

Prudence Improvement Association Prudence Island, Rhode Island

The following are the Constitution and Bylaws of the Prudence Improvement Association as updated and amended on May 28, 2005.

Constitution

Article 1: Purpose. The Purpose of this organization shall be as a nonprofit corporation for the betterment of the community of people on Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay. This is accomplished through the maintenance of a community building, which is used as a gathering place for community events for adults and youth of the Island, and all real estate and other property of the Association.

Article 2: Name. This Association shall be known as the Prudence Improvement Association, (PIA), with its headquarters at Homestead, Prudence Island, RI 02872.

Article 3: Membership. A member in good standing of the Association shall be a person 18 years of age or older whose dues are paid for the Association business year, June 1 to May 31.

Article 4: Quorum. A quorum shall consist of 10 members in good standing. If a quorum is not present, business can not be transacted; but, the meeting may be called to order, information disseminated and then adjourned.

Article 5: Officers. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by plurality vote of the membership at the annual meeting and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected. The President and Secretary are elected on even years. Vice President and Treasurer are elected on odd years. All officers shall be members in good standing of the Association.

Article 6 A: Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting positions: the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Directors, Event Coordinator and Maintenance Person.

B: Directors. Three (3) members in good standing of the Association, caned directors, shall be elected by plurality vote of the membership at the annual meeting. One director will be voted on per annual meeting, unless a seat becomes vacant, to serve a three (3) year term. They shall perform the duties as delineated by the Executive Committee without compensation for services, though they may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses made on behalf of the Association in accordance with the Association's budget.

C: Additional Positions. Additionally, on the Executive Committee, there will be two (2) appointed positions: Event Coordinator and Maintenance Person. These positions will be filled by plurality vote of the elected members of the Executive Committee. Appointees shall be members in good standing of the Association.

D: Duties & Compensation. Executive Committee members shall perform the duties usual to such offices and as delineated by the Executive Committee without compensation for services with the exception of the Maintenance Person. They may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses made on behalf of, and with the authorization to: the Association in accordance with the Association's budget. The Maintenance Person will receive an honorarium as designated by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Association's budget.

E: Vacancies. Vacancies which occur during the term year may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee.

Article 7: Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the third (3rd) Saturday in June at the PIA Building. The time of the meeting is to be designated by the Executive Committee.

Article 8: Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called by the Executive Committee when such meeting is deemed necessary. Also, twenty-five (25) members in good standing can request in writing that a special meeting of the Association be called. Written notice of a special meeting shall contain a statement of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

Article 9: Amendments. This constitution may be amended at the annual meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be posted for at least 15 days prior to said meeting in two (2) conspicuous places on Prudence Island. The proposed amendment(s) shall be signed by at least two (2) members in good standing of the Association and the notice of the meeting must be signed by the President and/or Secretary.

Bylaws

1. Every member in good standing shall have one vote in the decision of all matters pertaining to the Association.

2. The Executive Committee shall have control and management of all real estate and other property of the Association and of its affairs subject to the expressed will of the Association as voted at any annual or special meeting of the Association.

3. The annual dues shall be \$15.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for family membership.

4. No intoxicating liquor shall be permitted to be sold or given away for consumption on any real estate owned by the Association.

5. The committing of any nuisance whatever on property owned or held by the Association is strictly forbidden.

6. Bylaws changes shall be drafted by the Executive Committee and shall be voted upon by the Association at the annual meeting or a special meeting called for said purpose.

Prudence Youth Organization

1. The Prudence Youth Organization, PYO, may be activated by authorization of the PIA Executive Committee in any business year.

2. In order activate the PYO, a meeting with a quorum of 7 youths, 10 to 18 years of age, would be held for that purpose. At said meeting a slate of officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, must be elected and a request drawn up to be presented to the PIA Executive Committee requesting activation of the PYO.

3. An officer of the PIA must be present at all official PYO business meetings and adult chaperones must be present at all PYO events.

4. All financial and policy making business transacted by the PYO shall be subject to review and approved by the PIA Executive Committee. If not approved, the request may be taken by the PYO to the PIA membership at annual or special PIA meeting and reinstated by a majority of the PIA members in good standing present and voting.

Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be followed in all instances of PIA and/or PYO business and organization not otherwise stipulated in this Constitution and Bylaws.