

BYLAWS OF THE HAWAII CHINESE ASSOCIATION

1. Title: Bylaws of the Hawaii Chinese Association, hereinafter called “Bylaws”.
2. Authority: These Bylaws are authorized by and may be amended in accordance with the Association’s Constitution.
3. Procedures for Application of New Members: Any individual over the age of 18, who will abide by the Association’s Constitution, and who meets all other requirements established by the Board of Directors, may apply for membership with the recommendation of any member in good standing. An applicant becomes a member after his/her application is reviewed by the membership committee and approved by the board of directors.
4. Obligation and Right of Members: As provided in Articles 5 & 6 of the Constitution, all members are required to renew their membership by payment of a membership fee to the Membership Committee and provide the most current information for purposes of notice.
5. Power and authority of Executive Committee during Board recess: When the Board of Directors is in recess; the President may convene the Executive Committee *in* executive session.
6. Suspension of Directors: Power and authority of directors shall be suspended based on one of the following reasons:
 - a) Three consecutive absences at any Board of Directors’ meetings
 - b) Or a total of six absences at Board meetings in any calendar year.
7. Procedures for filling Board vacancies:
 - a) An interim Director may be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill any vacancies for the remaining term of the vacancy.
 - b) If the remaining term is more than one year, the remaining term will be filled at the next election. All Association meetings, including the board of Director’s meetings, shall be in accordance to Roberts Rule of Order.
8. Director Nomination Procedure:
 - a) The President shall select three (3) to five (5) members from the Board of Directors or Presidents Emeritus to serve on the Nominating Committee. The President will automatically be one of the Nominating Committee members.
 - b) The Nominating Committee will elect a Chairperson of the committee.
 - c) At the October/*November* board of directors meeting the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the Boards Consideration and approval.
 - d) The Board of Directors may submit names of other candidates at the same time.
9. Board of Directors can elect from Presidents Emeritus & Honorary Directors after the Annual General Membership meeting in December.
10. At the annual general membership meeting, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall conduct the election of the board of directors and the election of officers.