

# CONSTITUTION OF THE SAN JOSE NISEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I – NAME

- Section 1: This organization shall be known as the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association, hereinafter referred to as “Association”.

## ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

- Section 1: The purpose of this Association is to promote interest in the game of bowling.
- Section 2: The Association shall arrange appropriate bowling leagues for its members in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).
- Section 3: The Association shall enforce the rules and regulations of the USBC.
- Section 4: This Association shall foster and encourage fellowship and sportsmanship in all its activities.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Membership in this Association is open to those of Japanese ancestry bowling in Association sanctioned leagues and to those who qualify as a member of an Association sanctioned league. The following specifications are for existing and new leagues with Non-Nisei bowlers requesting admission to the Association.
- a. The term Nisei as applied herein shall include all persons of Japanese ancestry.
  - b. New leagues must be at least 51% Nisei members and be comprised of at least 24 members.  
  
Existing association leagues must be comprised of at least 51% Nisei bowlers at the beginning of the winter league season. Substitutes may not be counted as a part of the total number of Nisei bowlers.
  - c. If the previous recognized league is in compliance with Article III, Sec 1b at the beginning of the winter season, but during the season they fall out of compliance it will still be recognized by the Association for that season.  
  
If the previous recognized league is not in compliance with Article III, Sec. 1b at the beginning of the winter season it will not be recognized by the Association. The league bowlers from the previous year will be given the opportunity to join the Association by paying the current membership fee. This will entitle the bowler to the same benefits as a regular member.
- Section 2: A bowler not of Japanese ancestry but whose spouse is of Japanese ancestry will be considered Japanese.
- Section 3: Any member may be expelled from the Association for any wanton violation of the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the USBC and/or Association. Appeals of such expulsion will be heard by the Board of Directors within ten days from the date of expulsion or at a date agreeable to both parties.
- Section 4: Dues for regular members shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a twelve month period beginning of each Winter League.
- Section 5: Honorary members may be nominated by the general membership and elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary members may participate in Association meetings but will not have the power to make motions or vote and will not pay dues.

#### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- Section 1: Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two (2) Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These positions shall make up the Executive Cabinet.
- a. In the event of a vacancy of an officer of the Association, the Board of Directors will have the power to appoint a replacement.
  - b. Each officer shall be compensated at an amount determined by the board per term.
- Section 2: Term of the President shall be two years with no more than two consecutive terms (4 years).
- Section 3: Terms of the Vice Presidents are to be two years each.
- Section 4: Duties of the President shall be to call and preside at all Association meetings, appoint committee chairmen, sign or counter-sign checks drawn on Association accounts and host the annual Association Awards Banquet.
- Section 5: Duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to be Chairpersons of all social activities and to perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.
- Section 6: Duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of all Association meetings, conduct all correspondence and notify Board members and general membership of meetings.
- Section 7: Duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep true and accurate records of all receipts in the Association accounts in a reputable bank of the Treasurer's choice. The treasurer will sign jointly with another authorized signer (President or a Vice-President) for all withdrawals from the association accounts, which must have two authorized signatures. A financial statement will be made at the end of each year. The treasurer shall make itemized financial reports with will include all funds going in and out to this account.
- Section 8: Nomination of officers for the following year shall be made by the Board of Directors and the elections held prior to the month of May. Nominees shall be notified of their nominations by the Board.
- Section 9: Installation of officers shall be held jointly with the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in the month of May or June.
- Section 10: A statistician shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be compensated at an amount determined by the board per term. Duties shall be to maintain record entering averages and Blue Book Averages for all members of the Association. The statistician is a part of the Board of Directors but not the Executive Cabinet.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- Section 1: The President shall call a General Meeting whenever he/she deems necessary.
- Section 2: The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors for special discussion and to transact business of the Association. The President shall notify League Delegates of the agenda for the Board meeting.
- Section 3: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.
- Section 4: Association members may attend all meetings of the association but shall not have the power to make motions or vote at the Board of Directors meeting.
- Section 5: Transition meeting between the old and new cabinet shall be held after the installation of the new cabinet.

## ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1: Each league shall appoint two delegates per twenty-four (24) bowlers and one additional delegate for every twelve (12) bowlers thereafter, to serve on the Board of Directors for a one year term which is from September to June.
- Section 2: One-third of the delegates of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any transaction of the Association (except as noted under Article V, Section 3).
- Section 3: Any league delegate who cannot attend a meeting shall appoint an alternate in his/her place, with notice of such appointment given to the President prior to the meeting.
- Section 4: The Board of Directors shall appoint delegates to the Advisory Board for Bowling of JANBA. The JANBA cabinet shall determine the length of the term for the delegates.
- Section 5: All past presidents shall constitute an Advisory Board. If deemed necessary, the President can seek advice from the Advisory Board.

## ARTICLE VII – TOURNAMENTS

- Section 1: The Annual Fuzzy Shimada Memorial Tournament shall be held under the direction of the tournament committee, as appointed by the SJNBA Board. The tournament shall be morally sanctioned by the USBC. The tournament chairpersons will be responsible for selecting the dates of the tournament and submitting forms for tournament sanction.
- Section 2: Tournament rules shall be in accordance with USBC rules.
- Section 3: Association representatives to the JANBA tournaments shall be selected in a fair and equitable manner.

## ARTICLE VIII – ASSOCIATION LEAGUES

- Section 1: All secretaries of existing leagues shall have the responsibility of organizing their respective leagues for the next season.
- Section 2: If the Board of Directors recognizes a need for a new league, it will be organized by a committee Chairperson appointed to by the Board.
- Section 3: All leagues sanctioned by this Association shall conduct their activities in accordance with the Constitution and/or of this Association, USBC.
- Section 4: Each league will appoint delegates to the Board of Directors according to Article VI, Section 1.

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be considered and approved by the Board of Directors. Such proposed amendments may be sent to the respective leagues at the discretion of the board.

## ARTICLE X – SPECIAL FUNDS

- Section 1: All disbursement of Special Funds is contingent on the financial health of the Association and may be subject to annual review and/or amendment by the Association Board of Directors.
- Section 2: This “High Game, High Series” Fund shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and the payoff shall be a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per bowler per year. Bowlers may only qualify once. If more than eight (8) bowlers qualify, the six hundred dollars (\$600.00) shall be divided up equally. To qualify for the award, any male member must bowl a 300 game or 800 series or higher and any female member must bowl a 275 game or higher or 775 series or higher in an Association sanctioned winter league and must bowl a minimum of 21 games in that league. In the event that the Association Treasury does not have sufficient funds to pay out that season, all qualifiers shall be paid whenever funds become available.
- Section 3: A portion deemed allowable by the Board of Directors of the net proceeds for the fund raising project shall be used to give a reasonable allowance to the Association’s delegates to attend the JANBA Advisory Board meeting.
- Section 4: In the event that an association member or their spouse, child or parent should pass away the Association will send a Koden check to the family.

## ARTICLE XI – WORKING FUNDS

- Section 1: All officers and delegates of the Association shall be reimbursed for money spent for Association expenses as decided by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII – JUNIOR LEAGUE

- Section 1: The San Jose Nisei Juniors shall be governed by the Constitution of the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association.

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Mark Yoshinaka – President