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THE INSTITUTE OF LATVIAN CULTURE

STATUTES

I. The objectives and field of activities.

1. The objectives of the Latvian Cultural Institute are to concern

itself with the preservation and development of the value of Latvian national culture, collection and classification of information on Latvian national life and safeguarding and preserving the physical, spiritual, and moral condition of Latvians who have been separated from their homeland.

2. In order to attain these objectives, the Institute will:

- a. Examine and clarify various Latvian cultural problems.
- b. Examine the attainment in the cultural field reached by other races with a view to utilization as a means of improving Latvian culture.
- c. Convene in conferences and seminars in order to discuss cultural problems.
- d. Do everything possible to increase the scope and value of Latvian culture whether through Latvian organs or those of other nationalities.
- e. Maintain communication with Latvian cultural workers residing in the free world.

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- f. Publish compilations and periodically issue ~~the~~ publications ~~concerning~~ concerned with Latvian cultural and social problems.
- g. ~~M~~ Carry out activities in ~~the~~ order to fulfill the aims of the Institute as directed by the executive ~~body~~.
- h. Maintain communication with other nationalities' organs of similar character.
3. The Institute's scope of activity is the entire free world, but the central core is in the U.S.

II. The Institute's Members

4. Membership is open to all Latvians who are interested in accomplishing the aims of the Institute.
5. Members are accepted by the ruling body. If the candidate is unknown to the members of the ruling body, the body may require the candidate to secure a recommendation from one of the Institute's members.
6. The founders who have signed these statutes shall automatically become members of the Institute.
7. Should any member through his activities harm the aims of the Institute or fail to fulfill his obligations as a member, the executive ~~body~~ committee shall have the power to strike him from the rolls.

III. The Governing Body of the Institute

8. The highest ruling organ of the Institute is the convention of all members in good standing, which convention shall take place not less than once a year. A quorum for a meeting shall be considered to be filled regardless of the number of members attending provided that notice of the meeting shall have been forwarded to all members not less than two weeks in advance. Resolutions shall be passed on the basis of ~~aximokkomy~~ simple majority of votes present.
9. A quorum may pass and alter statutes, endorse executive body*s submitted working plans, confirm the budget, determine the direction in which future efforts shall be directed, elect the executive body and the ~~revelation~~ revision committee, and vote on liquidation.
10. The action organ of the Institute is the executive body which consists of ~~axpknxi~~ ~~general~~ president, one vice-president and a secretary-administrator.
11. Terms of office of the members of the executive body are three years. Every year elections shall be held in order to elect the one member of the executive body whose term has expired. During the first two years, the two members whose term shall be considered to have expired¹ shall be chosen by lot.

12. The executive body shall control all of the Institute's activity and shall also officially represent it externally.

13. The revision committee shall consist of two members--the president and secretary and are elected for terms of three years. The committee shall examine the activity of the executive body at least once a year and report its findings to the quorum.

IV. Assets of the Institute

14. The Institute is a non-profit cultural organization.

15. Assets of the Institute consist of membership dues, profits from organized social ~~functions~~ functions, net profits from publications, contributions and various other income. The amount of the membership dues shall be determined by a quorum.

16. The Institute may establish ^{SPECIAL} ~~social~~ funds whose assets may not necessarily be used toward the Institute's overall needs.

V. Liquidation

17. Liquidation of the Institute shall be carried out by the executive body upon a vote by the quorum. This vote shall require at least 2/3 majority.

18. In the event of a liquidation, any material assets of the Institute remaining shall be turned over to the Latvian Cultural Fund.

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These statutes are accepted at the Latvian Cultural Institute's founding meeting, 19 September 1953, in New York.