# OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA BYLAWS

## ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the Corporation is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arizona, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation or OLLI-UA.

#### ARTICLE 2 – MISSION

The mission of OLLI-UA is to provide continuing learning experiences designed for individuals 50 years of age or older living in and about Tucson and Southern Arizona. OLLI-UA is dedicated to enhancing the lives of its members by providing an environment for learning, teaching, and social interaction through participatory classroom, online and other community experiences.

#### **ARTICLE 3 – DEFINITIONS**

3.1 The OLLI-UA Corporate Board comprises individuals elected by the OLLI-UA membership. The Corporate Board operates as the governance and fiduciary agent of the 501(c)(3) organized as OLLI-UA.

3.2 A "Campus" is an operational unit of the Corporation that develops and delivers educational and social programs for its members.

3.3 A "Member" is an individual generally over the age of 50 who has registered and paid the fees for a designated term.

3.4 A "Policy" is a statement that is crafted and passed by the Corporate Board for inclusion in a Policy Manual. Items occasionally referenced in these Bylaws may be relegated to said Manual.

#### ARTICLE 4 – RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

4.1 OLLI-UA is organized for educational purposes as an Arizona non-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) corporation under the IRS code.

4.2 The Corporation is an "Affiliated Organization" of the University of Arizona as defined in the Affiliation Agreement between Arizona Board of Regents for UA and OLLI-UA and is governed by its members through an elected Corporate Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Corporate Board or Board). Administrative and other support shall be provided to OLLI-UA by University of Arizona employees.

#### ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership in OLLI-UA is generally open (but not limited) to any person over the age of 50.

5.2 The application process and fee schedules are to be considered and approved by the Board in consultation with Campus Councils. The membership year will correspond to the University of Arizona fiscal year. Payment of membership fees entitles the member to attend classes and participate in activities associated with the membership level purchased.

5.3 All members are expected to contribute to the mission of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 6 – MEMBER RIGHTS**

All Members shall have the right to:

(a) Attend courses offered by the Corporation consistent with their membership.

(b) Attend and participate in the Annual Meeting of Members.

(c) Attend regular meetings of their Campus Councils and the Corporate Board.

(d) Vote for the election of the Corporate Board based on voting practices established by Board Policy.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – CAMPUSES**

7.1 Campuses (previously defined) are operational units determined and managed by Board Policy and managed by Campus Councils.

7.2 The Council shall function as the management arm of its respective Campus, responsible for day-to-day operations.

7.3 Council responsibilities include management of curriculum, social activities, facilities, classroom technologies, and other functions required for its operation.

7.4 Each Council shall develop and manage membership programs to attract new members, retain current members, and provide a social component.

7.5 Each Council shall prepare Operating Guidelines containing directives, procedures, and a list of Campus committees. This document may not conflict with Corporate policies or the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 8 – CORPORATE BOARD

8.1 The Corporate Board shall function as the governance, legal, and fiduciary agent of the Corporation. The Corporate Board is responsible for general oversight, finance and policy. It is responsible for adherence to matters dealing with The Bernard Osher Foundation through the University of Arizona, the Internal Revenue Service, the University finance offices, and other similar governing entities.

8.2 The number and terms of Directors of the Corporate Board shall be in accordance with OLLI-UA policies.

(a) A Director may be removed from the Corporate Board by a two-thirds vote of Directors at any Board Meeting subject to considerations defined by OLLI-UA policies.

(b) Vacancies due to removal, resignation or other causes shall be filled in accordance with OLLI-UA policies.

8.3 A quorum of the Corporate Board, for purposes of transacting business at any meeting of the Board, is sixty percent (60%) of the total Board Directors.

8.4 A Nominating Committee, defined by Board Policy, shall be convened in accordance with the Corporate Calendar and shall present a slate of proposed Board members at the Annual Meeting. The slate should be representative of the diverse interests of the entire OLLI-UA membership and have the functional skills and experience required to serve the needs of the organization.

8.5 The Corporate Board shall conduct an Annual Meeting of the Corporation and the Board in accordance with the Corporate Calendar and OLLI-UA policies.

8.6 The Corporate Board shall elect four Officers at the Annual Meeting - a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each with duties consistent with their positions. Term of office shall be one year, with repeated terms permitted, if so elected. Requirements for removing Officers prior to term expiration and filling vacancies shall be in accordance with OLLI-UA policies.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – CORPORATE BOARD COMMITTEES**

9.1 The Corporate Board shall have a Curriculum Committee and appoint a chair.

9.2 The Corporate Board shall have a Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer.

9.3 The Corporate Board shall have a Fund Development Committee and appoint a chair.

9.4 The Corporate Board shall have a Membership and Outreach Committee and appoint a chair.

9.5 The Corporate Board may have such other committees as it may approve by resolution.

# ARTICLE 10 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD

10.1 The Corporate Board provides overall governance of the OLLI-UA Corporation, pursuant to the Affiliation Agreement between Arizona Board of Regents for UA and OLLI-UA.

10.2 The Board is responsible for the fiscal planning and control of the Corporation, and is to review and approve annual budgets.

10.3 The Board shall establish an Annual Corporate Calendar. This calendar is to be reviewed and approved by the Board at its Annual Meeting.

10.4 The Board shall establish and document Corporate Policies maintained in a Board Policy Manual reviewed annually prior to the Annual Meeting.

10.5 The Board has signature authority by an approved officer or officers for all contracts, including lease agreements and insurance coverage.

10.6 The Board has signature authority by an approved officer or officers for all checks and other financial instruments.

10.7 The Board controls endowments, bequests, and grants not required to be vested with The University of Arizona or the University of Arizona Foundation.

10.8 The Board has responsibility for legal and accounting matters pertaining to the Corporation and interfaces with agencies of government pertaining to the Corporation.

10.9 Robert's Rules of Order will prevail in the absence of another adopted set of rules to govern Corporate Board meetings.

# **ARTICLE 11 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

11.1 Board Directors shall make known their connections with family members, companies or other nonprofit organizations doing business with OLLI-UA. This information must be provided annually in written form and shall be shared with all Directors.

11.2 "Conflict of interest" refers to any transaction by or with OLLI-UA in which a Director has a direct or indirect personal interest that might conflict with the best

interests of OLLI-UA. In the event that a Director has an actual or perceived conflict of interest that might limit impartial judgment or lead to monetary gain, that Director must inform the Board of the conflict. All potential conflicts must be reported to the entire Board and reflected in the minutes.

11.3 A Director who is associated with an immediate family member (parent, spouse, child) or professional firm competing for OLLI-UA business must immediately inform the Board of the conflict. The Director must then abstain from discussion and voting in the Board's selection process.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – INVESTMENTS**

The Finance Committee of the Corporate Board, with express approval of that Board, shall have authority to make, or cause to be made, investments of the funds of the Corporation and to change the same, and may from time to time dispose of any part or all of same or any rights or privileges that may accrue therefrom.

## **ARTICLE 13 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall obtain insurance policies to provide coverage from a nationally recognized insurance carrier, and to further indemnify, defend and hold harmless its Board of Directors and Officers, from and against all liability, loss, cost or expense (including attorney's fees) arising out of actions related to their official capacities as Directors and Officers. Indemnification may not apply to actions of gross negligence nor actions criminal in nature.

# ARTICLE 14 - RECORD KEEPING

The Corporation shall maintain all required financial and accounting records, shall keep minutes of Board meetings, and shall keep a record giving names and addresses of all Corporate Directors and other Officers of the Corporation. All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any Member upon reasonable notice to the Corporate Board President or Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE 15 – AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS**

15.1 The Corporate Board shall refer proposed amendments of these Bylaws to the Members:

(a) Through a resolution adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the Board or

(b) Upon receipt of a written petition, signed by not less than 25% of the Members. Signatures may be electronic or on paper.

15.2 Approval of amendments to these bylaws requires:

(a) The participation of a quorum, defined as not less than one-third of the Members and

(b) A two-thirds vote in favor by all those voting either in person or electronically.

15.3 Procedures for conducting the vote and implementation of amendments shall be defined in the Board Policy Manual.

# **ARTICLE 16 – DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

16.1 If OLLI-UA should be dissolved, the Board is responsible for transferring its assets pursuant to Agreement between the University of Arizona and The Bernard Osher Foundation, and Arizona laws and regulations.

16.2 All other records, materials, and remaining assets shall be distributed to the University of Arizona Foundation or any charitable organizations recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and selected by the Board of Directors.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Officer, acting on behalf of the Corporation, does hereby certify that the foregoing instrument constitutes the Bylaws of the Corporation approved by the Members as of TBD.

Dated as of the <u>14</u> Day of <u>March 2022</u>

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Arizona

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David Shawver, Board President