



# **JCI Cyprus Constitution**

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## CHAPTER I: NAME

### ARTICLE 1-1. NAME:

The Non-Government, NON-Profit Association shall be known as “JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL CYPRUS” or «Διεθνές Επιμελητήριο Νέων Κύπρου» and hereinafter in this Constitution shall be referred to as the “National Organization Member” (NOM)

## CHAPTER II: EMBLEM

### ARTICLE 2-1. EMBLEM:

If any, the emblem of the NOM shall consist of the emblem of Junior Chamber International, which shall be reproduced as below:

Sample:



### COMMENTS ON ARTICLE 2-1:

*The official JCI emblem is a part of the JCI National and Local Organization logo, appearing above the name of the national organization and the local organization.*

### BYLAW 2-2. RESTRICTIVE USE:

The use of the name, initials and emblem of the National Organization and those of JCI shall be restricted to properly affiliated members of the National Organization and shall not be used by others without the written consent of the President.

## CHAPTER III: AFFILIATION

### ARTICLE 3-1. AFFILIATION:

The National Organization shall be affiliated with JCI, hereinafter referred to as “JCI” and this shall involve:

1. Acceptance of the JCI Declaration of Principles and Purposes, which reads as follows:

The Principles of JCI, inspired by the JCI Creed, are based on a belief in:

- Faith in God.
- The brotherhood of man.
- Individual freedom and dignity.
- Government of laws.
- The value of human personality.
- Service to humanity.”

2. Compliance with the Constitution of JCI insofar as this affects the National Organization.

## **CHAPTER IV: PURPOSES**

### **ARTICLE 4-1. JCI MISSION:**

JCI Mission is to provide development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change.

### **ARTICLE 4-2. PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION:**

The purposes of the National Organization, shall be:

1. Development of an awareness and acceptance of the responsibilities of citizenship.
2. Individual participation in internal training programs to develop leadership potential.
3. Active participation in planning and executing programs for the development of the individual and the community.
4. Promotion of social economic development in the community.
5. Furtherance of understanding, goodwill and cooperation among all peoples.

### **ARTICLE 4-3. POLITICS:**

This National Organization shall refrain from any partisan political activity, and its members will avoid mixing their personal activities with their JCI activities in the sense that the general public might infer that the organization is politically oriented in one way or another.

### **ARTICLE 4-4. RELIGION:**

This National Organization shall refrain from sectarian or religious activities, and its members will avoid mixing their personal activities with their JCI activities in the sense that the general public might infer that the organization is religiously oriented in one way or another.

### **ARTICLE 4-5. HUMAN RIGHTS:**

This National Organization, in affirming the JCI Declaration of Principles, subscribes to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as an example of the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights, freedoms and equality.

### **ARTICLE 4-6. RIGHTS OF THE CHILD:**

This National Organization, recognizing and supporting the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child, shall conduct permanent and continuing programs that assist with providing for one or more of the basic needs of children as set out in the Declaration.

### **ARTICLE 4-7. WORLD PEACE:**

This National Organization, recognizing the fundamental goal of the founder, Henry Giessenbier, Jr., shall commit itself to strive for a true and everlasting world peace.

## **CHAPTER V: MEMBERSHIP**

### **ARTICLE 5-1. DEFINITION:**

Local Organizations whose objectives and activities are in accordance with the purposes of JCI and the National Organization, and which are formally affiliated to the National Organization, shall be Local Organization members, hereinafter known as "LOMs" of the NOM.

Local organizations whose objectives and activities are in accordance with the purposes of JCI and the NOM, whose 75% of members are university/college or similar students, and which are formally affiliated to the NOM, shall be Student Local Organizations members, hereinafter known as "Student LOMs" of the NOM.

All requirements and obligations of a LOM are valid also to a "Student LOM". "Student LOM" will be mentioned as LOM unless something specifically corresponds to the "Student LOMs".

### **ARTICLE 5-2. QUALIFICATIONS:**

Membership of the National Organization shall be open to local organizations in the geographical area of the National Organization provided that such organizations:

1. Must comply with the requirements of the National Organization as laid down in this Constitution.
2. Have objectives and policies, which are consistent with the purposes of the National Organization and JCI.
3. Maintain age limits as per Article 5-6 of the present Constitution.
4. Maintain a minimum membership of thirty five (35) members for a fully affiliated Local Organization.

### **BYLAW 5-3. REQUIREMENTS:**

Applications for membership in the National Organization shall be lodged in writing with the Secretary General at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly. Such applications must be accompanied by:

1. A copy of the applicant's Constitution
2. The applicable National Organization and JCI dues for the subsequent fiscal year
3. The names and addresses of Local Organization Officers
4. A list of past activities, if any
5. A list of proposed activities for the ensuing year
6. A list of all members with their names, email addresses, mailing addresses and birth dates

### **BYLAW 5-4. PROBATIONARY PERIOD:**

During the first six (6) months of its affiliation, a Local Organization will be provisional. During this period, it can participate in all National Organization meetings but will not have voting rights.

**ARTICLE 5-5. PROCEDURE:**

Every application for membership in the National Organization, which meets the requirements of Article 5-2 and Bylaw 5-3 and is approved by the Board of Directors, shall be accepted upon approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 5-6. AGE LIMIT:**

Local Organization members shall maintain age limits of not less than eighteen (18) and not more than forty (40) years for individual members, provided that membership may continue until the end of the calendar year in which the person reaches the age of forty (40) years, except for the Immediate Past President, who may serve in that capacity for not more than one (1) year.

**ARTICLE 5-7. RESIGNATION:**

Any Local Organization may terminate its association with the National Organization and may cease to be associated immediately upon its lodging notice with the President of its wish to do so accompanied by all monies it owes to the National Organization.

**ARTICLE 5-8. DISQUALIFICATION:**

Where two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors are of the opinion that a Local Organization is no longer qualified for membership in the National Organization due to the violation of Article 5-2, the membership of that Local Organization may be suspended or terminated subject to ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of General Assembly.



## **CHAPTER VI: GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **ARTICLE 6-1. SUPREME AUTHORITY:**

The General Assembly shall constitute the supreme authority of the National Organization. It shall direct the affairs of the National Organization and shall retain all rights and privileges not specifically assigned to the Board of Directors, the President, or any other National Organization officer.

### **BYLAW 6-2. EXCLUSIVE PREROGATIVES:**

The General Assembly shall have the exclusive prerogative to vote on any and all of the following matters:

1. Election of all Elective Officers
2. Approval of appointments of non-elected members of the Board of Directors
3. Affiliation and disqualification of Local Organizations with the support of the Board of Directors
4. Approval of the National Organization program(s) of activity for the ensuing year
5. Approval of the budget for the ensuing year
6. Determination of the National Organization Convention Site
7. Approval of the Long-Range Plan and reports
8. Approval of the appointment of the honorary auditors for the forthcoming year

### **BYLAW 6-3. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The General Assembly shall receive and act upon reports and recommendations referred to it by the Board of Directors or any member of that body.

### **ARTICLE 6-4. COMPOSITION:**

The General Assembly shall be composed of:

1. The Board of Directors
2. The President of each Local Organization

In the event that a Local President is unable to attend a meeting of the General Assembly, he shall notify the Secretary General in writing of his designated representative who must be a member of said Local Organization.

**ARTICLE 6-5. VOTING:**

In any vote by the General Assembly, all Local Organizations whose current dues are paid as prescribed by the Constitution shall have a number of votes based on the following schedule:

1. One vote where the membership of the Local Organization is 20 members
2. One additional vote for each additional ten (10) members or fraction thereof

Members of the Board of Directors shall have the right to speak and to move and second motions in a meeting of the General Assembly but shall have no vote.

**BYLAW 6-6. VOTING STRENGTH:**

For the purpose of Article 6-5, the voting strength shall be based on declared and paid-up membership of the Local Organizations at the time of any vote.

**ARTICLE 6-7. PROXIES:**

Proxies shall not be recognized.

**BYLAW 6-8. CASTING VOTE:**

The President shall have the casting vote in cases of equality votes, except in the case of election of National Organization Officers and the selection of the National Organization Convention Site.

**ARTICLE 6-9. QUORUM:**

A quorum for the General Assembly shall comprise Local Organization Presidents (or their authorized representatives) having fifty-one (51) percent of the total possible votes provided by Article 6-5.

**ARTICLE 6-10. MEETINGS:**

The Annual Meeting of the General Assembly shall be held at the National Organization Convention. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the General Assembly on a mail ballot.

## **CHAPTER VII: National Organization Convention**

### **ARTICLE 7-1. PURPOSE:**

The purpose and business of the National Organization Convention shall be:

1. To receive the report of the Board of Directors
2. To receive the accounts of the year
3. To elect Officers for the ensuing year
4. To approve the appointment of the non-elected members of the Board of Directors
5. To approve the appointment of the honorary auditors for the forthcoming year
6. To approve the National Organization program(s) of activity for the ensuing year
7. To approve the budget for the ensuing year
8. To transact any other business appropriate to a National Organization Convention including training for National Organization and Local Organization Officers and general membership as well

### **ARTICLE 7-2. PROGRAM:**

The Convention program shall include meetings of the General Assembly and the incoming and outgoing Boards of Directors and the Executive Committees, if any.

### **BYLAW 7-3. DATE AND PLACE:**

The Convention shall take place each year during October. The date and place shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the General Assembly at the Convention one year prior thereto.

### **BYLAW 7-4. CANCELLATION:**

The Convention can only be canceled for unexpected events occurring within the area of the National Organization. The Convention must be rescheduled as soon as possible after the initial date. The reasons for cancellations and postponement of the Convention must be given to the JCI Vice President assigned to the NOM for consideration.

### **BYLAW 7-5. BUSINESS:**

The supervision of business arrangements and general programs for the Convention shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors or any person appointed by the Board of Directors upon proposal made by the President.

## **CHAPTER VIII: OFFICERS**

### **ARTICLE 8-1. ELECTED OFFICERS:**

The elected Officers of the National Organization shall be:

1. President
2. Executive Vice President(s)
3. Vice President(s)
4. Honorary Treasurer

### **ARTICLE 8-2. APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

The appointed Officers of the National Organization shall be:

1. General Legal Counsel
2. Directors
3. Special Assistant to the President
4. Secretary

### **ARTICLE 8-3. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:**

In addition to the elected Officers and the appointed Officers, the Immediate Past President shall be an Officer of the National Organization.

### **ARTICLE 8-4. DUTIES:**

The Officers of the National Organization shall carry out duties assigned by the President or as stipulated in this Constitution.

### **ARTICLE 8-5. SELECTION:**

Each Officer designated in Article 8-1 must be elected by a majority of votes cast at a General Assembly Meeting during the National Organization Convention.

### **ARTICLE 8-6. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:**

The appointment of each Officer to be a member of the Board of Directors, as designated in Article 8-2, must be approved by a majority of votes cast by the General Assembly during the National Organization Convention or any meeting as specified in Article 6-10, or by mail ballot no later than twenty (20) days after the beginning of the National Organization's year of operation. In the case of approval of appointment by mail ballot, the Secretary General will take the responsibility of the voting operation on behalf of the President.

### **ARTICLE 8-7. PERIOD OF OFFICE:**

Elected and appointed Officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year commencing the first day of January following their election or appointment, In the case of appointment after the first day of January, the period of office will only be for the remaining part of the year of operation.

**ARTICLE 8-8.            SUCCESSION:**

No Officer may hold the same office twice. However, at the discretion of the President, an Officer shall be permitted to be elected or appointed to a full term in the same office if:

1. That Officer was appointed to the office during the year and will not have served a full term in such office prior to December 31.
2. For a valid reason accepted by the President, that Officer was obliged to resign before the expiration of his term of office.

**BYLAW 8-9.            EMERGENCY:**

In the event of the cancellation of an Annual Convention, the Officers may remain in office beyond the term set out in Bylaw 8-6 until elections can be held.

**BYLAW 8-10.          VACANCIES:**

**Section 1.** Vacancies in all offices other than that of President may be filled through appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

**Section 2.** Upon the death, disability, resignation or other disposition that shall prevent the President from serving, the Executive Vice President will assume the presidency for the duration of the term for which the President had been elected, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 8-11.        CONFLICTING OFFICE:**

No elected or appointed Officer of the National Organization shall hold office in a Local Organization, with the exception that the Immediate Past President of a Local Organization shall not be considered an Officer of a Local Organization for the purpose of this bylaw. An elected officer may simultaneously hold an appointed office upon a proposal made by the President and subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

**BYLAW 8-12.          NOMINATIONS:**

**Section 1. Deadline:** All nominations for elective offices must be made on the prescribed form and forwarded by Local Organizations to the Secretary General to arrive at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Convention. The Secretary General shall, within ten (10) days after the deadline date for nominations, forward to all Local Organizations a list of nominees together with the essential curriculum vitae of the candidates.

**Section 2. Extension Of Deadline:** In the event that fewer than the minimum number of candidates required have been maintained following the official close of nominations, the President may extend the time for the filing of nominations for that office for a period to expire no later than 09:00 hours of the day marking the commencement of the Annual National Convention.

For the purpose of this section, the minimum number of nominations shall be:

- Candidates for President
- Candidates for Executive Vice President(s)
- Candidates for Vice President(s)
- Candidates for Honorary Treasurer

**Section 3. Approval:** Every nomination shall be subject to written approval by the Local Organization of the nominee. Where a nominee is himself the Local President, his nomination form shall be signed by a senior elected Officer other than the nominee. All nominees must not have a criminal record.

**BYLAW 8-13. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a Nominations Committee to examine the eligibility and qualifications of each nominee for the particular office sought. The Committee, consisting of Past Presidents, shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President and shall report its findings to the General Assembly.

**BYLAW 8-14. PROCEDURE:**

Each nominee shall appear personally before the Nominations Committee.

**BYLAW 8-15. QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Section 1. Age:** No person shall be elected or appointed who will reach his fortieth (40th) birthday prior to assuming office.

**Section 2. Member:** Every nominee for election and every appointed Officer shall be an individual member of a Local Organization, and, at the time of the election or appointment, the Local Organization must be current in the payment of dues to the National Organization.

**Section 3. Convention Attendance:** Unless he is excused by the President for valid reasons, every nominee for election shall be registered and in attendance at the Convention at which he is a nominee.

**Section 4. Specific Qualifications For The President:** The President shall have served at least one year on the current or preceding Board of Directors in an elected position and participated in at least one World Congress or European Conference. Attendance of a JCI EVP Leadership Academy and/or European Presidents Meeting Conference and/or JCI European Academy is considered an additional qualification with the first one being more important followed by the second and then the third. The President cannot be a member of a "Student LOM".

**Section 5. Specific qualifications for the Executive Vice President(s):** An Executive Vice President cannot be a member of a “Student LOM”.

**BYLAW 8-16. CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP:**

All Officers must remain individual members of their Local Organizations throughout their term of office; also, their Local Organizations must remain affiliated with the National Organization throughout the term of their office. Otherwise, Officers shall automatically lose office (unless they change their membership to another Local Organization).

**BYLAW 8-17. OATH:**

All elected or appointed Officers shall take the following Oath or Solemn Declaration of Office to be administered by the President at the Annual Convention or, if necessary, as soon thereafter as possible:

*“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (title) \_\_\_\_\_ of Junior Chamber International Cyprus and will, to the best of my ability, serve as a living example of this organization’s philosophy and belief, and will uphold and enforce the Constitution of the National Organization and JCI at all times.”*

**BYLAW 8-18. REMUNERATION:**

All Officers shall serve without financial remuneration.

## CHAPTER IX: DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PRESIDENT

#### **BYLAW 9-1. DUTIES:**

The President shall:

1. Be the official representative of the National Organization
2. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Organization
3. Preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors
4. Supervise the overall operations of the National Organization and travel on its behalf
5. Report to the General Assembly and Board of Directors

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

#### **BYLAW 9-2. DUTIES:**

The Executive Vice President shall:

1. Be responsible for the overall membership growth and extension of Local Organizations
2. Monitor and coordinate the activities of one or more Vice Presidents

#### *COMMENTS ON BYLAW 9-2:*

1. *The duties as described above are mentioned in case there is only one Executive Vice President.*
2. *Responsibility could be added or deleted depending on the number of members on the Board of Directors.*



## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **BYLAW 9-3. DUTIES:**

The Vice President shall:

1. Carry out such duties as may be assigned by the President, particularly to monitor, coordinate and promote the growth and development activities related to JCI Areas of Opportunity in his assigned Local Organizations
2. Study the material received relating to such JCI Areas of Opportunity and advise Local Organizations, the President and the Board of Directors on matters arising from this study, which affect them or are of interest to them
3. Visit, communicate, and work with the Local Organizations assigned by the President to:
  - a. Promote the purposes of JCI
  - b. Guide and assist Local Organizations Officers in the development of their Local Organizations
  - c. Give training in Local Organization management
  - d. Promote and give guidance in executing planned extension
  - e. Ensure effective communications between assigned Local Organizations and the National Organization
  - f. Promote among assigned Local Organizations programs adopted by the National Organization

## **SECRETARY GENERAL**

### **BYLAW 9-4. DUTIES:**

The Secretary General shall:

- a. Be the administrative Officer of the National Organization responsible directly to the President
- b. Be responsible for the operation of the Secretariat and the implementation of policies according to the direction of the President
- c. Give notice to the members of all meetings of the General Assembly and Board of Directors
- d. Be responsible for keeping a permanent record of the minutes of such meetings; these records shall be open to inspection by members at all reasonable times
- e. Be responsible for the preparation of an Annual Report on the activities and programs of the National Organization

## **HONORARY TREASURER**

### **BYLAW 9-5. DUTIES:**

The Honorary Treasurer shall:

- a. Issue notices of dues payable
- b. Be responsible for their collection and keep books of accounts of the National Organization
- c. Be responsible for the disbursement of monies at the direction of the Board of Directors
- d. Be responsible for the preparation of an Annual Report on the financial affairs of the organization and for the quarterly financial statements which should be distributed to all Local Organizations
- e. Prepare and submit a proposed budget for the National Organization

All checks and other orders relating to the banking accounts of the National Organization shall be signed by the President or the Executive Vice President and shall be countersigned by the Honorary Treasurer.

## **GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

### **BYLAW 9-6. DUTIES:**

The General Legal Counsel shall:

- a. Serve as Parliamentarian to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly
- b. Rule on matters of parliamentary procedure at the request of the presiding Officer
- c. Make sure that the JCI and National Organization Constitutions are respected at all times
- d. Propose amendments to the National Organization Constitution if necessary
- e. Review and approve the Local Organization Constitutions

### **BYLAW 9-7. PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

In the absence of the General Legal Counsel, the President—with the concurrence of the meeting—shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall serve for the period of the meeting.

## **DIRECTORS**

### **BYLAW 9-8. DUTIES:**

The Directors shall:

- a. Implement, promote, coordinate, and supervise program or project activities within the terms of reference of their assigned responsibilities.
- b. Study information received relating to their responsibilities and recommend suitable action to the Board of Directors.

## CHAPTER X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ARTICLE 10-1. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES:

The Executive Committee and all the Vice Presidents shall comprise the Board of Directors, which shall be the governing body of the National Organization during its term of office. The Board of Directors shall have control of the property of the National Organization and the administration of its funds. It shall discharge all functions of the National Organization save those exercised by the General Assembly or delegated to the Executive Committee, if any.

### BYLAW 10-2. SPECIFIC DUTIES:

The specific duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:

1. Train and brief all Officers on their duties and responsibilities
2. Coordinate the activities of all Officers in their duties
3. Receive reports from all Officers
4. Make recommendations to the General Assembly
5. Act on all matters referred to it by the General Assembly
6. Plan and coordinate National Organization activities
7. Approve affiliation of Local Organizations.
8. Approve special NOM expenses that are not included in the budget up to the maximum amount of €1000 (one thousand euros)
9. Approve of support for LOMs in a project that is not included in the budget up to the maximum amount of €1000 (one thousand euros)

### BYLAW 10-3. MEETINGS:

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four (4) times a year prior to the General Assembly Meeting at the National Organization Convention. It shall also meet at other times the majority of the Board of Directors may determine. In case of emergency, the President may call for a Board of Directors Meeting at his own discretion.

**Section 2. Meeting At National Organization Convention:** A joint meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors and the outgoing Board of Directors shall be held at the National Organization Convention following the adjournment of General Assembly.

### BYLAW 10-4. QUORUM:

Fifty-one (51) percent of the members at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

### BYLAW 10-5. VOTING:

1. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each member present shall have one vote.
2. Voting shall be determined by a show of hands, unless decided otherwise by the President at his own discretion or by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting.
3. Proxy votes are not permitted.

## **CHAPTER XI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 11-1. COMPOSITION:**

The President, the Executive Vice President(s), the Immediate Past President, the Secretary General (or Secretary), the Treasurer and the General Legal Counsel shall comprise the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE 11-2. DUTIES:**

The Executive Committee shall:

1. Manage the affairs of the National Organization within the powers vested in it by the Constitution and the General Assembly
2. Implement the action decided upon by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors
3. Recommend action to the Board of Directors
4. Constituted as a Finance Committee, review and revise the annual budget whenever deemed necessary for submission to the Board of Directors for approval
5. Receive reports from its members
6. Propose, receive or consider constitutional amendments; endorse, recommend against, or request changes to them
7. Be empowered by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its members to dismiss any Officer who does not fulfill the duties of the office
8. Upon recommendation of the President, set the duties and composition of a Long-Range Planning Committee and appoint its members.
9. Be empowered by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its members to enforce to a LOM the dismissal of an individual member from the LOM if the member has not conducted himself in a manner worthy of a JCI member and/or if the actions of the member are not in the best interests of the organization.

### **BYLAW 11-3. MEETINGS:**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of four (4) times a year at the National Organization Secretariat or any place and time set by the President or a majority of its members.

#### **Section 2. Meeting At National Organization Convention:**

1. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly
2. A joint meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee and the outgoing Executive Committee shall be held at the National Organization Convention following the adjournment of the joint meeting of the newly elected and outgoing Board of Directors.

### **BYLAW 11-4. QUORUM:**

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall comprise a majority of its members.

**BYLAW 11-5. VOTING:**

1. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, each member shall have one vote
2. Voting shall be determined by a show of hands unless decided otherwise at the President's own discretion or by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting.

## CHAPTER XII: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

### ARTICLE 12-1. AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY:

To facilitate the achievement of the purposes of the National Organization, its program activities shall be divided into four of Opportunity with the following terms of reference:

1. **Individual Opportunities:** To provide the opportunity for the Individual Member to realize personal potential through training programs.
2. **Community Opportunities:** To develop the sensitivity of the Individual Member to societal problems and knowledge of community dynamics in solving these problems through actual experience.
3. **International Opportunities:** To provide the opportunity for the Individual Member to contribute to the development of goodwill, understanding, and cooperation among all peoples.
4. **Business Opportunities:** To provide the opportunity for members to contribute to the development of the economic infrastructure, prosperity and well-being of all nations.

### BYLAW 12-2. PROGRAM OFFICER:

The National Organization shall encourage each Local Organization to designate an officer to be responsible for each Area of Opportunity for the purpose of communicating with the National Organization Director or Officers responsible for program activities and bringing information received to the attention of the Local Organization.

### BYLAW 12-3. TRAINING:

The National Organization shall appoint a director to promote, coordinate and monitor the activities related to membership training at National Organization and Local Organization levels and to correspond with the appropriate Officers at JCI level.

### BYLAW 12-4. JCI-ENDORSED PROGRAMS:

Where possible, the National Organization shall also promote the adoption of JCI-endorsed programs among the Local Organizations.

### BYLAW 12-5. AWARDS:

The National Organization shall set an Awards Program to recognize and honor outstanding achievement in the fulfillment of the purposes of JCI by Local Organizations and individual members, and possibly appoint a Director to act as Awards Manager and correspond with the appropriate National Organization Officer.

## **CHAPTER XIII: FINANCES**

### **ARTICLE 13-1. FINANCIAL YEAR:**

The financial year of the National Organization shall be the calendar year.

### **BYLAW 13-2. BOOKKEEPING:**

The cashbook, ledger and other bookkeeping records of the National Organization shall be maintained by the Honorary Treasurer under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

### **BYLAW 13-3. BUDGET:**

The Honorary Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget for the ensuing year to the Board of Directors at its meeting during the National Organization Convention for its consideration. The proposed budget, with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, shall then be submitted for its approval to the General Assembly at the Convention.

## CHAPTER XIV: DUES

### **ARTICLE 14-1. PAYMENT:**

Local Organization members shall pay annual dues to the National Organization as follows:

### **BYLAW 14-2. DUE DATE:**

Dues for the current year shall be payable annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March of the year.

### **ARTICLE 14-3. COLLECTION OF DUES IN TRUST:**

All payments made by individual members and/or Local Organizations for JCI dues shall be held in trust by the Local Organizations and the National Organization, be included in the next membership registration and remitted in full to JCI by the National Organization with its next dues payment

### **BYLAW 14-4. SUSPENSION:**

Local Organizations whose dues payments are more than three (3) months in arrears shall be suspended from membership in the National Organization and shall lose all voting rights until such dues have been paid. Such suspension shall be subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

### **BYLAW 14-5. TERMINATION:**

Local Organizations whose dues payments are more than twelve (12) months in arrears shall cease to be affiliated to the National Organization. Such disaffiliation shall be subject to ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors.



## **CHAPTER XV: Senators**

### **ARTICLE 15-1. DEFINITION:**

An award entitled JCI "Senatorship," granting life membership in the organization and in the JCI Senate, may be awarded to individual members or past members to honor them for rendering outstanding service to JCI. The awarding of such status shall not exempt the member from paying regular dues to the organization.

### **ARTICLE 15-2 APPLICATION:**

The Senatorship application shall be submitted by the Local Organization President to the National Organization President to consider. All Senatorship applications shall be approved and endorsed by the National Organization President before being presented to JCI.

### **BYLAW 15-3. REVOCATION:**

The Board of Directors may recommend to the JCI President that a Senatorship be revoked, temporarily suspended, or withdrawn if the Senator has not conducted himself in a manner worthy of a Senator, or if the actions of the Senator are not in the best interests of the organization.

## CHAPTER XVI: « Friends » of JCI

### **ARTICLE 16-1      DEFINITION**

An individual member who has reached the age of 40 years old and who wishes to continue his/her membership or a new individual member who's age is over 40 years and wishes to become a member of Junior Chamber International Cyprus he/she can register as a "Friend" of JCI.

### **ARTICLE 16-2      APPLICATION:**

The "Friend" of JCI application shall be submitted to the Local Organization President for approval.

### **ARTICLE 16-3      FEES:**

The fee for a "Friend" of JCI member will be the 50% of the normal fee payable to the LOM by a member of age 18-40.

## **CHAPTER XVII: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

### **ARTICLE 17-1. PLACE:**

The principal office of the NOM shall be located at ‘Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry’ building in Nicosia, Cyprus.

## CHAPTER XVIII: RULES OF PROCEDURE

### ARTICLE 18-1. DESIGNATION:

The business of this National Organization shall be conducted according to this Constitution and, where not otherwise provided, to *Robert's Rules of Order Revised*.

### ARTICLE 18-2. WAIVER:

Articles and Bylaws of this Constitution may be waived by a unanimous vote of members at the Annual General Meeting provided that four-fifths (4/5) of the total voting strength in attendance participate in the vote.

## CHAPTER IXX: AMENDMENTS

### ARTICLE 19-1. ARTICLES:

Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly members present and voting at the National Organization Convention, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given to each Local Organization thirty (30) days prior to the National Organization Convention.

### ARTICLE 19-2. BYLAWS:

Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly members present and voting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given to each Local Organization thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.

### ARTICLE 19-3. WAIVER

**SECTION 1: Articles:** Any article of this Constitution may be waived by a unanimous vote of the members at the NOM Convention, provided that four-fifths (4/5) of the total voting strength in attendance participate in the vote.

**SECTION 2: By-laws:** Any bylaw of this Constitution may be waived by a unanimous vote of the members at the NOM Convention, provided that two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting strength in attendance participate in the vote.

### ARTICLE 19-4. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Constitution shall take effect immediately on approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members at a National Organization Convention. Any amendments to Articles or Bylaws will take effect on the 1st of January of the year following the National Organization Convention at which they have been voted upon.