

BYLAWS  
of  
The Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice  
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Article I: Offices

The principal offices of the corporation shall be located in Lawrence, Kansas. The principal area of operation shall be the city of Lawrence and surrounding region.

Article II: Purpose

1. The corporation is organized for the purpose of promoting awareness of and involvement in issues of peace and justice at home and abroad.
2. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article III: Membership

Membership in the corporation shall be open to the public in general. Members are those persons who have paid annual dues of \$3.00 and who have attended at least three meetings or other Coalition activities during the preceding twelve months.

Article IV: Structure

1. The corporation shall hold regular monthly meetings, at which policy shall be established and other business transacted. The meeting in April shall be designated as the Corporation Annual Meeting, for the purpose of presenting a yearly financial report and electing officers for the coming year.
2. Six members or two officers plus other members present shall constitute a quorum at corporation monthly meetings.
3. Decisions shall be reached by consensus. A proposal shall be considered as having been adopted when the question "are there any objections to this proposal?" is met with silence, indicating general consent. If one or more members object to a proposal, consensus is lacking, and any of the following procedures may then be pursued:

- (a) the proposal is considered as not adopted.
  - (b) conduct further discussion in an effort to reach consensus.
  - (c) table the matter for action at a later meeting.
  - (d) decide the matter by a simple majority vote, providing that 2/3 of those present agree to conduct such a vote.
4. The corporation may include committees, as follows:
- a) *Standing Committees*:
    - i. Education Committee, which organizes lectures, forums, and other activities designed to stimulate awareness and discussion of peace and justice issues.
    - ii. Action Committee, which organizes expressive activities such as vigils and demonstrations designed to draw attention to and enable the expression of opinion about peace and justice issues.
    - iii. Publications Committee, which publishes the corporation's newsletter--the *Peace Monitor*--and other occasional publications.
    - iv. Funding Committee, which generates revenue for the corporation.
    - v. Outreach Committee, which establishes and maintains cooperative relationships with other organizations with complementary purposes.
  - b) *Ad hoc* committees, as may from time to time be required.
5. Each committee shall have a chair, and shall hold meetings to carry out its functions. Decisions shall be reached by consensus, as defined in Article IV (3) above. Committee chairs shall report on committee projects at the monthly meetings of the corporation, and all such projects are subject to approval by the corporation.

#### Article V: Officers and Board of Directors

- 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 2. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of its officers and the chairs of the standing committees.
- 3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of members attending at the Corporation Annual Meeting for terms of one year. Officers may succeed themselves.
- 4. Standing committee chairs shall be elected by majority vote of members attending at the April committee meeting (or the first committee meeting thereafter if none is held in April) for terms of one year. Committee chairs may succeed themselves.

5. If a corporation office or committee chair is vacant, the position shall be filled as soon as possible by election at a monthly or committee meeting, with the replacement filling out the remainder of the term.
6. The duties of the committee chairs are to preside at committee meetings, coordinate all committee projects, and report on committee projects to the monthly meetings of the corporation.
7. The duties of the Coordinator are to preside at monthly corporation meetings, recruit corporation officers, appoint *ad hoc* committees, serve as center of communication for the corporation, and act as the primary spokes-person for the corporation as a whole.
8. The duties of the Secretary are to conduct correspondence, record minutes of the monthly meetings, file the annual report with the Kansas Secretary of State, and conduct meetings in the absence of the Coordinator.
9. The duties of the Treasurer are to maintain the corporations financial books and accounts, make all deposits, withdrawals, reimbursements, payments, contributions and receipts, deliver financial reports to the monthly and corporation annual meetings, and file necessary tax forms.

#### Article VI: Restrictions

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.
2. No substantial part of the funds of the corporation shall be used for formal lobbying attempts, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### Article VII: Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended, altered, repealed or added to at any monthly meeting of the corporation. Notice of such action on the bylaws shall be announced to the membership at the previous monthly meeting and/or by publication in the corporation's newsletter, the *Peace Monitor*.

## Article VIII: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or any other purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.