



Osaka University North American Alumni Association Charter

CHAPTER 1 General Rule

Article 1

The Name of this association shall be the Osaka University North American Alumni Association. It is hereafter referred to as “the association”.

Article 2

The objectives of the association shall be to develop and promote friendship and meaningful relationships among members.

Article 3

The association shall conduct the following activities to accomplish the above objectives.

- (1) Compile a roster of association members
- (2) Publish alumni news and other bulletins
- (3) Hold general meetings and other gatherings
- (4) Carry out other activities to accomplish the objectives

Article 4

The office of the association shall be located at:
120 Montgomery St., Suite 1270, San Francisco, CA 94104, USA
Phone: 415.296.8561 Fax: 415.296.8676 Email: info@osaka-u-sf.org

CHAPTER 2 Membership and Organization

Article 5

As a general rule, members must live or have lived in North America. The following classes of membership shall be admitted to the association:

- (1) Members who have studied at Osaka University or who have obtained undergraduate, graduate or doctorate degrees, including foreign exchange students.
- (2) Members who are currently or have in the past worked as faculty, administrative staff, visiting professors or visiting researchers at Osaka University, including temporary staff members.
- (3) Other Members that the board approves.

CHAPTER 3 Board of the Association

Article 6

- (1) The Board of the Association shall be organized as follows:
 - President (one person)
 - Vice President(s)
 - Executive Secretary(ies)

- Treasurer(s)
- Auditor(s)

(2) The board members shall be elected by the attending members of the association at the General Meeting.

(3) The President shall be chosen from among the board by its members.

(4) The Vice President(s), Treasurer(s) and Auditor(s) will be nominated by the President and subject to approval by the board.

Article 7

The President shall reserve the right to appoint an Honorary President or advisor(s) from among the association members.

Article 8

The terms of all Board Members shall last until the day of the next General Meeting. Consecutive terms shall be permitted.

Article 9

(1) The President shall represent the association and supervise its operations.

(2) The Vice President(s) shall provide counsel and assistance to the President, and

(3) shall perform the President's function as needed with approval of the President.

Article 10

Treasurer(s) shall manage the assets of the association, plan the budget, keep the books, prepare the annual statement and be responsible for dealing with any other financial matters.

Article 11

Auditor(s) shall audit the books and records of the association.

CHAPTER 4 Association Meetings

Article 12

The association shall hold Board Meetings and a General Meeting.

Article 13

The board members shall organize Board Meetings to deliberate on important association matters. As the chairperson of the board, the President shall convene Board Meetings.

Article 14

As a general rule, General Meetings shall be held once a year. However, if necessity arises a special General Meeting can be called. The President shall convene the General Meeting and serve as its chairperson.

Article 15

The following items must be introduced as General Meeting resolutions:

- (1) Project plans
- (2) Project reports and accounting statements
- (3) Amendments to the association charter

- (4) Election of the Executive Secretary
- (5) Matters that the board has recognized as necessary

Article 16

General Meeting resolutions shall be decided by the majority of the attending members with tied votes broken by the President's vote. An approval of over two-thirds of the attending members shall be necessary for making amendments to the association charter.

CHAPTER 5 Revenue and Expenditure

Article 17

The association's revenue and expenditure shall be as follows:

- (1) Membership dues
- (2) Contributions
- (3) Revenues and expenditures from association's activity
- (4) Other revenues and expenditures

Article 18

As a general rule, association members shall be requested to pay a membership fee to the association. The amount of the membership fee and method of collection shall be decided by the board.

Article 19

The fiscal year of the association shall commence on January 1st and expire on the last day of December in the same year.

CHAPTER 6 Branch Offices

Article 20

The association shall reserve the option of establishing branch offices in order to achieve its objectives.

Article 21

The board shall deliberate on the matter of establishing any branch offices.

Article 22

The approval of the board shall be necessary in deciding any matters concerning the management of the association or other items not included in this charter.

Supplementary provision

This charter was approved and implemented on January 7th, 2006 by the inaugural General Meeting of the association.