Vishnu Mandir shall be operated exclusively for worship in the Hindu faith, educational, cultural, and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

MHDS Vishnu Mandir shall be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of these, the ambiguity shall be resolved by the Executive Board, the Trustee Advisory Council and General Assembly. . MHDS shall not be operated for profit.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in MHDS Vishnu Mandir shall be granted to any individual who subscribes to its objectives and wishes to further its cause. Individual Membership shall be granted to anyone who is at least 18 years old, and shall be entitled to one vote once they pay membership dues. Family Membership shall be granted to any family (with unmarried children over the age of 18 years living in the same household). The family unit will have one vote each for the spouses and one vote for each unmarried child/Children over the age of 18 years once they paid their membership dues. One membership due is required for family membership. Members shall be part of the general assembly and shall vote in the elections of officers. Members shall hold any office, and must be a paid member two years prior to the election year and meet the additional qualifying criteria.

ARTICLE V: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The General Assembly meeting shall occur at least once per quarter throughout the year and the general matters of the mandir's business shall be discussed, including financial report and the welfare of the mandir. As per membership agreement, all information should be handled in a confidential manner.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

x The Executive Board shall consist of individuals elected at the Annual Election. Any MHDS Vishnu Mandir member in good standing is eligible to be an Executive Board member, but must have been a paid member in the prior two calendar years to be an eligible candidate and meet the qualifying criteria as defined in the bylaws. No officers shall be eligible for more than two consecutive annual terms without an interval of one year off from the current position. Members of the Executive Board are serving on a voluntary basis. Vacancies shall be filled by open nominations and then election by the General Assembly. A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of mandir's business

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVES

The MHDS Vishnu Mandir Executive Board comprises of the following officers: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, a Program Coordinator, an Assistant Program Coordinator, six (6) Committee Members, a Kirtan Group Leader, an Assistant Kirtan Group Leader. All Executives shall be elected at the Annual Election and should be a paid member for one prior calendar year. The President shall be the chief executive officer of MHDS Vishnu Mandir and shall have general direction of the affairs of MHDS Vishnu Mandir and general supervision over its several officers and committees. The Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform all the duties of the President's office in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of MHDS Vishnu Mandir, maintain a membership roster, a roll call of attendance, and such books, papers and records as the Executive Committee may direct. The Assistant Secretary supports the Secretary to execute all duties as outlined and acts in the role of the Secretary during his/her absence. The Treasurer shall receive all funds, including dues, fees, charges, other donations and shall deposit such funds directly into the MHDS Vishnu Mandir's bank within two business days and twenty-four hours for regular services. He/she shall disburse

funds only as authorized by MHDS Vishnu Mandir Executives, keep appropriate records of receipts and expenses and exhibit such records at reasonable times to any member of the Executive Board. The Assistant Treasurer supports the Treasurer to execute all duties as outlined and acts in the role of the Treasurer during his/her absence. The Program Coordinator is responsible for organizing weekly programs and hosting weekly Sunday services or special events for the Mandir.

ARTICLE VIII: TRUSTEE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Trustee Advisory Council shall consist of: Chair, Vice Chair, secretary and two (2) additional members serving for one (1) four year term. Trustee Advisory Council members may serve one (4) year term in one position but may serve additional terms in different position if elected, they may also serve additional terms for four years.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

The Executive Board may establish as many sub-committees as deemed necessary, to carry out MHDS Vishnu Mandir business. The Executive Board may alter, revamp or discontinue any sub-committee.

ARTICLE X: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

If more than one candidate is nominated, the trustee advisory council assisted by the pundits shall furnish the ballots with candidate names, conduct the election, tally the votes and declare the results.

ARTICLE XI: FINANCE

The fiscal year of MHDS Vishnu Mandir shall be the period starting on January 1st and ending on December 31

ARTICLE XII: GRANT MAKING

The making of grants/contributions and otherwise rendering financial assistance to meet MHDS Vishnu Mandir objectives defined under Article II of these Bylaws shall be within the power of the MHDS Vishnu Mandir's Trustee Council and Executive Board with the approval of the General Assembly

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by following the amendment procedure of the MHDS Constitution. This Constitution may be amended by: Submitting a written resolution to the MHDS Executive Committee one week prior to the General Assembly meeting in which the amendment will be introduced. During that time the resolution or proposed amendment shall be discussed and approved or disapproved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total voting membership of the MHDS General Assembly. If 2/3 of the majority of voting members is not present then the decision will be made by the current executive board and the board of trustee to approve or disapprove,

ARTICLE XIV: TAX EXEMPTION

MHDS Vishnu Mandir is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and cultural purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue law)

ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION

The notice to consider dissolution of MHDS Vishnu Mandir shall be submitted to all eligible voting members of MHDS Vishnu Mandir at least six (6) weeks in advance of the date of a meeting of the General Assembly called for the purpose. Dissolution shall require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the eligible members.

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