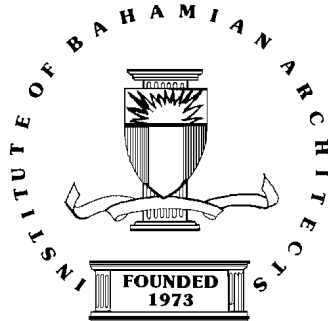


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DEFINITIONS.

In this our. Constitutions, unless the contrary intentions appears

“The Bylaws”

means the Bylaws for the time being in force and by virtue of article 8 of this constitution.

“The Institute”

means the body politic and corporate constituted by the constitution.

“The Executive proper”

means the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

“The Bahamas”

includes all the Islands and Cays that make up the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

“The Executive “

means the executive members of the Institute of Bahamian Architects.

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1. TITLE

1.1 The body shall be constituted under the name "Institute of Bahamian Architects".

profession, by way of public education;

(d) to promote and encourage the availability of comprehensive architectural services for all standards and types of buildings, and thereby improve the quality of building practice in general;

2. PROVINCE

The Institute shall have influence over that area bounded by the territorial limits of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

(e) to promote and the development of an indigenous style of architecture for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas;

3. Objectives

3.1 The objectives of the Institute are:

(a) to promote and encourage the regulation of the practice of architects and architecture in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas;

(f) to promote and encourage the interest of the community in the quality of architecture and the environment;

(b) to promote and encourage a high standard of professional conduct within the practice of architecture by establishing a code of ethics;

(g) to promote and encourage the interaction of architects, primarily within their own profession and, secondly, with allied professions, through organized debate and social activity.

(c) to promote and encourage understanding of the architectural

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 There shall be two classes of membership; -

(a) Corporate Membership; and

(b) Non-Corporate Membership.

4.4 The rights and privileges of a member of any class or sub-class are transferable, and shall be personal to the member.

4.2 Subject to the provisions of the bylaws the membership committee may recommend any person, in its discretion, if think fit to any category, class or sub-class of membership.

4.5 (a) A member of the Institute of Bahamian Architects may use after his name any statement or initials indicative of his class or sub-class prescribed by the Bylaws of the Institute of Bahamian Architects.

4.3 The rights, privileges and obligations of members of the Institute of Bahamian Architects and the power of the Executive to reprimand, suspend or expel a member shall be such as Constitution and/or the Bylaws shall provide or allow.

(b) An officer of the Institute of Bahamian Architects may use after their name any initials indicative of his Office prescribed by the Bylaws of the Institute.

5. EXECUTIVE PROPER

5.1.1 There shall be President of the Institute of Bahamian Architects.

5.3 The Executive proper of the Institute shall be elected from and by persons and for such terms as are prescribed by the Bylaws.

5.2 There shall be other Officers of the Institute prescribed by the Bylaws.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Institute of Bahamian Architects of which the membership thereof shall be prescribed by the Bylaws.
- 6.2 The Executive shall regulate its own proceeding and set its own quorum unless prescribed by the Bylaws.
- 6.3 The Executive Committee shall carry out the wishes and objects

of the Institute and shall have sole management and government of the income, property and affairs of the Institute. The Executive Committee shall have the sole right to: hold and recognize such examinations and course of study recognized by the Institute; and grant diplomas, certificates and other forms of recognitions granted by the Institute.

7. MEETINGS

- 7.1 Meetings of the members of the Institute of Bahamian Architects shall be of the classes and in the manner prescribed by the.
- 7.2 Any resolution of a meeting shall have the effect as if prescribed by the Bylaws.

- 7.3 At any meeting of the members of the Institute each member shall have one vote on each question which is put and voting by proxy shall be decided by the executive on each questions or by provision in the Bylaws.

8. BYELAWS

- 8.1 The Institute may by resolution of the Executive, confirmed by a regular General Meeting, make such Bylaws as are deemed expedient (including Bylaws confirming power of the Executive to make regulations in regard to matters specified therein) and may in the same manner add to, amend or revoke any Bylaw provision made provided that: No bylaws shall be

inconsistent with this Constitution or give to the Executive any powers which are inconsistent with thins Constitution or Bylaws.

- 8. Any resolution to make, add to, amend or revoke any Bylaw shall only be treated as confirmed when not less than two-thirds of the Corporate Members present who are entitled to vote for the resolution.

9. BRANCHES

The Institute may establish any branch of regional organization that it may deem fit.

10. INDEMNITY

- 10.1 Any and every member of the Executive when exercising any powers conferred on them by this Constitution of Bylaws shall be indemnified by the Institute from and against all actions, claims and other proceedings whatsoever and

all costs, charges, losses, damages and expense which may be incurred by reason of doing or omitting by such member in the function of his office except through the wrongful act, neglect or default of that member.

11. AMENDMENTS

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 11.1 The following provision shall effect regarding alterations to this Constitution:
- (a) any new rules, or alterations and amendments to old rules, shall be proposed and seconded at a General Meeting, and the motion shall be circulated by the Secretary/Treasurer to all members of the Institute at least seven days prior to the next General Meeting;
 - (b) a vote of the motion shall be taken at the next General Meeting and the motion shall be deemed carried if supported by a two-thirds majority of the voting membership present. (Reference is made to Clause 7.3);
 - (c) No new rules or alterations and amendments to old rules shall come into force until it has been approved by the general body.