

Tegbar

Ethiopian Democratic Action League
A worldwide Ethiopian civic association

BYLAWS

1. Name
 - 1.1 The official name of the organization shall be THE ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC ACTION, after referred to Tegbar League.
2. Objectives
 - 2.1 The objectives of Tegbar League are:
 - a) To mobilize Ethiopians around the word to support the struggle for peace, democracy, human rights, rule of law, and socioeconomic development in Ethiopia;
 - b) To provide material, political and diplomatic support to organizations that struggle for peace, democracy and human rights, rule of law and socioeconomic development in Ethiopia.
3. Membership
 - 3.1 Tegbar League is open to every one who accepts the objectives stated in article 2 above.
4. Organizational Structure
 - 4.1 Tegbar League's principal governing body shall be its Council;
 - 4.2 The Council shall be composed of at least 25 members who are elected at the General Assymbly of members;
 - 4.3 The Council executes its decisions through the Chairman, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.
5. Duties
 - 5.1 The Council shall:
 - a) elect the Chairman, the Secretary General and the Treasurer;
 - b) make policy for Tegbar League, adopt rules, regulations and resolutions within the Bylaws, and may alter, amend, or repeal any rule, regulation, or resolution.
 - 5.2 The Chairman shall:
 - a) be the Chief Spokesperson of Tegbar League;
 - b) promote the objectives of Tegbar League;
 - c) executes the Council's decisions;
 - d) when present, preside at all meetings of Tegbar League assuring adequate discussion and timely resolution of issues;
 - e) ensure that the policies and decisions set by the Council are implemented;
 - f) ensure as far as possible that all officers and committees perform their respective duties;
 - g) approve budget presented by the Secretary General;
 - h) conduct correspondence on behalf of Tegbar League;
 - i) fulfill the duties of the Secretary General in the case of that persons' absence or incapacity;
 - 5.3 The Secretary General shall:
 - a) be the Chief Executive of Tegbar League;
 - b) executes the Council's decisions by assigning individuals to various tasks and creating committees, teams and task forces as necessary;
 - c) be custodian of the seal of Tegbar League. The seal shall be used to authenticate any signature when required;
 - d) take such actions of an emergency nature for the benefit of the Tegbar League as may be necessary, in consultation with the Chairman. This action shall be placed on the agenda for ratification at the next Council meeting.
 - e) between meetings of the Council, manage affairs of Tegbar League provided that such

- actions shall be subject to approval by the chairman;
- f) maintain documents and records of the organization;
- g) conduct correspondence on behalf of Tegbar League;
- h) ensure as far as possible that all teams and committees perform their respective duties;
- i) fulfill the duties of the Chairman and the Treasurer in the case of those persons' absence or incapacity;
- j) authorize expenditures of operation funds;
- k) carry out any other duties assigned by the Council and the Chairman;
- l) represent Tegbar League, as delegated by and subject to the authority of the Chairman.

5.4 The Treasurer shall:

- a) receive all monies paid to Tegbar League and deposit the same in whichever financial institution the Chairman may order;
- b) be responsible for the care and custody of the funds, assets and property of the Tegbar League;
- c) account for the funds of Tegbar League and keep such books of account as may be directed;
- d) present a quarterly financial report at the meeting of the Council;
- e) keep an accurate account of disbursements
- f) carry out any other duties assigned by the Council and the Chairman;
- g) represent Tegbar League, as delegated by and subject to the authority of the Chairman.
- h) carry out any other duties assigned by the Chairman.

6. Election

- 6.1 Members of the Council will shall be elected every year in the first week of September by a majority vote at the Tegbar League General Assembly;
- 6.2 The Chairman, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council members every year in no more than one month after the annual General Assembly meeting;
- 6.3 All officers shall be eligible for reelection.

7 The Council Meetings

- 7.1 There shall be at least one meeting of the Central Committee every three-month;
- 7.2 The Chairman shall give at least 7 days notice of the place and time of a Council meeting;
- 7.3 The Chairman can call a special teleconference meeting as deemed necessary after giving at least 7 days of notice;

8. Remuneration

- 8.1 No Officer or representative shall receive any remuneration for services except as authorized by the Secretary General;
- 8.2 Expenses incurred in furthering the business of Tegbar League may be paid out of the operational funds provided that such expenditures are first authorized by the Secretary General.

9. Termination of Membership

- 9.1 A member may be suspended by the chairman or the secretary general if that person is engaged in activities that undermine Tegbar League.

10. Amendments

- 10.1 This Bylaws may be amended, repealed or added to by a 3/4 vote of the Central Committee;
- 10.2 Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member to the Chairman in writing.

11. This bylaws has been adopted on June 27, 1997.

12. This bylaws has been amended on September 1, 2001.