



North
American
Ohara
Teachers
Association

Articles of Association and Bylaws
March 2013
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, study advanced techniques and new styles introduced by the 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 annually.

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 contributions and have no voting privileges.
- d) Honorary Members shall have no voting privileges.
- e) Honorary Advisors shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV: Dues

Dues are subject to change and shall be stipulated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: Fiscal Year

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

ARTICLE VI: The Board

The Board shall consist 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
- e) Immediate Past President

ARTICLE VII: Officers

- a) President shall be appointed by the Headmaster of the School.
- b) Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Headmaster of the School pursuant to consultation with the President.
- c) President and two Vice Presidents shall decide the proposed officers to be approved by the Headmaster of the School.
- d) Immediate Past President shall provide advice and counsel to the President as required in a non-voting capacity.

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 serving two consecutive terms.
- c) The President is responsible for filling the vacancy of an unexpired term of an office.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

The Articles of Association 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 Headmaster.

ARTICLE X: Dissolution

In the event of the 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.

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BYLAWS

Dues (pursuant to Article IV)

Dues by membership categories:

- a) The membership dues for Regular Members shall be \$50.00 biennially.
- b) The membership dues for Associate Members shall be \$70.00 biennially.
- c) The membership dues for Supporting Members shall be \$100.00 or more biennially.
- d) Honorary Members and Advisors shall pay no dues.
- e) Membership dues are payable at the beginning of the fiscal year biennially.