

THE ESTONIAN LEAGUE OF THE WEST COAST

C O N S T I T U T I O N

I. GENERAL CONCEPTS.

1. The purpose of the League is to unite West Coast Estonian organizations in order to preserve and advance the Estonian national culture, and seek the preservation of an independent democratic Republic of Estonia.
2. Any legally established Estonian organization located on the West Coast, whose principles are not contrary to those of the League, may become a member of the League.
3. The League subscribes to any and all laws and ordinances in effect at its location and wherever its member organizations are located.

II. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE.

4. The governing bodies of the League are:
 - 1) The General Assembly (translated from the Estonian “Üldkogu”),
 - 2) The Board of Directors (translated from the Estonian “Juhatus”),
 - 3) The Advisory Board (translated from the Estonian “Vanematekogu”),
 - 4) The Audit Committee (translated from the Estonian “Revisjonikomisjon”).
5. The General Assembly
 - 1) The General Assembly shall be the highest governing body of the League.
 - 2) The General Assembly shall be made up of the representatives of all organizations who are either members of the League, or who have entered into a cooperative relationship with the League as associate members.
 - 3) It shall be for the General Assembly to decide:
 - a. The site of the Board of Directors, guided by the principle of rotation, and to elect the President of the League from the same location, and to fix the terms of office for the President and the Board of Directors.
 - b. The site of the Audit Committee and to elect the Chairman of the Audit Committee from the same location, provided the site of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee shall be located at different communities.
 - c. Fundamental issues of the League pursuant to the Constitution
 - 4) The terms of office of the League President, the Chairman of the Audit Committee and any management committees or task forces formed at their behest shall extend until the next General Assembly.
6. The Board of Directors
 - 1) The Board shall be the executive authority of the League.
 - 2) The Board shall consist of a minimum of five members.

- 3) The President elected by the General Assembly shall call for a meeting of the official representatives of all local member organizations of the League, which shall elect the members of the League's Board of Directors.

7. The Advisory Council

- 1) The Advisory Council shall be an advisory body to the League. It is also responsible for the maintenance and management of the League's Heritage Foundation.
- 2) The Advisory Council shall consist of all the past presidents of the Estonian League of the West Coast. When the President of the League and the Chairman of the West Coast Estonian Festival are not the same person, both of them will become members of the Advisory Council.
- 3) The immediate past president of the League shall be the Chairman of the Advisory Council.
- 4) The term of office of the Chairman of the Advisory Council shall be in accord with the term of office of the current President of the League.

8. Audit Committee

- 1) The Audit Committee shall exercise audit and control functions for the League.
- 2) The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three members.
- 3) The Chairman of the Audit Committee, who is elected by the General Assembly, shall call for a meeting of the official representatives of all local member organizations, which shall elect the remaining members of the League's Audit Committee.

III. BY-LAWS

9. The By-laws of the League shall specify in detail the functions and limitations of authority of the League, the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council, and the Audit Committee in accordance with the principles outlined in the Constitution.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BY-LAWS

10. The Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the eligible representatives of the member organizations.

V. ASSETS AND DISSOLUTION

11. The League shall have the right to own assets.

12. Liquidation and distribution of assets of the League may be decided by the General Assembly, acting on a two-thirds majority of the votes of the eligible representatives of the member organizations.