



**Constitution of the Egyptian Students' Association in
North America- Manitoba Chapter
ESANA-UofM**

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This constitution is our local unit constitution and cannot contradict with the ESANA bylaws.

Article 1. Name and Nature:

The Egyptian Students Association in North America - Manitoba Chapter (ESANA-UofM), is a democratic student organization.

Article 2. Goals and Objectives:

ESANA-UofM has three main goals.

1. A syndicated goal: to protect and care for the affairs of its members; to objectively analyse and struggle to solve their problems; to represent them in front of all official and non-official levels upon the request of members
2. A propagatory goal: to expose the true civilized and cultural character of Egypt in front of the Canadian and International societies.
3. A scientific goal: to help developing solutions to upgrade the research activities in Egypt as much as human and practical resources allow.

Article 3. Membership and Organizational Structure:

Membership in the ESANA-UofM is open to all students, researchers and residents in the Province of Manitoba as they accept these bylaws. Membership is classified as follows:

1. Working (Voting) Membership: any Egyptian student or researcher in the Province of Manitoba It is divided into four categories:
 - a) Member 'A': any graduate student who is under the supervision of the Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau in Canada (ECEB), i.e., has a file and a file number.
 - b) Member 'B': any graduate student who is NOT under the supervision of the ECEB.
 - c) Member 'C': any postdoctoral fellows or any researchers.
 - d) Member 'D': any undergraduate student.

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2. Associate (Non-Voting) Membership:

- a) Member 'E': any companions of the voting members, e.g., spouses and children at least 16 years old.
- b) Member 'F': any Egyptian residing in the Province of Manitoba.
- c) Member 'G': any person who is interested in the goals and activity of the group.

Article 4. Organizational Structure of ESANA-UofM:

The structure of ESANA-UofM is composed of:

1. The General Assembly of the ESANA-UofM members (GA)
2. The Executive Committee (EC)

Article 5: Nature and Responsibilities of the General Assembly:

The GA is the legislative branch of the group; it comprises all voting members of the group. It is vested with all the authority necessary to make and approve policies and general guidelines for the group. The legal quorum of the GA should be at least 10 members.

The General Assembly has the following rights responsibilities:

1. Discussing and approving activity reports and the financial report.
2. The right to question the EC or any ESANA-UofM member.
3. Determining the general policy of the group in order to achieve its goals.
4. Revising, modifying and/or approving any decision including the Constitution and Bylaws.
5. Conducting the annual elections of the EC members.

Article 6: Nature and Duties the ESANA-UofM Executive Committee:

The EC is the executive branch body of the group. It is composed of 8 elected members who are:

1. ESANA-UofM President
2. ESANA-UofM Vice-President
3. ESANA-UofM Treasurer



4. ESANA-UofM Social Affairs Officer
5. ESANA-UofM Media Affairs Officer
6. ESANA-UofM iTech Officer
7. ESANA-UofM Undergraduate Representative 1
8. ESANA-UofM Undergraduate Representative 2

Article 7. Qualifications and Regulations of ESANA-UofM Executive Committee:

Any working member has the right to run for elections. Nominees should have at least one year to go before the end of their program/mission at the time of the elections. In case of a vacancy in any EC position, except for the position of President, a substitute member is selected by the GA.

Article 8: Election Regulations:

1. Election officer
 - An Election officer is selected by the EC to oversee, explain, and perform the election process. The election officer does not have the right to vote or nominate himself or any other member for an executive position.
 - The election officer collects names and announces eligible nominees who:
 - Have nominated themselves or have been nominated by at least two members;
 - Have one year at least before graduation; and
 - Have accepted the nomination.
2. Election Date
 - The GA members shall be informed by the election officer about the election date at least two weeks in advance.
 - E-mails or phones can be used to inform the unit members about the election date.
 - If any member is excluded deliberately from being notified about the election date, the election will be considered illegal.
 - It is recommended, but not necessary, to have the elections done on weekends.

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3. Legal Quorum

- The legal quorum is two thirds of the GA members.

4. Nomination and voting regulations

- Attending the elections is open to all group members; however, only voting members are eligible to vote or nominate others for EC positions. Nominees should not accept more than one position.
- Each member of the GA elects one person only for each position by secret ballot and executives are chosen by highest vote.
- If there is only one nominee in any executive position, there must be a vote by Yes or No on this acclaimed position.
- Valid vote counts are performed by the election officer who officially announces the elections results to the group members.
- No voting is allowed through pre-authorization.

Article 9: Terms of Office:

EC membership is one year. Executives may be nominated for the same position for an additional year.

On Friday, January 20, 2017, this constitution was written by Ahmed Gaber and Mohamed El-Gendy. This constitution was reviewed and ratified by the current EC members on Friday, February 03, 2017.