

**AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INCORPORATED**  
8818 Cullen Lane (P.O. Box 3884, Austin TX 78764-3884)  
**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

1. This organization shall be known as the Austin Association of the Deaf, Incorporated (hereafter known as AAD).

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

1. The objectives of this Association shall be:
  - a) To provide fellowship.
  - b) To provide educational, recreational & cultural opportunities.
  - c) To work in harmony with any organization(s) and/or business(es) to provide the business opportunities for the Association.
2. The power herein granted shall be solely vested in this Association with equal rights and privileges to all members.

**ARTICLE III - CORPORATION**

1. This Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas without stocks or shares held by members or others.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

1. Regular and Senior Citizen members shall pay initiation fee (one-time fee) prior to joining the membership of this Association.
  - a). Each member shall choose the payment options of initiation fee.
  - b). Initiation Fee:
    - 1) Shall be deposited into AAD reserve fund account.
    - 2) Shall move the \$20,000.00 from the reserve fund account into an investment account.
    - 3) Shall be allowed to use any amount from the reserve fund account after the depletion of any AAD's other funds except the investment account.

2. Any hearing adult interested in the objectives of this Association may be an Associate Member.
3. Affiliated Organizations
4. The membership of this Association shall consist of:
  - a.) All members are expected to follow local, state and federal laws and Association's By-Laws and Policy.
  - b.) All members have rights to be safe on the club premises.

#### **ARTICLE V - THE ELECTION**

1. The Officers shall be elected one by one, by majority of the vote cast or by secret ballot.
2. The voting members have their right of recall and/or referendum.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

1. The elected officers of this Association shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Director of Public Relations, and Five (5) Members at Large. They shall be called Executive Board.
2. The qualification of the candidates for the offices in this Association shall be a voting member who has attended to the General Meetings for at least six months prior to November elections.
3. The 2-year term of the Executive Board and two (2) Members at Large shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> after the even-numbered year any on November Elections or until their successors are elected and qualified.
4. Three (3) Members at Large shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> after the odd-numbered year on November Elections or until their successors are elected and qualified.
5. The recent-elected Members at Large during the even-numbered year shall be called MAL 2 and MAL 4. Also for those during odd-numbered year shall be MAL 1; 3 & 5.
6. Any successor who replaces the previous member shall serve only the remaining term.
7. Shall reside in Travis County and surrounding counties up to 75 miles radius.

## **ARTICLE VII - QUORUM**

1. The quorum for the membership shall be determined based on the provisions of the current policy.

## **ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

1. Unless otherwise provided by in the By-Laws, Policy, and latest edition Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

1. General Meeting shall be held monthly.
2. Special Meeting may be called for any reason at President's discretion.
3. The business of the Executive Board, and the Committees shall be conducted monthly prior to the next General Meeting.
4. General Meeting shall be held on the Second (2) Saturday.
5. General Meeting may be moved to next available Saturday as necessary.
6. General Meeting shall proceed in the following order:
  - a) Call to Order
  - b) Pledge of Allegiances
  - c) Read the Minutes of the previous General /Special Meeting(s) and Executive Board Meeting in sequence.
  - d) Officers' Reports
  - e) Standing Committees' Reports
  - f) Ad-Hoc Committees' Reports
  - g) Unfinished (old) Business
  - h) New Business
  - i) Election(s)
  - j) Oath for new officers and board members
  - k) Announcements
  - l) Adjournment
7. Oath for new officers:
  - a) "I, (name), do hereby pledge myself to abide by the By-Laws and Policy of the Austin Association of the Deaf, Inc. and to faithfully per-

form the duties of my office as (position) to the best of my knowledge and ability.”

#### **ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES**

1. The Association may have such committees as may be deemed necessary in the best of interests of the Association and to facilitate activities of the Association.
2. The committees shall serve at the will of the Association with their primary function being that of providing service and/or assistance to the organization.

#### **ARTICLE XI - AFFILIATIONS**

1. Any organization with its By-Laws and financial budget may affiliate with the Association by our EB's approval along with the annual building use fee based on the current policy.
2. Renewed Affiliations shall submit only their annual financial reports. If their ByLaws had been revised; then it shall also be submitted upon on the renewal agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XII- AMENDMENTS**

1. Any proposal for amendment(s) to By-Laws shall go through Vice-President for proper procedure. Vice-President shall have no authority to deny member's privilege to make a proposal.
2. The By-Laws may be amended, altered or revoked by two-third (2/3) vote of members present at General Meeting.
3. The By-Laws may be suspended by two-third (2/3) vote of members present at General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - PROPERTY**

1. The Regular and Senior Citizen members of the Association are owners of 8818 Cullen Lane, Austin, Texas 78748.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - DISSOLUTION**

1. In the event of dissolution, all tangible assets shall be sold and all monies realized therefore together with any other monies remaining shall be turned over to the Texas Association of the Deaf to be held in trust against the

eventual revival of this or a similar organization as Association. A similar organization shall be eligible to receive these funds only after it has been in existence for a minimum of five years. The income from said trust shall accrue to the Texas Association of the Deaf. In no case shall the Texas Association of the Deaf be liable for any debts of this Association.