

The Constitution of the O’ahu Council  
of the  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs  
(Approved Oct. 13, 2001)  
(Amended in Nov. 2001 AHCC Convention)

**Article I**  
**Name and Office**

Section 1. The name of this organization is the O’ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, herein after also referred to as the “O’ahu Council” or Council.

Section 2. The O’ahu Council’s principle office shall be on the island of O’ahu.

**Article II**  
**Purpose and Objectives**

Section. 1. The Purposes of this organization are as follows:

- A) To provide guidance to and assist in, the activities of all Hawaiian Civic Clubs on the Island of O’ahu, hereinafter referred to a Member Clubs, which is now or may hereafter be organized;
- B) To advocate positions adopted by the Annual Convention, or as approved by the Council;
- C) To promote the self-determination and self-governance of the Native Hawaiian peoples;

Section 2. The objectives of this organization are:

- A) To unite our members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding;
- B) To promote the theory and practice of the principles of inherent native sovereignty and self-determination, as well as responsible governance and citizenship;
- C) To actively promote the civic, economic, social, health, and moral welfare of our community, and particularly, the activities of those agencies and organizations which are responsible for the improvement of the conditions of the Native Hawaiian peoples and to support programs of benefit to them and to the

community at large. To actively pursue and promote this interest with a

commitment to and a sensitivity for, the traditional cultural values and assets of Native Hawaiians and our culture;

D) To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest;

E) To preserve, practice, and cherish all sources and records of the ancient traditions, na oli a me na mele, traditional and historic sites of Hawai'i nei, and to protect and practice our Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights and responsibilities, the endemic and indigenous flora and fauna of this land, and to actively encourage the teaching, learning and use of olelo makuahine (our mother tongue) the Hawaiian language;

F) To champion endeavors aimed at improving programs benefiting Hawaiians in standard education (at all levels) and financial aid for students; economic development, entrepreneurship and employment, housing and home financing, and health education, health services, nutrition, genealogy and aid to the aged.

### **Article III Not For Profit Status**

Section 1. The income or net earning of the Council shall not inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 2. The Council is not organized for profit and no part of the assets, income or earnings shall be used as dividends, or other withdrawals, or be distributed to any of its members or officers, except for services actually rendered.

Section 3. Upon dissolution of the Council, the Directors shall, upon payment of all liabilities of the Council, dispose of all the remaining assets by distribution to a like fund or a foundation or organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or education purposes and exempt from Federal Income tax as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Article IV Prohibitions**

Section 1. This Council shall not endorse any candidate for political office.

Section 2. Neither officer nor Member Club of this Council shall use the Council as a

means of furthering the political aspirations of any person.

**Article V**  
**Membership of the Council**

Section 1. The membership in this Council shall consist of the following:

- A) The Officers: The President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, the Immediate Past President, and the Treasurer;
- B) The four Directors of this Council elected so as to represent geographic regions and club locations;
- C) The President of each Member Club;
- D) A permanent Member as designated by each Member Club;
- E) The three Directors elected from the Island of O’ahu to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and otherwise know as the Association Directors provided that such director positions reflect a one director for every seven club ratio within the Council and Association.

Section 2. If the President of a Club is also an Officer or Director of this Council, then the Club shall designate a club member to serve as a voting member of this Council. In case of the inability of the President (or his/her replacement) or a Permanent Member of a Club to attend a Council meeting, the Club President shall appoint any member to serve in lieu of each or both.

Section 3. All Hawaiian Civic Clubs, duly organized on the Island of O’ahu and chartered under the provisions of the Constitution of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, which shall have maintained the required standards of performance as determined by this Council, shall be eligible for representation on this Council. All such Hawaiian Civic Clubs shall herein be referred to as Member Clubs. While each club has autonomy and may put into its Constitution and Bylaws as provisions it sees fit, the same must not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of this Council or said Association.

**Article VI**  
**Officers and Directors of the Board of Directors**

Section 1. The Officers of this Council shall be the President, the First Vice President,

the Second Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Treasurer. The officers shall also be Directors of the O'ahu Council.

Section 2. The Officers, the Directors of the Council, and the Directors to the Association Board shall be the Board of Directors of the Council.

## **Article VII Per Capita Dues**

Section 1. Annual per capita dues shall be paid each year for each member in good standing, by each Member Club.

Section 2. This Council shall determine the amount and the manner in which such per capita dues shall be paid and may levy penalties or establish sanctions for failure of such Club to pay such per capita dues on a timely basis.

## **Article VIII Amendments, Ratification**

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended and ratified at a regular Council meeting by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Council members present and voting provided that all proposed amendments are circulated to all clubs of this Council no less than forty-five (45) days prior to a regular Council meeting.

Section 2. The Constitution may also be amended and ratified by a Constitutional Convention which shall be called every ten years, in a non-election year, beginning in the year 2011 unless there is a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council members at a regular quarterly Council meeting, not to hold a Constitutional Convention.

Section 3. A Constitutional Convention may be convened by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council.

