

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE UTAH CONSULAR CORPS

1. **Name**. These articles of organization shall define and organize the Utah professional society entitled the "Utah Consular Corps."

2. **Purpose**. The Utah Consular Corps was founded on February 1, 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah, at a meeting of the Consuls and Honorary Consuls (hereinafter "Consuls") representing various foreign nations of the world. The purposes of the Utah Consular Corps are as follows:
 - A. To foster increased contact, fellowship and mutually beneficial relationships between citizens of the state of Utah and the various foreign countries appointing consuls or honorary consuls within the state of Utah.
 - B. To increase communication and fellowship among the foreign consular officers currently serving in the state of Utah.
 - C. To foster cooperation among the various consuls in connection with Utah- based international events including the 2002 Olympics, additional cultural, athletic and civic events, etc.
 - D. To circulate the latest information on consular practice and law to consular officers and to educate the public within the state of Utah concerning the nature and importance of consular functions and thereby removing impediments to the effective performance of consular duties.

3. **Organization**. The Utah Consular Corps shall be organized with a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and newsletter editor. Each of the initial officers shall serve a term of two years. At the annual meeting just prior to the conclusion of the first two-year period of service, a new secretary shall be elected to replace the acting secretary, commencing with the new fiscal year. At that time, the president shall become the "immediate past president," the first vice president shall become the president, the second vice president shall become the first vice president, and the secretary shall become the second vice president. In addition, each year a "Member-at-Large" shall be elected as a member of the Executive

Committee to serve a one year term.

The initial officers shall be as follows:

President	Charles W. Dahlquist, II	Germany
First Vice President	Iain McKay	New Zealand
Second Vice President	Baldomero Lago	Spain
Secretary	Marion Mazer	Switzerland
Newsletter Editor	Stephanie E. Bott	Finland
Member-at-Large	Anacelia Meyer de Pérez	Mexico

In the event of a vacancy prior to the conclusion of the normal two-year term of office, the "advancement" shall occur, as defined above, to fill the vacancy, with the election taken at the next regular meeting of the Utah Consular Corps to fill the position of secretary.

The **Executive Committee** shall consist of each of the officers of the Utah Consular Corps, including the immediate past president. The Executive Committee shall meet once each month at a time specified by the president.

4. **Membership and Annual Membership Fee**. Membership in the Utah Consular Corps shall consist of the consuls designated by the respective foreign nation and recognized by the State Department of the United States of America and the State of Utah and, where applicable, no more than one designated representative. There shall be a membership fee of \$25.00 per year to defray operating expenses of the Utah Consular Corps.
5. **Meetings**. The Utah Consular Corps shall meet at least quarterly, with the place and time of the meeting to be designated by the Executive Committee. The **Annual Meeting**, at which time elections occur biennially, shall be designated as the last quarterly meeting in any given calendar year. At such meeting, an annual report shall be presented by the president and, where applicable, new officers shall be elected for the upcoming two-year period.
6. **Duration**. The Utah Consular Corps shall be continuing and perpetual in its organization commencing on the date of organization and continuing until such time as dissolved by vote of the membership.
7. **Voting Rights**. Each country represented in the Utah Consular Corps shall have one vote. That vote shall be exercised by the consul or honorary consul or his or her designated representative. All voting shall be accomplished by simple majority, with the exception of the adoption and amendment of these articles of organization, which shall require the vote of 75% of the countries represented at any meeting in which a quorum is present and where prior notice has been given to all members of the Utah Consular Corps that amendment of these Articles of Organization will be considered at a specified meeting. A quorum shall consist of 51% of the recognized members of the Utah Consular Corps. Those members recognized at the organization of the Utah Consular Corps shall consist of those listed on Exhibit A to these Articles of Organization. Exhibit A may be amended, from time to time, by the Executive Committee in order to add additional consuls and honorary consuls recognized by the State Department of United States of America and the State of Utah.

8. **Publications**. The Utah Consular Corps shall be represented to its members and to the public by the following:

- A. Quarterly newsletter. A quarterly newsletter shall be published and distributed to each member of the Utah Consular Corps. Wherever possible, this newsletter shall be distributed by e-mail to all members.
- B. Webpage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned original officers, having been authorized by the original members, have set our hands this __ day of __, 2001.

Charles W. Dahlquist, II, President

Iain McKay, First Vice President

Baldomero Lago, Second Vice President

Marion Mazer, Secretary

Anacelia Pérez de Meyer, Member-at-Large

Stephanie E. Bott, Newsletter Editor