

BYLAWS FOR CHARTERED
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TEXAS EXES

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization is the *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network* (referred to as "*The Network*"), a component of The Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas at Austin (referred to hereinafter in these bylaws as "The Texas Exes" or "The Association"), with renewal ratified annually by The Association's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network* strives to connect ALL alumni who share an affinity for our Hispanic alum and Hispanic student community. We offer outreach activities and special events that support the goals of *The Network*. The HAN will promote the Hispanic Texas Exes Challenge Grant Scholarship and the Hispanic Texas Exes scholarships. The HAN is committed to providing opportunities and support to our alumni and students.

ARTICLE III MISSION

The mission of *The Network* is to identify, inform, and involve Hispanic alumni in all aspects of the Texas Exes; to recruit and retain Hispanic students and connect them with alumni through networking and scholarships.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Section 1. Membership

The membership of *The Network* consists of the Life Member and current dues-paying members of The Texas Exes, who have an affiliation with *The Network's* purpose.

Section 2. Committee

Membership

The membership of *The Network Committee* ("the Committee") will not exceed 40 members. In the inaugural year of The Committee, members will be comprised of all *The Committee* members at the time the bylaws are adopted. *The Committee* members shall serve 3 year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Committee Membership Qualifications

The Hispanic Alumni Network Committee membership requirements are:

- Current member of The Texas Exes
- Participate in regularly scheduled Network committee meetings in person, via phone or video conference

Section 4: Committee Nominations

The Committee shall vote on the appointment of Members annually prior to the beginning of *The Network's* leadership year. The slate of potential Members shall be compiled by (1) letter of interest; (2) Self-nomination, and/or (3) recommendation.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Current members of *The Network Committee* who are affiliated with this group are eligible for election to the Leadership Team of the *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network*. The Leadership Team shall include officers and standing committee chairs.

Section 2. Officers shall be selected from the current members of *The Network Committee*. A membership committee consisting of at least three current *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network* members shall be appointed by *The Network Committee Chair* and approved by majority vote of the Members. A slate of officers shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee.

Officers and duties shall include:

- Chair - The Chair shall preside over meetings of the general membership and meetings of the Leadership Team. The Chair shall be answerable to the Leadership Team and Texas Exes and shall be subject to all legal and reasonable demands and restrictions duly made by *The Network*.
- Chair Elect - The Chair Elect shall be the vice-chairperson of the Leadership Team and general membership. In the absence of the Chair or when the Chair has been removed or has resigned, the Chair Elect shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Chair Elect shall be answerable to the Leadership Team and shall be subject to all legal and reasonable demands and restrictions duly made by the

Leadership Team.

- Secretary- The Secretary shall take minutes of all such meetings including Leadership Team meetings and preserve such minutes for inspection by the membership.
- Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for budgetary accounting and shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee concerning fiscal conditions. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all financial accounts controlled or owned by *The Network Committee* and be responsible for the preparation of annual fiscal reports. The Treasurer shall be subject to all legal and reasonable demands and restrictions duly made by the Leadership Team.
- Immediate Past Chair - The Immediate Past Chair provides advice and leadership to the Leadership Team regarding past practices and other matters to assist in governing *The Network Committee*. The Immediate Past Chair supports the Chair and the Chair-Elect on an as-needed basis.
- Membership Chair- The Membership Chair shall preside over the Hispanic Membership Committee, ensuring members meet *The Network* qualifications, track membership numbers and develop incentives for membership.

Section 3. If a Leadership Team member is not able to fulfill his term, the Chair of *The Network* may fill the remaining term by appointment.

Section 4. The chair of *The Network* will be a member of The Texas Exes Council (as per The Texas Exes Association's bylaws). The Council shall be composed of a broad and diverse cross-section of members who represent the interests and concerns of the various constituencies as they relate to The Texas Exes' goals and activities. Council members shall stay informed of alumni and University issues and shall promote The Texas Exes and its activities to their constituencies.

Section 5. The annual term of office for *The Network's* Leadership Team shall be July 1 through June 30, in accordance with The Texas Exes Association's leadership year.

Section 6. The Leadership Team shall have standing committees to facilitate the mission and objectives of the organization. Those committees are:

- Alumni Communication and Outreach - Purpose of this committee is to reach out to alumni through communication outlets via e-newsletters, service projects, social networking activities, social media, and other means to connect our shared pride and loyalty to The University of Texas at Austin.
- Student Outreach and Recruitment - Committee on Student Outreach and Recruitment seeks to engage current UT Austin students with Texas Exes

activities and recruit prospective students to enroll at UT. The committee will support students through mentoring, serving as role models, and designing opportunities to enrich both current and prospective student college experiences.

- **Fiesta** - *The Network's* annual Fiesta reunion raises funds to support both the Hispanic Texas Exes Challenge Grant Scholarship and the Hispanic Texas Exes Scholarship. The committee is responsible for organizing the annual fundraiser by planning the event including program agenda, entertainment, logistics coordination, and solicitation of donations for the silent auction, live auction, raffle, and activity prizes.
- **Scholarship** - The Hispanic Texas Exes Challenge Grant Scholarship was established by the Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Advisory Committee to “raise the bar” for Hispanic alumni involvement at UT Austin by challenging all Hispanic alumni to join its campaign to raise funds for scholarships. The committee is responsible for reviewing scholarship applications and making final selections for the annual scholarship recipients.
- **Finance** - This committee shall be in charge of all budgetary and fundraising activities and shall be chaired by the Treasurer. Specifically, this committee shall monitor *The Network's* budget, and identify ways to increase financial contributions to *The Network*, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Exes Association. This committee is responsible for presenting financial statements and making recommendations to the Leadership Team concerning fiscal conditions.
- **Membership** - The Membership committee will receive the names of proposed new members and after careful consideration of their interests and qualifications, will submit the list to the *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network* for membership. The name of a proposed new member may be presented to the Membership Committee at any time. The individual must be sponsored by a HAN member. The Membership committee will be responsible for sponsoring an orientation session for new members at a place to be determined prior to attending their first meeting.
- **Service Projects** – This committee was established to serve the requests of alumni with an emphasis and focus on alumni community service projects.
- **Fundraiser** - This committee was established to provide oversight and guidance to and participation in raising all funds to support the work of the HAN organization, volunteers, and HAN alumni.

ARTICLE VI USE OF FUNDS AND DISSOLUTION

The Network Committee shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and

purposes specified in these Bylaws and no part of its funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the organization. Upon dissolution of *The Network*, any funds remaining shall be distributed to *Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network* scholarships.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

The Network's Leadership Team shall meet at least twice annually. Other meetings and activities may be held as deemed desirable by *The Network's* Leadership Team, in order to meet *The Network Committee's* mission. *The Network Committee* will conduct meetings no less than 4 times per year. These meetings may occur in person, via phone, etc.

One third of the members shall constitute a quorum. Five (5) days' notice of a meeting change shall be given to members unless the change is due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

A majority of *The Network Committee's* members shall constitute a quorum at all Leadership Team meetings.

ARTICLE VIII REORGANIZATION

In the event an annual election of *The Network's* Leadership Team is not held and there is no organized network activity for at least two years, The Association's Chair may appoint a new Network Leadership Team in order to reorganize *The Network*.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended with both the approval of *The Network's* Leadership Team and ratification by *The Network Committee's* membership at a regular or called meeting with at least five current Texas Exes members signing the amendment, as long as the amendment follows Association bylaws and policy. Notice of the amendment shall be communicated at least five days (5) prior to such meeting, any Member may cast a vote for an amendment either in person at the membership meeting, by proxy or by electronic mail. A proxy shall be in writing, dated and signed by the absent voting member and must designate who shall have the power to execute the proxy. Proxies must be received by the Secretary by the cut-off date for the receipt of the same indicated in the meeting notice and verified before the time the vote is taken.

Amendments to the By-laws become effective for the fiscal year during which they were approved.

ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for *The Network* shall begin July 1 and end June 30.

ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the club may adopt.

Bylaws adopted on _____, 2016

Carlos Cal
Network Chair

Network Chair-Elect

The following are ten (10) current members of The Texas Exes in good standing. As required by Association Bylaws, they sign below to signify their agreement with and support of the forgoing Network Bylaws.

Carlos Cal
Diana D. Mil
Erica Saenz
Ausara Aleman
Aracelis
Myra Leo

Melina Castro
Jose M. Roque
Imani Rodriguez
Lizetha Rendon
Don Lerra Duetts