

CONSTITUTION BYLAWS

of the

SASKATCHEWAN ORGANIZATION FOR HERITAGE LANGUAGES INC.

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages Inc., hereinafter called by the acronym SOHL.

CONSTITUTION

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To assist with the preservation, development, and advancement of education in the heritage languages (that is, languages other than English and French) of Saskatchewan's residents;
2. To assist Saskatchewan educational organizations with their heritage language programs;
3. To foster, initiate, and assist the development and operation of heritage language programs;
4. To act as a counseling and consultative body in the area of heritage languages;
5. To promote and assist with the education and training of heritage language teachers;
6. To promote and assist with the development, collection, and dissemination of heritage language teaching resource materials;
7. To assist parent, community and other organizations with the development and operation of heritage language initiatives and projects;
8. To identify and research key issues in the area of heritage languages;
9. To promote association, co-operation, and mutual support of provincial organizations with similar aims and objectives, and encourage inter-provincial and national liaison.

BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP

1. Classes of Membership

- a. Regular membership shall be open to any community-based organization in Saskatchewan interested in developing, teaching and/or promoting the use of heritage languages.
 - i. Each regular member organization shall designate two official representatives at the beginning of each fiscal year to represent them at SOHL meetings.
 - ii. Two alternate representatives shall also be named by the regular member organization for the year. Names of the official and alternate representative shall be filed with SOHL when the annual fee is paid. Alternates so designated will assume delegate status in the absence of the regular delegate.
 - iii. Each regular member organization will have two (2) votes at meetings of the general membership.
- b. Associate membership shall be open to individuals and institutions supportive of the Aims and Objectives of SOHL, but not eligible for regular membership. Associate members cannot vote or hold office.

2. Annual Fee

There shall be an annual membership fee, which shall be established by the General Assembly of SOHL.

3. Application

Every application for membership shall be submitted in writing to the SOHL Secretary along with the prescribed annual fee. The Director shall review these applications and a majority vote to accept an application for membership is required. Membership becomes effective as of the date of this decision.

4. Termination

- a. Any member may withdraw from membership in SOHL by notice in writing to the Secretary, but upon withdrawal the member shall not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the fees that may have been paid.
- b. The Director may terminate membership of members who are six months in the arrears of payment of the annual fee.
- c. Any member organization, upon the majority vote of the members present and voting at a general meeting of SOHL of which prior notice therefore has been given, may be expelled from membership for actions contrary to the Aims and Objectives of SOHL.