



NORTH
AMERICAN
OHARA
TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

January 31, 2002

NORTH AMERICAN OHARA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
NAOTA

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this non-profit organization shall be North American Ohara Teachers Association (NAOTA). The administrative office shall be the address of the President.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote Ohara School of Ikebana.
- b) To provide association with teachers of the Ohara School to exchange ideas advanced techniques and new styles introduced by the Headmistress/Headmaster of the School.
- c) To deepen friendship and understanding among members through ikebana.
- d) To introduce books, videos and literature on ikebana and related Japanese arts.
- e) To have the NAOTA Conference (Demonstration and Seminar) bi-annually with visiting Professor(s) from Japan, and to have a Conference with the NAOTA high ranking Masters on alternate years.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The Association is open to all Ohara certified Instructors and above. Membership categories:

- a) *Regular Members* reside in North America and shall have voting privileges.
- b) *Associate Members* reside outside North America and have no voting privileges.
- c) *Supporting Members* support the Association with monetary contribution.
- d) *Honorary Members* shall have no voting privileges.
- e) *Honorary Advisors* shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

- a) The membership dues for Regular Members shall be \$25 annually.
- b) The membership dues for Associate Members should be \$35 annually.
- b) The membership dues for Supporting Members shall be \$50 or more annually.
- c) Honorary Members and Advisors shall pay no dues
- d) Membership dues are payable as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from March 1st through end of February.

ARTICLE VI: THE BOARD

The Board shall be consisted of the following Officers:

- a) President
- b) One Vice President from the Western Region and one Vice President from the Eastern Region
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

- a) President shall be appointed by the Headmistress/Headmaster.
- b) Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Headmistress/Headmaster.
- c) President and two Vice Presidents shall decide the proposed officers to be approved by the Headmistress/Headmaster.

ARTICLE VIII: TERM OF OFFICE

- a) The term of office for all officers shall be two years.
- b) The members of the Board shall be Limited to two consecutive terms.
- C) The President is responsible to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term of an officer.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS


The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at the Conference by a two thirds vote of the members present. The members are provided with the proposed amendment in writing with the approval of the Headmistress/Headmaster.

ARTICLE X: TERMINATION

In case of dissolution or termination of the Association, the dissolution of its assets shall be decided at the NAOTA Conference at which the majority vote shall rule. However none of the Association earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual or member.

Date Approved: January 18, 2002

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President,
North American Ohara Teachers Association



Headmistress,
Ohara School of Ikebana