

PROPOSAL FOR NEW IPC ALUMNI CHARTER

§1. Purpose of the Organisation

- §1.1. **Purpose:** The aim of The Alumni is to bring together former and present students in common activities with The International People's College and to spread knowledge about the school.
- §1.2. **Name:** The legal name of the organization is IPC Alumni.
- §1.3. **Financial purpose:** IPC Alumni is a non-profit organization, which means that it has a statutory obligation not to distribute profits to individual members or anyone else. Any profits are to be reinvested for purposes in accordance with the aims of the Alumni as described in §1.1.

§2. Membership of the organization

- §2.1. **Membership:** Any current or former course participant or non-staff resident can become a member of IPC Alumni. Permanent membership is gained by a one-time membership payment and a one-time contribution to the scholarship fund decided upon by the general assembly every year.
- §2.2. **Exclusion:** If a member does not live up to the core values of the International People's College, and a unanimous board finds it necessary, they can have their membership permanently or temporarily revoked. The specified member has the right to have their case heard with the board prior to a decision being made.

§3. The General Assembly

- §3.1. **Authority:** The general assembly is the highest authority of IPC Alumni.
- §3.2. **Time & place:** The Ordinary general assembly is held every year before the end of December. It will be held at IPC with the possibility to join online.
- §3.3. **Announcement:** The call for the ordinary general assembly will be communicated to the Alumni members electronically at least four weeks prior to the meeting day.
- §3.4. **Agenda:** The following agenda is mandatory at the ordinary general assembly:
1. Approval of the agenda. Election of meeting chair and minutes taker.
 2. Situation report from the board
 3. Presentation of the approved financial report
 4. Presentation of candidates.
 5. Stipulation of the yearly membership payment
 6. New proposals
 7. Any other business

- §3.5. **Participation:** All members registered as voters with IPC Alumni at least one week prior to the general assembly may take part in the decision making process. The Principal of IPC may participate as an observer.
- §3.6. **Organization:** The General Assembly is organized by the IPC Alumni board.
- §3.7. **Decision-making:** Decisions are adopted by a simple majority of votes cast. Only a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of votes cast can agree upon changes to the charter of IPC Alumni. Decision-making and elections are conducted using a secure, anonymous, online voting system. The voting procedure starts at the end of the General Assembly and is open for 24 hours.
- §3.8. **Elections:** Elections are handled as decisions under §3.5. Candidates for elections must announce their candidacy at least 1 week prior to the General Assembly. Candidacy is announced by either publicly declaring it on one of IPC Alumni's online forums or by informing the General Secretary of IPC Alumni.
- §3.9. **Extraordinary General Assembly:** An extraordinary general assembly can be called for with two weeks' notice if the board finds it necessary or if at least fifty members request one in writing.

§4. The Alumni Board

- §4.1. **Purpose:** The IPC Alumni Board is responsible for administering all activities of IPC Alumni.
- §4.2. **Membership:** Any member of IPC Alumni can run for the IPC Alumni board. The board consists of 4 members: 2 chairpersons, 1 treasurer, and 1 PR executive.
- §4.3. **Elections:** Board members are elected for 2 year terms. Board members are elected directly by the General Assembly. Elections alternate biannually: One year a chairperson and the treasurer are elected, the other a chairperson and the PR executive.
- §4.4. **Organization:** The board is presided over by the chairpersons. The board meets at least four times a year. The agenda for the meeting is announced to the board at least one week in advance. At board meetings a minute taker is elected and minutes are published electronically no later than 1 week after the meeting.
- §4.5. **Roles:** The chairpersons are together responsible for organizing the IPC Alumni Board and the IPC Alumni Council. The treasurer manages the finances of IPC Alumni. The PR responsible manages all communications of IPC Alumni.
- §4.6. **Decision-making:** Board decisions are adopted by consensus. At least 3 of the 4 board members must be present at meetings for the board to be able to make decisions.
- §4.7. **Authority:** The board is authorized to make financial decisions on behalf of IPC Alumni. All board members are each authorized signatories and legal representatives of IPC Alumni.

§4.8. **Substitutes:** In case a board member steps down before the end of their term or requests a temporary leave of absence, a personal substitute can be elected at the next General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly.

§5. The Alumni Council

§5.1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the IPC Alumni council is to organize all IPC Alumni initiatives. The Council is a permanent institution of IPC Alumni.

§5.2. **Membership:** Any member of IPC Alumni can become a member of the IPC Alumni Council. Any number of Alumni can be members of the council. Membership is gained by informing the board that one wishes to join. Membership of the council can be canceled at any time by informing the Board. IPC Alumni Board members are considered members of the IPC Alumni Council.

§5.3. **Organization:** The Council is presided over by the IPC Alumni Board. The Council meets annually to be updated on all Alumni activities. The work of the Council is organized into committees that each have a specific aim. The aim of the committees must be within §1.1. There can be any number of committees under the Council.

§5.4. **Authority:** Any Council member is authorized to found a committee under the Council with the purpose of organizing an initiative within the boundaries of §1.1. The board has the authority to dissolve any committee that does not comply with §1.1.

§6. Finances

§6.1. **Oversight:** The Accountant of IPC Alumni oversees the finances of IPC Alumni. The General Assembly elects an Accountant and Substitute Accountant once a year.

§6.2. **Financial Report:** The treasurer annually presents a financial report of IPC Alumni for the previous year to the General Assembly. The Accountant of IPC Alumni must approve the financial report presented to the General Assembly prior to the General Assembly.

§6.3. **Financial year:** The financial year runs from the 1st of January to 31st of December.

§7. Dissolving the organization

IPC Alumni can cease to exist if at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the participating members on 2 subsequent General Assemblies vote for it and if IPC Alumni's assets are used for purposes in accordance with the aims of IPC Alumni as described in §1.1.

§8. Effect of the Charter

This charter replaces the previous charters of “The Student Union of The International People’s College”, “The Self Owning Institution The Students’ Home” and “The Rules for the Fund of the Cottage”. These three organizations have hereby merged into one.

Approved at the general assembly on the 26th of September 2009

Approved at the extraordinary general assembly on the 19th of October 2014.

Approved at the general assembly on the 19th of September 2015

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