

Friends of Swaziland
Constitution
Original – Adopted?

Article I. Name. The name of the organization shall be the “Friends of Swaziland.”

Article II. Purpose. The purpose of the organization is to 1) provide a communications network; 2) to organize and or promote projects to aid Swaziland or Swazis; 3) to promote the third goal of the Peace Corps with emphasis on Swaziland.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for purposes as specified above which are in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt form Federal income tax under IRC 501c(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax law.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as provided by IRC 501(h) and does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication and distribution of statements), any political campaign or behalf of any candidates for public office.

Article III. Affiliation. “Friends of Swaziland” is an affiliated group of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Article IV. Membership.

4.1 Membership in Friends of Swaziland is open to anyone with significant interest in Swaziland without regard to group affiliation or nationality.

4.2 Annual membership dues are \$15.00 per person.

Article V. Officers.

5.1 The officers of the organization shall be; Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson, Treasurer, and Training Group Coordinators.

5.2 The officers of the organization shall be members.

5.3 Officers shall serve a term of two years commencing on October 1, on the year elected.

Article VI. Meetings.

6.1 The Annual meeting will be held at the National Conference.

6.2 Regional Meetings and Training Group Meetings will be held when possible.

Article VII. Amendments.

7.1 Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member in person or in writing at the Annual Meeting. Amendments approved at the Annual Meeting will be voted on by the membership through mail.

7.2 Amendments to the constitution shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of responding members.

Article VIII. Ratification. Ratification by 2/3 vote of responding members shall be sufficient to establish this constitution.

By-Laws of the Friends of Swaziland

Section 1. Officers.

1.1 The Chairperson shall be the executive officer of the organization. The Chairperson will preside over the annual meeting and represent the group at official functions.

1.2 The Newsletter Editor will be responsible for editing the newsletter.

1.3 The Membership Chairperson/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining contact with training group members and aiding the membership chair in locating lost members. Training Group Coordinators are also responsible for initiating group projects and reporting such activities to the membership via the Newsletter.

Section 2. Elections.

2.1 Nominations for all officers will be held at the Annual Meeting.

2.2 Elections will be held via mail. Ballots will appear in the summer issue of the "Magic Kingdom".

2.3 Results of the elections will be announced in the fall issue of the "Magic Kingdom".

Section 3. Committees.

3.1 Committees may be established by approval of the officers and shall perform such duties as defined in their establishment.

Section 4. Revenue.

4.1 Membership dues of \$15.00 per person shall be paid to the treasurer.

4.2 Revenue from other sources may be raised as determined by agreement of the officers.

4.3 Disbursement of revenue shall be made with the approval of the officers.

4.4 The treasurer shall be responsible for the accountability of revenue and will submit a finance report to the Newsletter editor for quarterly publication.

4.5 No part of the net earnings of the organization, shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member or officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.

Section 5. Amendments of the By- Laws.

5.1 Amendments to the by-laws may be proposed by any member in person or in writing at the Annual Meeting. Amendments approved at the meeting will be voted on by the membership through mail.

5.2 Amendments to the by-laws shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of responding members.

Section 6. Dissolution.

6.1 In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.