

FLJCI SENATE, INC. – BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

The masculine or feminine genders used in these BYLAWS shall be construed to be neutral and are interchangeable as the situation may warrant.

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

NAME

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the **FLJCI SENATE, INC.**, herein after referred to as the “**SENATE**”, and was incorporated in the state of Florida on September 9, 2013, as a not-for-profit corporation and registered with the IRS as a 501(C) (4) corporation.

PURPOSE

1.2 The objectives of the **SENATE** shall be the following:

- a) To promote fellowship among JCI Senators residing in Florida.
- b) To promote international understanding and goodwill.
- c) To encourage participation in and promote charitable acts, first and foremost being JCI Senators Foundation of Florida, Inc.
- d) To encourage membership in the **SENATE** as a means of recognition for outstanding service by members of JCI Florida and local chapters.
- e) To provide a Speakers Bureau made available to JCI Florida and its member local chapters and others; and
- f) To assist JCI Florida at their request.

COMPOSITION

1.3 The **SENATE** shall be a not-for-profit civic organization of JCI Senators.

- a) Residing in Florida, or
- b) Having received their JCI Senatorship in Florida, or
- c) Other JCI Senators and members as defined in these Bylaws.

AFFILIATION

1.4 The **SENATE** hereby declares its affiliation with the United States JCI Senate, subject to the requirements and approval of said organization. The **SENATE** shall be subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the aforesaid organization insofar as they affect and prescribe the functions of its affiliates and are not in conflict with these Bylaws. Said affiliation shall in no way be affected should either of these organizations change their names.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

1.5 The **SENATE** does not discriminate against any member because of their race, creed, color, political, sexual, religious, or economic background or beliefs.

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ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Any individual who shall have been duly appointed to membership in the JCI Senate, in accordance with all applicable requirements of Junior Chamber International shall be eligible to become a member of the **SENATE**.

ACCEPTANCE

- 2.2 All duly qualified Senators, as defined in Section one (1) of this Article, shall be considered for approval provided:
- a) The Senators reside in the State of Florida. In this case the Senators shall be automatically granted acceptance as a member of the **SENATE** subject to classification of membership.
 - b) A Senator who received his senatorship in another state, country, territory and reside in the state of Florida or reside outside the state of Florida, who is a member in good standing of the US JCI Senate, Inc. and/or an affiliate of Jaycee International is eligible to become a Participating Member in the **SENATE** upon submitting the required application and dues.

CLASSIFICATION

- 2.3 There shall be three types of membership. These classifications shall be known as Participating Members, Associate Members and Senators-at-Large.
- a) Any duly qualified Senator may apply for a Participating Membership by submitting the required application, provided by the **SENATE**, accompanied by the first year's dues.
 - b) Senior Statesmen and Auxiliary Congresswomen and Friendship Award Winners shall be Associate Members in the **SENATE**.
 - 1) Senior Statesman membership will be granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Candidates for Senior Statesman must meet the same qualifications as those required for a Senatorship except for the age restrictions placed upon a Senatorship. For considerations and acceptance as a Senior Statesman, an application outlining these qualifications must be submitted and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.
 - 2) Auxiliary Congresswomen are past members of the Jaycettes, Jaycee-ettes and Jaycee Women organization, who have received the highest award presented in those Jaycee-affiliated organizations.
 - 3) Friendships are honors awarded by the US JCI Senate, Inc. to a spouse (wife or husband) of a Senator who received their Senatorship five or more years prior to the nomination.
 - c) Duly qualified Senators not holding Participating Membership or Associate status shall be known as Senators-at-Large.

MEMBERS

- 2.4 All Senators granted membership in the **SENATE** shall be entitled to the following privileges:
- a) Participating Members, as dues paying members, shall be eligible to all normal rights of membership including the following:

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- 1) Voting and holding office.
 - 2) Priority on all mailings and services.
 - 3) First option on any benefits and savings obtained or developed by the **SENATE**.
 - 4) Primary consideration in all matters of the **SENATE**.
 - 5) A copy of the “SENATE CHAMBERS” emailed to all Participating Members unless member has no email address.
- b) Senators-at-Large, as non-dues paying members, shall be welcome at all **SENATE** meetings but will not be eligible to vote or hold office. They will on occasion be offered other services that the **SENATE** may from time-to-time render, subject to the decisions of the Board of Directors or the will of the Participating Membership. In addition, they may be required to pay a small additional fee at any **SENATE** function, as may be determined by the nature of the event or the Board of Directors.
 - c) Associate Members, defined as Senior Statesmen, Congresswomen and Friendships, as dues paying members, shall be entitled to all the privileges of Participating Members, but will not be eligible for Life Membership or to hold elected office, but can hold an appointed office. They shall be provided with a copy of “SENATE CHAMBERS,” the official publication of the **SENATE**. They will, on occasion, be offered other services that the **SENATE** may from time-to-time render, subject to the decisions of the Board of Directors or the will of the Participating Membership.

DUES

- 2.5** Participating Membership dues shall not exceed \$100.00 annually, payable in advance and shall be due September 1.
- a) A Participating Member may pay a lifetime membership fee equal to 10 times the annual Participating Membership dues, and not be assessed membership dues again with the **SENATE** paying said member’s national dues for life.
 - b) All living past presidents of the **SENATE** shall be considered lifetime participating members of the **SENATE** and may not be assessed membership dues, the **SENATE** paying said past president’s national dues for life.
 - c) Within the limits of the Bylaws, the outgoing Board of Directors shall recommend annual dues for all classifications of membership prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. Such decision shall be ratified by the incoming Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

SUSPENSION

- 2.6** Any Participating Member or Associate Member whose dues remain unpaid at the end of the quarter in which they are due shall be declared delinquent. In the event a Senator becomes delinquent their Participating Membership and all associated rights and privileges shall then be suspended. He shall automatically revert to a Senator-at-Large and be dropped as a member of the US JCI Senate. He shall become subject to reinstatement requirements.

REINSTATEMENT

- 2.7** Reinstatement will occur upon receipt of full payment of FLJCI Senate dues. Senator will be resubmitted as a new member of the US JCI Senate in that quarter.

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EXPULSION

- 2.8** Any member of the **SENATE**, whose membership as a Senator has been revoked according to JCI Junior Chamber International Constitution and Bylaws shall automatically be excluded from membership in the **SENATE**.

RESIGNATION

- 2.9** Any Senator may resign from Participating Membership by presenting his resignation in writing to the Board of Directors and will thereupon revert to a Senator-at-Large, subject to reinstatement.

LIABILITY

- 2.10** No liability shall exist against the members of the **SENATE** beyond the annual dues and fees provided herein.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.11** Participating Members, Senators-At-Large and Associate Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with SENATE'S Philosophies and Beliefs as embodied in the Jaycee Creed. Any member who casts disparagement upon the SENATE shall be subject to the same Parliamentary Authority and Disciplinary Action as set forth in Article V.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

- 3.1** The Annual Meeting of the membership shall be convened no later than the third (3rd) weekend in May. The fiscal year shall commence on June 1 and end on the last day of May.

NOTICE

- 3.2** Notice of the Annual Meeting of the membership stating the time and place shall be included in "Senate Chambers" and emailed to each Participating Member and dues-paying Associate Member at least thirty days prior to the date of said meeting.

TRANSACTIONS

- 3.3** At all regularly scheduled meetings of the membership those members present and voting will constitute a quorum and qualify the meeting to transact business. Only Participating Members and dues paying Associate Members shall have voting privileges.

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OTHER MEETINGS

- 3.4 The Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors may, at its discretion, call meetings of the membership at times and places it so directs and upon thirty-day email notice to the Participating Membership.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- 3.5 The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually, one of which may be in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

- 3.6 Special meetings of the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors may be called at any time on the order of the President or a request of three members of the Board of Directors.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- 3.7 Should circumstances require, virtual meetings of General Membership, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and any other committees may be held virtually as called for in Article III.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COMPOSITION

- 4.1 The Board of Directors shall be elected and composed of the Executive Committee and all elected Regional Directors. Appointees are non voting members of the Board.
- a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following six (6) officers: a President, a Management Vice President, an Administrative Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President.
 - b) A Regional Director shall be elected from each Region, as defined by the Florida JCI Senate.
 - c) A Senator cannot hold office in the **SENATE** while concurrently serving as an elected or appointed officer at any level in the JCI Florida.
 - d) The term of any member of the Board of Directors of the **SENATE** will automatically expire if elected or appointed to any JCI Florida office.

QUALIFICATION

- 4.2 The members of the Board of Directors shall be Participating Members of the **SENATE** and shall possess the following qualifications:
- a) The President shall have served as a member of the Executive Committee for one year prior to his election and shall be at least the minimum age required for the Board of Directors of the US JCI Senate.

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- b) Any other candidate for the Board of Directors must have been a member of the **SENATE** for at least six (6) months prior to the date of election.

TERM

- 4.3 Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one year. A member elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired portion of the term of the member whose position he is selected to fill. No member may be elected to the same office on the Executive Committee more than two consecutive full terms.

VACANCY

- 4.4 Vacancies shall be handled as follows:
 - a) If the office of any member of the Board of Directors shall become vacant for any reason, except those covered in ARTICLE V “REMOVAL OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER,” the vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment from the Participating Membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - b) In the event of a vacancy of the Presidential office, the Board of Directors by secret ballot, majority vote, shall select a presiding officer who shall serve for the remaining term of office.

POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

- 4.5 The Powers and Limitations of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:
 - a) The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the **SENATE**. It shall have no power to create any indebtedness and no obligations for expenditures shall be incurred beyond the amount of funds on hand. The Board of Directors shall fill vacancies occurring on the Board as provided in Section 4.4 of Article IV. The Board of Directors may generally do and perform, or cause to be done and performed, any and every act which the **SENATE** may lawfully do and perform and do all things necessary and consistent with the laws of the State of Florida and the **SENATE**, to promote the purposes of the **SENATE**.
 - b) Power shall be vested in the Board of Directors to act on behalf of the membership to conduct such business as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the **SENATE**.
 - c) Business of the Board of Directors may be conducted via correspondence, e-mail, virtual meeting, or conference call as required by the organization.
 - d) The Board of Directors shall not be empowered under any circumstances as, said Board to consider, vote upon or announce any endorsement for any regular JCI candidate seeking office within local JCI chapters or the state JCI organization.

QUORUM

- 4.6 A majority of the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

- 4.7 The presiding officer shall be the President, or in his absence, the Management Vice President, the Administrative Vice President, the Treasurer, or the Secretary, in that order.

ARTICLE V PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- 5.1 The rules contained in the newest edition of “ROBERTS RULES OR ORDER, NEWLY REVISED” shall govern this **SENATE** organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order (policy) the **SENATE** may adopt.

- 5.2 **DISCIPLINARY ACTION** Disciplinary Action as defined in ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER shall apply to members of the **SENATE** except where conditions defined in paragraphs a) thru d) of REMOVAL OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER shall have priority.

REMOVAL OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

- 5.3 A member of the Board of Directors of the FLJCI Senate, Inc. may be removed from serving the remainder of his term of office for any of the following reasons:

- a) The member moves permanently out of the State of Florida.
- b) The member misses two consecutive board meetings without good cause.
- c) The member violates any of the requirements of the Constitution or the Bylaws of the FLJCI Senate, Inc.
- d) The member conducts himself in such a manner as to cast disparagement upon the organization.
- e) The unwillingness or inability of the member to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which he was elected or appointed.

- 5.4 The recommendations for removal of a member of the Board of Directors can be brought about by any of the following:

- a) The unanimous vote and written recommendation of the officers of the Executive Committee or the unanimous vote and written recommendation of the remaining officers of the Executive Committee if the recommendation is for the removal of a member of the Executive Committee. Said written recommendations shall contain the reasons for the member’s removal.
- b) By written petition containing 25 signatures of Participating and/or Associate Members. Said petition will contain the reasons for the recommendations of removal.

- 5.5 Said recommendation shall be presented to the Board of Directors of the FLJCI Senate, Inc. at a regular meeting or specially called meeting after at least 10 days written notice with copy of recommendations or petition to the member subject to removal, as well as all Board members. Upon the recommendation being presented, duly seconded and debated, and upon a majority vote for removal, it will be presented to the Participating and Associate Members at a regular meeting only after 14 days written notice of the said recommendation has been made to the membership.

- 5.6 The removal of a board member may only be voted on at a regular Senate General Membership Meeting. The Chairman of the Board will be the Presiding Officer over this voting procedure. An affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) will be required to

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remove the Board of Directors Member. The board member will be immediately relieved of all of his/her duties of office if the motion passes. If the board member is removed from office the next order of business will be to open nominations for a replacement for that office. The requirements and procedures used for an annual election will be followed.

ARTICLE VI ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- 6.1 The President shall be chief executive officer of the **SENATE** and the official representative of the **SENATE** and shall preside at all meetings of the membership or of the Board of Directors. He shall uphold the Bylaws of the **SENATE**. He shall appoint such committees as from time to time may be necessary to conduct the business of the **SENATE** and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

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VICE-PRESIDENTS

6.2 Responsibilities

- a) The Management Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence or disability of the President. He shall be responsible for advising, officer training, and coordination of the Board of Directors in their duties. He shall be responsible for all fundraising activities of the **SENATE**. In addition, he shall act as liaison with JCI Florida and shall perform those duties as may be delegated to him by the President.
- b) The Administrative Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President and the Management Vice President. It shall be his primary responsibility to coordinate conventions/conferences and special projects as directed by the Board of Directors. In addition, he shall perform those duties as may be delegated to him by the President.

TREASURER

- 6.3** The Treasurer shall keep complete and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of all financial transactions of the **SENATE**. He shall report in writing at each Board of Directors meeting the financial status of the **SENATE**. It shall be his responsibility to process dues billings to encourage membership in the **SENATE**, and to motivate, develop and coordinate membership renewals throughout the state. He is also responsible for keeping the **SENATE** Directory current and available to other members of the organization as required. In addition, he shall perform those duties as may be delegated to him by the President.

SECRETARY

- 6.4** The Secretary shall be custodian of all official records of the **SENATE**, which include all corporate filings with the State of Florida, Internal Revenue Service, Bylaws, Minutes and Policies and Procedures. He shall supervise and attend to the giving and serving of all official notices of the **SENATE** including “SENATE CHAMBERS” and shall act as Recording Secretary at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors. He shall respond to correspondence as necessary or as directed by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

DIRECTORS, REGIONAL

- 6.5** Each Regional Director of the **SENATE** shall be responsible for coordinating **SENATE** functions that may from time to time occur in his designated region. He shall encourage the Senators in his region to meet on occasion for purposes of fellowship. He shall promote Participating Membership to all Senators-at-Large in his region. In addition, he will act as an advisor to all JCI groups of this region regarding information on Senator Nominee requirements, nomination forms and how they may obtain such items. He shall call an annual regional meeting at which time he may conduct an election for Regional Director. He shall refrain from making any statement or comment to JCI regarding the qualifications of any nominee.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

- 6.6** The Chairman of the Board shall act as an advisor and consultant to the President. He shall be the presiding officer during the annual elections. In addition, he shall perform those duties as may be delegated to him by the President.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

CHAPLAIN

- 6.7** The Chaplain shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall give the non-denominational invocation before all meetings. He shall take proper action to insure an expression of sympathy is sent to Senate Member or Family in the event of sickness or death, including notice to the Editor of "SENATE CHAMBERS." He is responsible for directing the payment of a memorial contribution of \$50 to the FLJCI Senate Foundation, Inc. on behalf of each dues-paying, deceased Participating or Associate Member during the current Senate year.

EDITOR

- 6.8** The Editor shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be required to publish the "SENATE CHAMBERS" 30 days prior to each regularly scheduled meeting and to provide the membership with any special bulletins as may be required by the President or the Board of Directors.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

- 6.9** The Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall make all decisions, as to proper parliamentary procedure as contained in newest edition of ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER and interpretation of these Bylaws. The Parliamentarian's decision in the event of any dispute, as to parliamentary procedure, is final and binding, until it is proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors that the ruling was in error. In addition, he shall be a member, if not Chairman, of any Bylaw Revision or Review committee as appointed by the President.

LEGAL COUNSEL

- 6.10** The Legal Counsel shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall act as an advisor to the President and Board of Directors in such matters as deemed necessary. In addition, he shall represent the **SENATE** in any matter requiring legal representation.

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HISTORIAN

6.11 The Historian shall keep all the history, non-current records and facts of the **SENATE**. He shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. His term of office shall be continuing and automatic except only for removal for good cause, disability or death. In addition, he shall serve as an advisor to the President and Board as they may require regarding past activities and action of the **SENATE**.

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER

6.12 The Financial Compliance Officer shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Appointee shall serve a term of two (2) years with no term limits. The individual must be listed on SunBiz as an officer each year and should have experience in dealing with both Federal and State corporate filings. Communication skills in dealing with legal counsel and all individuals controlling financial accounts under the **FLJCI Senate, Inc.'s**

Federal EIN number are required. The Financial Compliance Officer's duties include:

- 1) To obtain and file Power of Attorney with the I.R.S. upon appointment.
- 2) To assure that the corporation renewal is filed with the state of Florida (SunBiz) by April 30th of each year.
- 3) To assure that the appropriate Corporate form(s) are filed with the State Department of Agriculture by the annual deadline each year, if required.
- 4) To assure that appropriate Federal Tax Form(s) are filed by October 15th each year, unless proper extensions are required.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

7.1 The Board of Directors shall approve the creation of committees as may be necessary to fulfill the expressed purposes of the **SENATE**. Such committee(s) shall exercise powers as shall be conferred upon them by the Board of Directors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.2 There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the following five (5) voting members:

- a) Treasurer
- b) Legal Counsel
- c) Three members at large of which one shall be a past president
- d) Financial Compliance Officer – non voting member. The term of office for (a) shall be one year. The term of office for (c) shall be two years and may be reappointed successively one time.

7.3 Appointments and Purpose

- a) The Finance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and communicating to the Board of Directors the organization's overall financial health by participating in and overseeing:

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- * the organization's budgeting and financial planning,
 - * the preparation and distribution by the Treasurer timely, accurate financial and regulatory reports.
 - * the implementation of safeguards to protect the organization's assets with appropriate internal controls
- b) The President shall make the appointments to the committee and the committee chairperson subject to the approval of the Board of Directors
- c) The Treasurer cannot serve as committee chairperson
- d) The Finance Committee shall review the budget, income and expenditures, of the organization prior to each meeting of the Board of Directors and shall report any recommendations directly to the Board of Directors.

PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

7.4 The Past President Committee shall oversee the Past President's Funds and Life Member Fund. The committee consists of 5 Past Presidents of the FLJCI Senate, Inc. appointed by the President to serve two-year terms. The members of this committee may serve two successive terms. The committee will select a Chairman and Secretary and meet at all FLJCI Senate, Inc. meetings, or other times as designated by the Chairman.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

7.5 The Future Directors Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Committee shall consist of 5 members serving 1-year terms with a 3-year term limit. The purpose of the Committee is to plan for the sustainability of the FLJCI Senate and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and General Membership.

BYLAWS REVIEW AND REVISION COMMITTEE

7.6 The Bylaws Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Committee shall consist of 6 members with 3 members appointed to a 1-year term with a 3-year term limit, consisting of a Past President and 2 members from the general membership. The Parliamentarian and Chairman of the Future Directions Committee shall be voting members. The SENATE Legal Counsel serves as permanent non-voting member. The purpose of the Committee is to review current Bylaws, make recommendations to the Board of Directors and propose Amendments as provided in Article XIII of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

8.1 The Nominating Committee shall:

- a) The charge to the Nominating Committee shall be to review those Senators wishing to run for office on the Executive Committee of the **FLJCI SENATE, INC.** This committee will be non-political and shall review each Senator in respect of past performance and ability to perform the tasks of the office sought. The priority of the committee shall be to recommend a slate of

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officers that will have the dedication and ability to serve in the best interest and tradition of the **FLJCI SENATE. INC.**

- b) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. Three of these shall be the immediate three **ACTIVE** Past Presidents. The other two shall be appointed by the majority vote of the three Past Presidents and selected from the general membership of those not seeking an office.
- c) The immediate Past President shall serve as chairman. Tenure of the appointed members for the committee shall not exceed two consecutive years.
- d) The recommended slate of officers shall be presented at the Winter Conference Meeting.
- e) “ACTIVE” shall be defined as attending no less than 50% of the **SENATE** State Meetings during the preceding year and a commitment to continue.

MANNER OF NOMINATION

8.2 Nominations shall be made by the following means:

- a) Nominations for election to the Executive Committee by the Nomination Committee will be made at the conference preceding the conference at which elections will take place.
- b) Other nominations for the Executive Committee shall be made by petition and/or verbally to the chairman of the Nomination Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of elections. It will be the duty of the chairman to notify all parties that may be affected.
- c) Nominations and election of Regional Directors shall be held prior to or at the annual meeting. Such elections shall be conducted by the outgoing Regional Director and be held separately by regions.
- d) If at the time of the elections meeting, there are no nominations for an office, then nominations for that office may be made from the floor.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

8.3 The Elections committee shall be comprised of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Elections Chairman), the Secretary and Treasurer. The Elections Chairman, who is the Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, an “Active” past officer appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall be responsible for running the Elections. The Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the election. The Treasurer shall be responsible for certification of the members that are eligible to vote.

VOTING

8.4 If a position is contested, all votes shall be properly marked on an official ballot. The candidate receiving a majority of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

COUNTING OF BALLOTS

8.5 The Elections Chairman, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall, prior to the elections, appoint not less than three (3) non-candidates to serve as Scrutinizers. The

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Scrutinizers shall count the ballots and certify the results of the election to the Elections Chairman who in turn shall announce the results.

INSTALLATION

- 8.6** The installation of the newly elected Board of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX TREASURY

GENERAL FUND

- 9.1** All funds realized from the operation of the **SENATE** shall be added to the Operating Account of the **SENATE**.
- 9.2** All monies received by the **SENATE** shall be disbursed as provided in these Bylaws solely for carrying out the purposes set forth herein.
- 9.3** At no time shall any money be paid to the membership in the form of a share of the profits, installment of earnings or dividends or as may be otherwise provided by law as disbursement of capital.

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PAST PRESIDENT’S FUNDS

9.4 Past President’s Funds’ Procedures:

- a) There shall be established in a reputable banking, savings, loan, or securities institution an interest-bearing account entitled The FLJCI Senate, Inc. Past President’s Fund separate and apart from the **FLJCI Senate Inc.** general fund accounts to be administered by the Past Presidents Committee..
- b) The purpose of this account is to ensure the continuation of funding for the Florida JCI Senators, Inc.
- c) The method of the funding of this account is as follows:
 - a.1) Any proceeds from all National Meetings hosted by the **FLJCI Senate, Inc.** that are not designated for other purposes by the host committee shall be invested in this fund.
 - a.2) Individual contributions by members of the **FLJCI Senate, Inc.** and others.
 - a.3) Any and all other fund-raising activities approved by the committee of this fund and the **FLJCI Senate, Inc.**
- d) All proceeds in the form of interest or investment gains derived by this fund shall be disbursed to the FLJCI Senate, Inc. in June of the new fiscal year to be utilized that year. In no instance, shall the principal funds be reduced or invaded at any time.
- e) In the event of the termination of the **FLJCI Senate, Inc.**, the principal, interest and all proceeds of this fund shall be distributed to the Florida JCI Senate Foundation, Inc. for their program or distributing scholarships.
- f) All fund account statements shall be provided to the Treasurer of the FLJCI Senate, Inc, as the Financial Officer of the corporation and to the finance committee chairman.
- g) All investment proposals of this committee are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

LIFE MEMBER FUND

9.5 Life Member Fund Procedures

- a) There shall be established an interest-bearing account titled FLJCI Senate Life Member Account in a reputable bank, savings & loan or securities institution.
- b) The account is funded by the payment of Life Members as set forth in Article X.
- c) The purpose of the account is to pay the annual membership dues to the US JCI Senate for all living Life Members. If the account generates funds in excess of the dues requirement, only that portion required for dues payment for the number of Life Members the previous year, shall be withdrawn.
- d) The funds shall be overseen by the Past President’s Committee as set forth in Article IX. Section 9.4 of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X LIFE MEMBERSHIP

10.1 Life Members of the FLJCI SENATE, INC. shall consist of the following:

- a) Senators desirous of becoming Life Members of the FLJCI SENATE, INC. may become Life Members by paying a one-time fee of 10 times the annual Participating Membership dues.
- b) All Past Presidents of the FLJCI Senate, Inc. are provided Life Membership.
- c) If Chairman of the Board is not a Life Member, the annual budget should contain funds for payment of Life Membership.

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10.2 A Life Membership can be purchased in the following payment plan: \$100 down payment and \$50.00 (or more) per month until the balance due is satisfied.

- a) A Certificate and badge are to be issued only upon completion of payment.
- b) In a case where some monies are paid, and plan is to be discontinued by payee or payment not made timely, said plan shall terminate and the down payment as well as 10% (ten percent) of all monies received shall be forfeited; all other monies shall be returned.

10.3 A Life Member is entitled to the following benefits:

- a) Life Membership in the Florida JCI Senate, which includes:
 - 1) Life Member badge
 - 2) Certificate of Life Membership
 - 3) All privileges of Participating Members
- b) Membership dues in the US JCI Senate

A Life Member's dues will be paid to the US JCI Senate for life, and will terminate only upon death, resignation or any applicable terms as stated in the FL JCI Senate Bylaws.

- c) The life membership monies shall have one third go into the general operations funds and two thirds go to the life membership fund.

ARTICLE XI

JCI SENATORS OF FLORIDA FOUNDATION, INC.

11.1 The JCI Senators of Florida Foundation, Inc., herein after referred to as "**The Foundation**", is organized for the purpose of providing education scholarship assistance to deserving high school seniors in conjunction with the scholarship program established by the Foundation.

11.2 Memorial Contribution

a) Upon the death of a dues-paying Participating member or Associate Member or life member of the **SENATE**, a memorial contribution to The Foundation shall be made on behalf of the deceased member in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

b) This money shall be drawn from the Operating Account and paid at the end of the **SENATE** fiscal year.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

12.1 In the event of the dissolution of the **FLJCI SENATE, INC.**, all assets remaining after the payment of any lawful debts of the corporation shall be distributed to a charitable educational foundation recognized as such by the IRS Code, i.e., Section 4945(g)(1) or Section 501(c)(3).

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ARTICLE XIII BYLAWS AND POLICY

AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS

13.1 These Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Participating and Associate Members present and voting at any regularly scheduled meeting, but only after written copies of the proposed amendments thereof have been emailed or mailed to each Participating and Associate Member of the **SENATE** at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of voting.

POLICY

13.2 The Executive Committee is hereby authorized to establish a Policy and Procedures Manual. This is to provide a method whereby the historical policies of the **SENATE**, the traditional procedures, administrative routines, pomp, ceremony, and other semi-official activities may be recorded. The policy manual shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis and be available on the Senate website. Any additions, deletions or changes in policy may be accomplished by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Board of Directors.

SOCIAL MEDIA

13.3 The FLJCI Senate, Inc. social media (Facebook) page is solely designed for communications of SENATE information only. All postings require approval of one of the page's administrators.

ARTICLE XIV NON-INTERFERENCE

14.1 The **SENATE** as an organization at any meeting of its membership shall not undertake any consideration, vote upon or announce any endorsements for any regular JCI candidates seeking office within local JCI chapters or the state JCI organization.

ARTICLE XV CONVENTIONS & DELEGATIONS

15.1 Delegations consisting of the appropriate number of members, as determined by the voting structure of the national and international Senate events, shall represent and vote the will of the SENATE at such events and shall exercise only those powers vested in them by the Board of Directors.

- a) The official **SENATE** delegations shall be under the leadership of its current President. The delegation to the Annual National Meeting shall be under the leadership of the outgoing President. If the President is not in attendance, then leadership shall go in descending order to the next officer in attendance.
- b) Descending order shall be defined as President, Management Vice President,

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Administrative Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President, and Regional Directors. If more than one (1) Director is in attendance, the delegation shall determine through secret ballot to which Director leadership will be assigned.

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BYLAWS ADOPTION, AMENDMENT AND REVISION DATES:

FLJCI SENATE BYLAWS ADOPTED: MAY 17, 2014

**ANNUAL MEETING - INTERNATIONAL PALMS RESORT, COCOA BEACH, FL.
DON EBBITT #58601 - PRESIDENT FL JCI SENATE
NANCY JEWELL #64288 - SECRETARY FL JCI SENATE**

AMENDED: AUGUST 9, 2014

**AUGUST CONFERENCE - ST. AUGUSTINE, FL.
HAL WILLIAMS #43912 - PRESIDENT FL JCI SENATE
BILL HOSSMAN #41293 - SECRETARY FLJCI SENATE**

AMENDED: FEBRUARY 20, 2021

**WINTER CONFERENCE - COCOA BEACH, FL.
DAWNE SUTHERLAND #68900 - PRESIDENT FL JCI SENATE
DEB PRICE #71777 - SECRETARY FL JCI SENATE**

AMENDED: FEBRUARY 19, 2022

**WINTER CONFERENCE – MAITLAND, FL.
BJ CRAFT #45900 – PRESIDENT FL JCI SENATE
MIKE SAWYER #36403 – SECRETARY FL JCI SENATE**

AMENDED: FEBRUARY 10, 2024

**WINTER CONFERENCE – DAYTONA BEACH, FL.
JACI NEWMARK #56368 – PRESIDENT FL JCI SENATE
AMELIA HARRISON #62082 – SECRETARY FL JCI SENATE**