



UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE 1. NAME AND AFFILIATION

1. The Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada (USRA) is an integral and official component organization of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL), subordinate to the USRL on a coordinating basis.
2. The official logo of the Association shall be:



When colorized the maple leaf shall be the red color used on the Canadian flag. The trident shall be the yellow color used on the Ukrainian flag and the banner and the Association name shall be the blue colour used on the Ukrainian flag. The background and the acronym TYC shall be white.

3. The official flag of the Association shall consist of the colorized logo centered on the flag with two borders of blue colour (as on the Ukrainian flag).

ARTICLE 2. AIMS AND OBJECTS

1. To perform deeds and acts that contribute to the continual growth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and to encourage its members to practice and live by the Christian principles as enunciated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.
2. To develop and maintain within its membership profound pride, love and respect for their Ukrainian heritage and to promote the study and knowledge of the history and geography of Ukraine, its language, literature, music, arts and crafts, traditions and customs, as distinctive attributes of their identity.
3. To promote the welfare of and co-operate with the member organizations, institutions and affiliated members associated under the Ukrainian Self-Reliance league of Canada, paying particular attention to CYMK where we shall take an active role in helping CYMK grow, prosper and develop future leaders.
4. To promote within the Ukrainian Canadian community an attitude of excellence in Canadian citizenship, to cultivate among its members a deep and abiding understanding of and respect for parliamentary institutions and the rule of law and the obligation to respect the rights of others.

5. To encourage club members, by precept and example, to lead lives based on the principles of self-respect, self-reliance and resourcefulness.
6. To aid Ukrainians in the Diaspora in their struggles for cultural, religious and human rights and in their homeland for human rights and for the rule of law.

ARTICLE 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person may apply for membership in the Association providing that the person:

1. agrees to follow the bylaws of the Association, and agrees with the ideology and objects of the USRL.
2. is at least 18 years of age.
3. is of Ukrainian descent or espoused to a person of Ukrainian descent
4. is a Canadian citizen or a resident of Canada.

ARTICLE 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Active member(s) shall be admitted to membership according to the following procedure:
 1. a completed application form containing the signed endorsement of at least two active members in good standing shall be submitted to the Secretary of the branch.
 2. each application shall be considered by the Executive.
 3. upon placement of the application before a general meeting by the Executive, an application shall be accepted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general meeting.
 4. following a favourable decision by the membership the applicant shall be personally notified and the membership fees shall then be secured.
 5. the member shall then be inducted into the Association.
2. Life members and Honorary members shall be elected as such by a two-thirds vote of the Branch membership in good standing after recommendations have been received from the Branch Executive,
3. Membership fees and dues shall be payable on an annual basis. Such fees and dues may include apportionments for branch, provincial and national requirements, which shall be fixed from time to time by majority votes of:
 1. the branches with respect to branch apportionments and requirements, and
 2. the national convention with respect to national and provincial apportionments and requirements.
4. The affiliation of a branch shall become effective only when ratified by the USRA National Executive.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in these bylaws, a member shall be considered in good standing at the respective branch or at the national level during a fiscal period for which the member's membership fees and dues have been received by the respective administrative level, unless the member's privilege of memberships is withdrawn by way of provisions contained in these bylaws.

ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Membership in this Association shall be Active, Life, Honorary and Member-at-large classifications, as hereinafter defined.

1. Active Membership

- a. The Active membership of this Association shall consist of persons of good character and community standing who meet the eligibility requirements for membership.
 - i. An Active member shall, upon payment of annual membership fees and dues, be entitled to all the privileges of the Association.

2. Life Membership

- a. Any Active member who has maintained membership in the Association for twenty-five years or more, and who has performed some distinguished service to further the aims and objects of the Association may be nominated for Life membership.
 - i. A Life member shall have one's annual membership fees and dues paid for by the branch and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association.

3. Honorary Membership

- a. Any person who has performed some distinguished public service and who is not a member of this Association may be nominated as an Honorary member of this Association for the period of one (1) year.
- b. Election to Honorary membership requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the branch membership meeting. An Honourary member may be re-nominated and re-elected on an annual basis.
 - i. An Honourary member will not pay annual membership fees and dues and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office.

4. Members-at-Large

- a. A Member-at-large is an individual who has been a member of the USRA branch for three (3) years or more and who finds himself living or working long distances from USRA branches, may become a Member-at-large by applying to and paying annual dues as assessed by the National Executive. Such member will be issued a distinct membership card which will entitle such a member to visit meetings of USRA branches and to attend functions of such branches. Such membership carries no voting privileges but such members would receive communications, newsletters and other communications from the National Executive.

5. Affiliate Clubs

- a. Any organization that does similar community work as TYC and shares the same aims and objects as TYC, may apply to become an affiliate club. The club would apply to National TYC for affiliation and would pay an agreed upon membership fee. All members of the affiliate club would be entitled to the same benefits as a TYC member other than that of holding a National TYC executive position.

ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE

1. Any member who has not paid membership fees and dues by April 1 of the membership year shall be considered not in good standing and may, at the direction of the respective Executive, stand suspended. The suspended member must be so notified in writing by the respective Secretary.
2. Such member upon payment of arrears and upon making application to the respective Executive for re-instatement may be re-instated by the respective Executive and be so notified by the Secretary.
3. Any member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of this Association and against whom such charges are sustained, after due and proper hearing before the Executive, may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the meeting of members over which the Executive has jurisdiction.
4. An appeal of an expulsion may be made as outlined in Article 7 “Appeal Procedure.”
5. Any person or group of persons whose membership in this Association has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the Association or part thereof, and all rights to use of the Association name, emblem of other insignia.

ARTICLE 7. APPEAL PROCEDURE

The following levels must be followed for all appeals:

1. Branch Executive
2. Branch Membership Meeting
3. Provincial Executive
4. National Executive
5. National Convention

ARTICLE 8. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION

The National Executive shall consist of twelve (12) officers:

1. Immediate Past President
2. President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Eastern Canada Director
7. Manitoba Director
8. Saskatchewan Director
9. Alberta Director
10. British Columbia Director
11. Member-at-large
12. CYMK Liaison
13. Chaplain

ARTICLE 9. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ROLES

1. The **PRESIDENT** shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside over all meetings of the National Executive. He shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.
2. The **VICE PRESIDENT**, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings of the National Executive. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office, or as may be assigned to him by the President or the National Executive.
3. The **SECRETARY** shall keep the records of the membership, the membership fees and dues and minutes of the meetings of the National Executive. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the Association and at such other times as the President or the National Executive may require. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the Secretary.
4. The **TREASURER**, subject to the provisions of any resolution of the National Executive, shall have the care and custody of all funds and securities of the Association and shall deposit same in the official depositories and shall disburse same on order of the National Executive. His accounts and books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the President, the National Executive, and the audit committee. He shall make a report to the annual meeting of the Association and at such other times as the President or the National Executive may require. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the Treasurer.
5. The **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Executive.
6. The **PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS** shall co-ordinate the activities of the branches in their respective jurisdictions and shall act as liaisons between the branches and National office, and be representatives to the Provincial bodies of the USRL.
7. The **MEMBER-AT-LARGE** shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Executive.
8. The **CYMK LIAISON** shall act as a link between the National office of USRA and the constituent youth organization of the USRL. When possible the CYMK Liaison will attend meetings of the National Executive of the youth organization to assist with the development of our youth. The CYMK Liaison will report to the USRA National Executive on the youth organization activities and give recommendations as to how the USRA may assist them.

ARTICLE 10. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE GUIDELINES

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the National Executive.
2. Each National Executive officer shall be a member in good standing of a USRA branch.
3. The National Executive shall enter upon their official duties on the date of their election and shall serve until the next National Convention of the USRA or until successors are duly elected. The position of an officer of the National Executive shall be automatically vacated:
 - a. if he resigns his office by delivering a written resignation to the National Executive Secretary.
 - b. if he stands suspended or expelled from membership. Provided that, if any vacancy shall occur for any reason contained in this paragraph or through death, the National Executive, by a majority vote, may by appointment fill the vacancy with a member in good standing, whose tenure by appointment shall not extend beyond the end of the current term of the executive which may appoint him.
4. The National Executive shall meet at least one (1) time in each calendar year; it is understood that a meeting by conference call or by some other electronic form is acceptable. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large) shall meet as often as required.
5. If all National Executive officers consent thereto generally or in respect of a particular meeting, an officer or any number of officers may participate in a meeting of the National Executive or of a committee of the National Executive by way of a conference call which permits all persons participating in such a meeting to hear each other. An Executive officer participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. A resolution in writing, signed by all officers entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the National Executive or one of its committees respectively, is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of National Executive or one of its committees respectively.
6. Five members of the National Executive shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present shall decide any question, with the exception of those questions for which a greater proportion is specifically required by these bylaws.
7. The National Executive may strike committees for specific purposes or projects and may appoint officers from among its member to such committees. The committees will convene and transact their specific business and will report directly to the National Executive. The National Executive, by a majority vote, may remove any appointed officer from any committee and may dissolve any committee.
8. The officers serve as such without remuneration and no officer shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such, provided that any officer may be paid reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties. Remuneration for agents, employees or committee members, if any, shall be fixed by the National Executive.
9. The annual meeting shall be convened each year by the National Executive on such a day and in such a place in Canada as the National Executive shall determine.

10. Ninety (90) days prior to any conference of members, regular general convention or special general convention, written notice of such shall be given by the National Executive to every branch of the Association in good standing. Notice of such meeting where special business will be transacted should contain sufficient information to permit members and delegates to form a reasoned judgment with respect to the decision(s) to be taken

ARTICLE 11. NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Executive must hold a National Convention at least every two years in conjunction with a USRL National Convention.

1. The purpose of a National Convention is
 - a. To receive reports from all National Executive members.
 - b. To receive reports from all local branches.
 - c. To set National and Provincial membership dues.
 - d. To elect or re-elect a new National Executive.
 - e. To elect an Audit Committee for the National Executive.
 - f. To hear appeals pursuant to Article 7.
 - g. To prepare resolutions for the new Executive to follow.
 - h. To conduct any other business duly placed on the agenda.
2. At any National Conference or Convention, each branch shall be entitled to one delegate vote for each five members in good standing. All delegates must be certified in writing by the respective Branches.
3. In addition to delegates, each officer of the USRA National Executive shall be entitled to be present and exercise in person one vote at convention, special general convention and any annual meeting of the Association.
4. Forty (40) delegates or a combination of delegates and persons entitled to vote at a convention numbering not fewer than forty (40) such persons, shall constitute a quorum. No proxies shall be allowed.
5. If a quorum is not present at the time a convention is scheduled to convene, the chair may announce a postponement for half an hour, after which time the members in good standing present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 12. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Association, shall be signed by any two out of three officers appointed by the National Executive and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Association only after approval by the National Executive. The National Executive shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint an officer or officers on behalf of the Association either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

ARTICLE 13. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS INDEMNITY

Every member or officer of USRA or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the organization, along with that person's heirs, executors and administrators, their estate and effects, shall at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of USRA from and against;

1. all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such member, officer or other person may incur in any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, properly done or permitted by him or her, in the execution of the duties of his or her office or in respect of such a liability and
2. all other costs, charges and expenses which he or she sustains or incurs in relation to the affairs of the organization, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his or her own willful negligence or default.

ARTICLE 14. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

1. At least six months prior to the date of the National Convention, the National Executive shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three USRA members in good standing. The President shall designate the chairman of this committee. The duties of the nominating committee shall be to make nominations with the consent of those nominated and to prepare a slate for the election of officers of the National Executive and of the Audit Committee.
2. The nominating committee shall submit a list of nominees for each elected position to be filled. Nominations from the floor of the meeting may be made for any office, and when so made, together with the list submitted by the nominating committee, shall then be the list of nominees submitted for election of officers of the Association. Those nominated will present their credentials prior to the election.
3. All voting shall be a show of hands unless a ballot is requested by at least three delegates present.
4. The Provincial Directors shall be elected at the respective Provincial USRL Conventions held biennially. Upon his election the Provincial Director will take the respective spot on the National Executive and will serve until a successor is elected at a Provincial USRL Convention. Where a Province has only one branch, the branch President will automatically hold the position of Provincial Director.

ARTICLE 15. AUDITORS

1. The members at each national convention shall elect an audit committee of three to audit the accounts and records of the Association and to report to the members at the next national convention. The auditors shall hold office until the next convention; however, the Executive may by appointment fill any vacancy in the office of auditor. No auditor may concurrently serve as an officer of the National Executive, neither may an auditor be a sibling of or espoused to a member of the Executive.

2. Auditors at the provincial level are elected at their Provincial Convention and are governed by the same guidelines as the National audit committee.
3. Auditors at the branch level are elected at their annual meetings and are governed by the same guidelines as the National audit committee.

ARTICLE 16. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION

Where two or more branches exist within a province a Provincial Executive may be organized. The Provincial Executive shall consist of:

1. Immediate Past President
2. President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

ARTICLE 17. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE ROLES

1. The PRESIDENT shall preside over all meetings of the Provincial Executive. He shall be ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Provincial Executive and shall serve as Provincial Director on the National Executive as provided in Article 14 (4).
2. The VICE PRESIDENT, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Executive. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office or may be assigned to him by the President or by the Provincial Executive. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice President shall assume the President's role on the Provincial Executive and on the National Executive.
3. The SECRETARY shall keep records of the membership, the membership fees and dues and minutes of the meetings of the Provincial Executive. He shall submit a report to the Provincial Convention and at such other times as the President of the Provincial Executive may require. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.
4. The TREASURER, subject to the provisions of any resolution of the Provincial Executive, shall have the care and custody of all funds and securities of the Provincial Executive and shall deposit same in the official depositories and shall disburse same on order of the Provincial Executive. His accounts and books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the President, the Provincial Executive and the audit committee. He shall make a report to the Provincial Convention and at such times as the President or the Provincial Executive may require. He shall perform such other duties that usually pertain to the office of Treasurer.

ARTICLE 18. PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

1. The purpose of a Provincial Convention is:
 - a. To receive reports from all Executive members.
 - b. To receive reports from all local branches.
 - c. To elect a new Provincial Executive.
 - d. To elect an Audit Committee for the Provincial Executive.

- e. To hear appeals pursuant to Article 7.
 - f. To prepare resolutions for the new executive to follow.
 - g. To conduct any other business duly placed on the agenda.
2. At any Provincial Conference or Convention each branch shall be entitled to one delegate vote for each five members in good standing. All delegates must be certified by the respective branches.
3. In addition to delegates, each officer of the USRA Provincial Executive shall be entitled to be present and exercise in person one vote at convention, special general convention and any annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 19. CHARTERING OF BRANCHES

1. Branches consisting of persons interested in furthering the aims and objects of the Association may be organized and chartered in those communities that have at least five such interested persons, four of whom are prepared to form a Branch Executive and a sufficient number of interested persons to give promise of additional membership to ensure the future stability of the branch.
2. A branch of USRA is identified by the locality in which it is situated. An additional term or terms of the branch's choosing may be added for descriptive purpose.

ARTICLE 20. BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION

The Branch Executive, except in newly-formed branches which in their first year shall have four officers, shall consist of five officers:

1. Immediate Past President
2. President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

ARTICLE 21. BRANCH EXECUTIVE ROLES

1. Each officer shall be a member in good standing. No offices shall be combined in one person.
2. All officers shall enter upon their official duties on the date of their election and shall serve for a term of not more than two years or until their successors shall be duly elected.
3. The President shall be chief executive officer of his branch and shall preside over all meetings of the membership and of the whole Executive. He shall present the views of the branch to the region and shall perform a function for the region in relation to the branch. He shall where possible act as one of the delegates of the branch to provincial and national conventions.
4. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings of the branch and of the Executive. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office or as may be assigned to him by the President or the Executive.

5. The Secretary shall keep the records of correspondence, membership, attendance and membership dues and minutes of the branch and the Executive. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the branch and at such other times as the President or the Executive may require. He shall submit to the Executive and branch all communications received from the National Executive. He shall submit all official reports required by the National Executive. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the Secretary.
6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to the Branch and shall deposit same in the official depositories and shall disburse same on the order of the Executive. He shall present all bills to the Executive for approval. His accounts and book shall be available at all times to the inspection of the President, the Executive and the audit committee. He shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Branch and at such other times as the President or Executive may require. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer.
7. The Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Executive.

ARTICLE 22. BRANCH COMMITTEES

There may be the following standing committees for the following purposes:

1. Committee for membership development. Purposes:
 - a. to disseminate information on the aims and objects of the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association of Canada and the Ukrainian Self Reliance League of Canada and to educate and inform members and potential members as to their opportunities in these associations.
 - b. to promote full attendance at all Association meetings and to personally communicate with members whose attendance is not regular.
 - c. to devise ways and means of increasing membership and to maintain an up-to-date list of all persons in the community who qualify for membership.
 - d. to initiate new members.
2. Committee for Maintenance and Promotion of Ukrainian Cultural Heritage. Purpose:
 - a. to initiate and coordinate local branch special events and programmes in accordance with Article 2/1,2,3 and 4.
3. Committee on Education and Youth. Purpose:
 - a. to devise ways and means of establishing new, and supporting existing Branches of constituent youth organization Branches of the USRL and to encourage, promote and support the activities of these organizations.
 - b. to assist youth of Ukrainian descent in their adjustment and adaptation to their environment and the social, economic, educational, cultural and moral problems and opportunities which they may encounter.
 - c. to educate and encourage youth of Ukrainian descent in accordance with Article 2/3,6.
4. Each standing committee shall serve for a term of one year, commencing on the date of its appointment. All committee members shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be subject to removal by the Executive. Each committee shall be responsible to the President and shall make such reports as the President may direct.

5. Other committees for specific purposes may be appointed by the Executive and such committees shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them.

ARTICLE 23. BRANCH MEETINGS

1. The Branch shall convene on such days, times and places as shall be determined by the Executive or the President. At least six general meetings shall be held each year.
2. The annual meeting of a Branch shall be either a general meeting or an extraordinary meeting, as may be determined by the Executive, but shall in either case be held at some time not later than December 31. The Branch membership shall be given at least 30 days notice of the date, time and place of the annual meeting.
3. One-third (1/3) of the Branch membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for an annual general meeting. One-quarter (1/4) of the Branch membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for a general meeting. If a quorum is not present at the time a general meeting is scheduled to convene, the chair may announce a postponement for half an hour, at which time the numbers in good standing present shall constitute a quorum.
4. A current list of Branch members must be forwarded to the National Executive by April 1.

ARTICLE 24. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BRANCH EXECUTIVE

1. The election of Branch Executive officers shall be held at the annual meeting.
2. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is requested by at least three members present. Only Active and Life members present and in good standing may vote.
3. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date of a meeting at which elections will be held, the Executive shall appoint a nominating committee of three members in good standing, two of which shall be Past Presidents of the Branch if possible. The President shall designate the chairman of the committee, the duty of which shall be to make nominations with the consent of the nominees and to prepare a slate for the election of officers.
4. At the meeting at which elections are to be held the nominating committee shall submit a list of nominees for each elected position to be filled. Nominations from the floor of the meeting may be made for any office, and when so made, together with the list submitted by the nominating committee, shall then be the list of nominees submitted to the Branch for an election of officers.
5. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall automatically be deemed to be elected to the presidency. A vacancy in any other office may be filled by the Branch at a general meeting after nominations by the Executive and/or from the floor of the said meeting, Article 19/3 and notwithstanding.

ARTICLE 25. NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND BRANCH OBLIGATIONS

1. In full recognition of the values of national fellowship and cooperation available to the Branch membership through its rights, privileges and responsibilities of participation in

the government and activities of the national Association with which it is affiliated, it is hereby declared a Branch policy to exercise fully those rights, privileges and responsibilities and to discharge promptly and fully all obligations imposed upon the Branch by these bylaws, the resolutions of the National Conventions, and by officers of the National Executive in the proper fulfillment of their duties.

2. The Branch Executive shall provide for the prompt review, approval and forwarding of all reports required or requested by the National Executive.
3. The Branch Executive shall provide for the prompt payment of all dues and other obligations to the National Executive.
4. Delegates and alternates to all conventions of the Association at which a Branch is obliged to be represented shall be elected by the membership at dates sufficiently in advance of such a meeting to comply with these bylaws. Provision for the expense of such representation shall be made by the Branch Executive in drawing up the financial budget of the Branch. The Branch Executive shall also provide for the proper representation at any other national or provincial meetings of this Association or others in which the branch has the privilege of participation.

ARTICLE 26. PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

1. A Branch shall seek, by fair discussions at its meetings and in other ways, to keep its members informed on all questions of public importance and any issue affecting the community or province in which the Branch is located.
2. A Branch shall have the right, and it shall be its duty, from time to time to give expression by proper means, to its attitude on such public questions and such issues, provided that no other Branch nor National Executive is adversely affected by said expression.
3. A Branch shall not be used in any way for partisan purposes nor shall it, as a branch, actively participate in the political candidacy of any person.

ARTICLE 27. BRANCH REVENUE

1. The annual fees and dues and apportionments of same shall be payable upon election to membership and thereafter on or before the first day of April, and shall be such amount as may from time to time be decided by majority vote of those present at an annual meeting, as well as otherwise provided in these bylaws.
2. Revenue from sources other than those defined in this Article may be raised as determined by the Executive or by the majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE 28. BRANCH FINANCE

1. The fiscal year of the Branch shall be determined by the Branch. The membership year shall begin on the first day of January of each year.
2. The books of a branch shall be audited at least once each fiscal year. The auditors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the branch.
3. The Executive shall determine the official depository or depositories.
4. All formal documents, cheques and orders for the payment of money shall be signed on behalf of the branch by such officers and in such manner as the Executive shall from time to time direct. Unless and until otherwise directed by the said executive, all such

documents, cheques and orders shall be signed by the President or Vice President and countersigned by the Treasurer or Secretary of the branch.

ARTICLE 29. BRANCH DISCIPLINE

1. Any Branch more than twelve months in arrears for any indebtedness to the Association may have its membership therein revoked by action of the National Executive, provided that notice of said indebtedness shall have been duly sent by registered mail by the National Secretary to the last reported President and Secretary of such Branch. The National Executive may restore such membership upon application and concomitant payment of indebtedness from the Branch.
2. Any Branch that fails to conform to the bylaws of the Association or that fails to conform to the accepted standards for member branches, may have membership in the Association suspended or revoked, or may otherwise be disciplined, pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire National Executive, provided that a copy of the charges with a notice of hearing shall have been sent by registered mail by the National Secretary to the last reported President and Secretary of the branch 30 days before the said hearing.
3. If the National Executive shall suspend or revoke the membership of any branch or shall otherwise discipline any branch, the National Secretary shall send, by registered mail within 15 days, a notice of such action to the last reported President and Secretary of said Branch. Within 60 days from the date of mailing of such notice, the Branch may file with the National Secretary written notice of appeal, which shall be considered at the next regular general convention of the Association.
4. Any branch whose membership in the Association has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest and privileges in the Association and all rights to use of the Association name, emblem or any other insignia.

ARTICLE 30. DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of a Branch there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid over to the Ukrainian Self- Reliance Association of Canada National Office. These funds shall be held in trust for a period of five years, during which the National Executive will attempt to re-establish the Branch. After the five year period, if the Branch has not been re-established, the National Executive may dispose of said funds as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 31. RULES OF ORDER

“Robert Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority for all matter of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

ARTICLE 32. AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

1. Proposals for amendment of these articles and bylaws or for any appeal with respect thereto may be initiated:
 - a. by any USRA branch upon approval and given in writing to the National Executive at least ninety (90) days prior to the convention. The National

- Executive will review the proposal for compliance and will present it to all branches in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention for their study and review, or
- b. by the National Executive upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire National Executive or
 - c. directly pursuant to and in conformance with a motion or resolutions sustained by a general national convention of the Association, and initiation must be in compliance with any and all requirements of these bylaws.
2. Amendments or appeals shall become effective only when approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of a special convention of USRA of Canada, and confirmed by a general convention of USRL of Canada.

NOTICE: Any reference to the masculine includes the feminine and any reference to the singular includes the plural.

Dated at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, this 20th day of August 2009.

President (signed)
Emil Yereniuk

Secretary (signed)
Mark Ferbey

NOTE: These Bylaws represent the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association (TYC) Bylaws ratified by the General Convention of the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association of Canada held in Edmonton Alberta, on August 8, 1997. Also included are the:

1. Amendments which were made at the Convention held in Calgary, Alberta on Friday, August 8, 2003, and the
2. Amendments, which were made at the Convention, held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on August 25/26, 2005, and the
3. Further amendments, which were made at the Convention, held in Regina, Saskatchewan on August 7, 2009