

KANNADA BALAGA OF UNITED KINGDOM

CONSTITUTION

4th Draft (final approved copy); Registered Charity in U.K.
Registration No. 326572
Constitution adopted on 17-4-84.

1. **REGISTERED NAME OF THE ORGANISATION:** This organisation will be called "Kannada Balaga of United Kingdom" and the address for correspondence will be the home address of the Secretary of the organisation.
2. **OBJECTS:** The organisation is to:
 - (a) promote, facilitate, organise and participate in religious, cultural and educational activities for the benefit of Kannadigas resident in the United Kingdom, and to revitalise and revive Indian traditions including, in particular, the Karnatak traditions amongst its members, each future generation and others who are interested in Indian culture.
 - (b) conduct research into Karnatak history, culture and learning and to strengthen the exchange of information between the homeland and Kannadigas resident in the United Kingdom by publications and dissemination of the results of such research.
3. **MEMBERS:** Membership shall be individual or family and only the fully paid up members shall have the right to vote at the General Meetings.
4. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The amount or the subscription shall be such amount as shall be decided by the organisation at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be utilised in promoting the objects of the organisation.
5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.):** A.G.M. is to be held preferably in the summer months. The notification to all members must be sent at least twenty one days prior to the meeting. The quorum shall be one third of the total membership. At the A.G.M. the members of the organisation shall elect the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee who will act in the administration of the organisation for the ensuing term of office. The cultural secretary will be selected by the Executive Committee from amongst its members.

Each paid up member shall have one vote at the A.G.M. in person, or by proxy in writing to the President. Where the membership consists of a family, everyone above the age of eighteen years shall have one vote.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
 - (a) the Executive Committee shall consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to twelve other members.
 - (b) the Committee shall meet not less than three times each year to carry out the business of the organisation and promote the objects. In the absence of the President the Committee will nominate one of the members as Chairman for the meeting. The quorum shall be one third of the total number of members of the Committee.

(c) the Committee's power to appoint a Sub-Committee shall be accompanied by a reporting-back proviso. The power to co-opt should be limited to one third of the total number of members of the Committee and they should not have power to vote.

(d) the elected Committee should hold office for two years and not more than two consecutive terms.

(e) the Treasurer shall keep up to date accounts of the organisation and submit income and expenditure accounts to the A.G.M. Such accounts will be audited annually.

(f) annual report of the activities of the organisation is to be prepared by the Executive Committee and read by the Secretary at the A.G.M.

(g) an auditor, not being a member of the organisation, shall be appointed to audit annual accounts of the organisation prior to their presentation by the Treasurer to the A.G.M.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING:** Minutes of the meetings of Executive Committee and A.G.M. are to be recorded and filed by the Secretary and necessary communications should be sent to all members by the Secretary from time to time.

8. **AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTIONS:** Any amendment in the constitution is to be made only at the A.G.M. with at least two thirds majority of the votes of the members present and voting on the amendment proposed. Any meeting of whatever sort shall not be able to make decisions unless a quorum is achieved. The A.G.M. can be a similar two third majority resolve to dissolve the organisation. In that event, the Treasurer will prepare the books up to the date, arrange to have them audited and any surplus funds shall be distributed to a named registered Charitable Organisatin provided that the approval of the Charity Commissioner's for England and Wales shall have been obtained to such disposal.

9. **FINANCE:** The organisation shall bank at National Westminster Bank PLC. and shall open a bank account in the name of the organisation. The cheques shall be signed by two of the following signatories with either the Treasurer or the President being one of them in every case.

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Executive Committee Member
4. Executive Committee Member

Dated this 19th day of April 1984