

BYLAWS OF THE  
GEORGIA IRANIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

**ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Georgia Iranian Students Organization (hereafter referred to as GISO).

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the organization is to provide family connection, career services, networking, community service opportunities and enriching students' lives.

GISO is a non-political, non-religious organization dedicated to serve Iranian students who are studying in the state of Georgia.

**ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

Organization membership shall be extended to all college students and young professionals who live in the state of Georgia. Young professionals means people who have graduated within the last 10 years.

SECTION 1: Members' registration: Members must complete the registration form and accept the bylaws to become a member.

SECTION 2: Members are required to pay a membership fee. Students who are members of an Iranian student organization at their university are exempt from the membership fee.

**ARTICLE IV – LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

**Section 1.** GISO leadership structure will consist of the following:

- a. Advisory Board (total of 5 members)
- b. Executive Board (total of 11 members); to consist of:
  1. Student board members (7 to 11 members)
  2. Professional board members. (Max of 4 members)
- c. Student Organization Board members (one from each Iranian student organization at each campus in the State of Georgia)

**Section 2.** Advisory Board shall consist of four established professional or academic community members selected by the Executive Board on an annual basis plus a member of

Kanoon BOD. The role of the advisory board is to provide strategic advice to the Executive Board in a non-voting capacity.

**Section 3.** Executive board shall consist of eleven voting members who are elected annually by GISO general members at the April meeting.

**Subsection 1.** The role of the Executive Board is to make decisions towards the goals of the organization.

**Subsection 2.** Executive Board meetings must have a minimum of six participating Board members to be considered official.

**Subsection 3.** Each university in Georgia with a university-recognized Iranian student association or organization is entitled to nominate one member to sit on the Student Organization Board annually. Student Organization board members will provide feedback to the elected Executive Board members and will have the voting privileges in all matters unless it is specified in this bylaws.

**Subsection 4.** The Executive Board will select 2 members of the Executive Board to represent GISO at Persian Cultural Center (Kanoon) Board of Directors meetings as non-voting advisors.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

The Executive Board is encouraged to meet on a monthly basis, but in no case shall the Executive Board meet less than four times per year. Elections for the Executive Board shall be held at the April general meeting of GISO.

## **ARTICLE VI- REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Any Executive Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board members.

Any Student Organization Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board members.

## **ARTICLE VII- ANNUAL REPORT**

GISO shall publish an annual report to the registered members at least one week before the April general meeting. This annual report shall include a financial report.

## ARTICLE VIII- ELECTION

**Section 1.** A general membership meeting must be held annually in order to elect members to the Executive Board. At least 14 days in advance, all registered members shall be notified of the time and place of the impending meeting. The Student Organization Board will select 3 members to oversee the election process.

**Section 2.** A quorum of one third plus one of members will be required for general membership meeting.

**Section 3.** All GISO members will have the right to vote.

**Section 4.** If at any time the total number of the executive board members falls below six, the remaining executive board members are obligated to call for a General Assembly meeting for the purpose of filling the vacant executive board seats.

## ARTICLE IX- CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**Section 1.** A member of the Executive Board or Student Organization Board is considered to have a conflict of interest if:

The member has existing or potential financial or other interests in a matter before the Executive Board which might reasonably appear to impair the member's independent, unbiased judgment in the discharge of the member's responsibilities to the organization.

**Section 2.** No Board member may vote on any matter in which the member has a conflict of interest. Further, the minutes are to reflect that a disclosure was made that the member having a conflict of interest abstained from voting.

## ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended at any membership meeting called by the Executive Board with at least 14 days advance notice of such meeting and with at least 14 days advance publication of the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment is approved if two-thirds of GISO members vote in favor of the amendment.

## ARTICLE XI- REVOCATION

In the event that two-thirds of GISO members vote to disassociate from Kanoon, the Executive Board can carry out such decision.

The Executive Board will be empowered to continue the operation of GISO

## **ARTICLE XII- ADOPTION**

These bylaws shall be adopted officially upon approval by two-thirds of all members casting votes in a special election.