

THE CONSTITUTION
OF
THE BLACK ALUMNI OF DARTMOUTH ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I • Name

The Association shall be called the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association (“Association”).

ARTICLE II • Purpose and Duration

Sec. 1. The purposes of the Association shall be as follows:

- a. To develop a strong and enduring club structure;
- b. To further the interests, welfare, and educational purposes of Dartmouth College (“College”);
- c. To provide the continuing and active support of the College’s Black Alumni in matters of mutual concern affecting the intellectual, cultural, social, or educational well-being of members of the Association, Black undergraduate or graduate students, or the larger community at the College;
- d. To encourage and strengthen bonds of solidarity between all indigenous and diasporic ethnic groups of African descent; and
- e. To pursue all appropriate means to achieve common goals.

Sec. 2. These purposes shall guide the Association for so long as the Association is in existence and Dartmouth College remains organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE III • Membership

Sec. 1. Black Alumni shall mean each Black person of African descent who has matriculated into the College or any of its associated graduate programs once that person has reached the occurrence of tenure defined in the Bylaws of the Association.

Sec. 2. All Black Alumni shall be afforded membership in the Association on the occurrence of a fixed date in the final scheduled year of their academic program.

Sec. 3. The fixed date of conferral of membership shall be defined in the Bylaws of the Association.

Sec. 4. The Bylaws of the Association may proscribe a mechanism by which such other persons may be granted membership in the Association.

ARTICLE IV • Administration and Officers

Sec. 1. Administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Board consisting of the elected Officers of the Association and as many additional members as the Bylaws of the Association shall provide.

Sec. 2. The elected Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Regional Coordinator, Communications Director, Treasurer, and Parliamentary Secretary.

Sec. 3. The membership of the Association shall biennially elect a Vice President, Regional Coordinator, Communications Director, Treasurer, and Parliamentary Secretary who shall serve a two-year term consistent with Article III, Section 3.

Sec. 4. The membership of the Association shall biennially elect a President-Elect who shall serve a two-year term wherein their responsibility shall be to develop a thorough understanding of the affairs, activities, and positions of the Association. Thereafter, the President-elect shall automatically become the President of the Association and serve a two-year term.

Sec. 5. The duties of the elected Officers and such other necessary Officers shall be defined in the Bylaws of the Association.

Sec. 6. A vacancy in any elected or appointed office may be filled by the President after consultation and approval by a simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V • Amendment

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be amended at any in-person or online meeting of the Association by a vote of the Association membership provided:

- a. The Executive Board supplies the membership with at least thirty (30) days advance notice in writing or via electronic communication of the date of the vote and the content of any proposed Amendment to this Constitution; and
- b. The Amendment is approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members there present if at least ten percent of Association members participate in the vote.

ARTICLE VI • Dissolution

Sec. 1. The Association shall be deemed to be dissolved at such time as there is no activity or if the number of Association members becomes so few as to render it impractical to continue the organization's existence.

Sec. 2. Upon dissolution or termination, all of the property and assets of the Association shall, after the payment of any lawful debts, be given to Dartmouth College to be distributed to the Afro-American Society or the Shabazz Cultural Center at Dartmouth College for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 3. If neither the Afro-American Society nor the Shabazz Cultural Center are in existence at the time of the Association's dissolution, the assets and property of the Association shall be used by the College to provide scholarships for African American, African Caribbean, and Black African students.

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Referendum Results Report

The Constitution of the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association was amended by Referendum on February 8, 2021. The requirement to amend the Constitution under the prior standard was a supermajority of 50 BADA members. Under the revised proposed Constitution, the standard to amend the Constitution of the Association is a two-thirds supermajority of at least ten percent of the Association membership. As of the Referendum, the membership of the Association was calculated at 3,524 members. Therefore, *for the Amendment to be valid the Referendum required at least 352 members to vote and for no fewer than 235 members to vote to support the Referendum.* Turnout exceeded the required standard and the Referendum passed with 97% of voters approving the revised Constitution and accompanying Bylaws.

