

**San Mango d'Aquino Society Inc.
Of Winnipeg, (Canada)
Constitution**

Article 1 – Name

The name of the organization shall be the “S.Mango d’Aquino Society” Inc. hereinafter referred to as the “the Society”.

Article 2 – Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be:

1. To strengthen the common bond of friendship, cooperation and mutual respect by creating meaningful opportunities to meet formally as a group and work towards the achievement of common goals.
2. To preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Sammanghesi families in Winnipeg.
3. To establish and maintain contact with the hometown in Italy
4. To work cooperatively with local Italian-Canadian Organizations and contribute to the advancement of the Italian community in the Manitoba context.
5. To celebrate salient aspects of the social, cultural and religious tradition.
6. To instill a sense of pride in the Sammanghese origin, foster respect for and appreciation of children and the elderly and encourage active participation of women and youth in all affairs of the organization.

Article 3 – Membership

1. The membership shall consist of five categories:
 - a. Family
 - b. Single
 - c. Student
 - d. Senior (65 years of age and over)
 - e. Honourary (to be determined at the discretion of the Executive Committee)
2. Members must be of Sammanghese-Italian descent or be related by marriage to a person of Sammanghese-Italian descent.
3. Members who have paid their fees shall be considered members in good standing.

Article 4 – Officers

1. Executive – The affairs of the Society shall be administered by an Executive comprised of officers elected by the assembly at the Annual General Meeting.

2. Executive Officers – Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four dictators at large, one of whom shall act as financial auditor.
3. The Executive officers shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual general meeting of the Society; however they are re-eligible for consecutive terms.
4. In the event of a vacancy in the executive, a member (not being a member of the Executive) shall be appointed by the Executive to fill the vacancy until the general meeting can be called to elect a replacement.
5. Executive officers may not serve on the Executive and/or Board of another organization that would conflict with the objectives of the Society.

Article 5 – Duties of Officers

- a) President – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society; he/she shall preside at all meetings and shall speak on behalf of the Society. The President shall be an ex officio member of all the Society's committees.
- b) Vice President – The Vice – President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon by the President and by the Executive. Should both the President and the Vice-President be absent or disabled, the performance of their powers and duties shall be delegated to a chairperson appointed by the Executive.
- c) Secretary – The Secretary shall notify all members of meetings, shall record and distribute minutes of the meetings and shall handle all correspondence.
- d) Treasurer – The Treasurer shall make all bank deposits, pay all accounts, collect dues and maintain proper financial records of the Society. At the annual general meeting, the treasurer shall make available the financial statement for the past fiscal year.
- e) Past President – The Past President shall be a member of the executive and shall serve on the Nominating Committee.
- f) Directors at Large – The Directors at large shall attend the Executive meetings and do such tasks as may be assigned by the President.

Article 6 – Dismissal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from his/her position by a two thirds majority vote at any general meeting of the Society, providing fifteen (15) days notice of the proposal to remove such officer has been sent to all members.

Article 7 – Finance

1. The membership fees shall be set by the Executive. Recommended fees shall be brought before the general membership for their acceptance.
2. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin January 1st and end December 31st.

3. Documents, cheques or other instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Society shall be signed by those to who the Executive Committee has granted such authority.
4. The President, or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President, together with one other Executive member may decide on expenditures up to \$100.00; sums in excess of this amount shall have prior approval by the Executive.

Article 8 – Meetings of the Executive

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the 15th day of March.
2. A notice of the meeting including time, location and agenda shall be mailed to all members at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.
3. Each full member, in good standing for the previous six months and present at the meeting, shall have one vote; the right to vote is granted to all members who are 18 years of age and over.
4. The quorum shall be 25% of the voting Members of the Society including the Executive. If after one hour from the time set for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be rescheduled.
5. The proceedings shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order”, except as otherwise stipulated in this Constitution.

Article 10 – Election of Officers

1. ONE
 - a. A Nominating Committee consisting of the Past President and two members (one of who is not a member of the Executive) shall be appointed by the Executive. One of these three members, not being a member of the Executive, is designated Chairperson. The committee shall nominate candidates for the offices to be filled and present its report to the Annual General Meeting. Members of the committee are not eligible for nomination.
 - b. Nominations from the floor will be accepted following the report of the nominating committee.
 - c. To be eligible for nomination the candidate must have been a full member of the Society for the past year. Each nominee must confirm in writing, if absent from the meeting, or verbally at the meeting, acceptance of the nomination.
2. TWO
 - a. In the event of more than one candidate for a particular office, election by secret ballot shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Article 11 – Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended at the Annual General Meeting or any special General Meeting provided that all members have been advised in writing of the amendment (s) at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Article 12 – Dissolution

The members shall have no interest in the property and assets of the Society. Upon dissolution or winding up, any funds or assets of the Society, remaining after the satisfactions of its debts and liabilities, shall be decided upon by a majority vote at a special general meeting convened for this specific purpose.

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