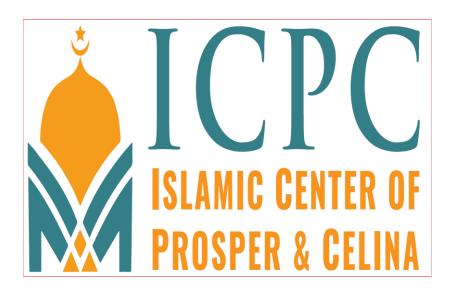
## ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA



## INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains policies and procedures of the ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA (ICPC) that apply to its operations, members, employees and officers.

Information contained in this book is current as of the date of publication. However, to meet the requirements of changing times, ICPC reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to revise, supplement or rescind any existing policy or portion thereof or formulate and implement any new policy as it deems appropriate.

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of
ISLAMIC CENTER
OF
PROSPER AND CELINA
is

Aqamat-e-Deen

(Establishment of the Islamic System of life).

## **VISION**

In service of its mission, ICPC shall provide religious and social services to all Muslims, render help to any person of similar persuasion in adapting to the culture of the area and to provide channels of understanding and communication between Muslims and the DFW community in general.

**100 - EMPLOYMENT** 

### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 101 - NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT

Neither the employee nor ICPC is bound to continue the employment relationship if either chooses, at will, to end the relationship at any time, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in employee's letter of appointment.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 102 - EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

### **Policy**

ICPC requires that all employees must acknowledge and agree that they have received and understood ICPC employee policies and that they will comply with all ICPC policies relating to their employment.

### Procedure

All employees are required to sign an acknowledgment note that they have received a current copy of Employee Handbook and that they understand and will comply with all applicable employee policies.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 103 – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Policy

In order to provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to all individuals, employment decisions at ICPC will be based on merit, qualifications and abilities. ICPC does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, physical handicap or any other characteristic protected by law.

#### Procedure

ICPC will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities, unless doing so would result in undue hardship. This policy governs all aspects of employment including selection, job assignment, compensation, discipline, termination and access to benefits and training.

Employees who have questions or concern about any type of discrimination in the workplace are encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of their immediate supervisor or the management. Employees can raise concerns and make reports without fear of reprisal. Anyone found to be engaging in any type of unlawful discrimination will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 104 - IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE

ICPC is committed to employing only United States citizens and aliens/immigrants who are authorized to work in the United State. However, in doing so, ICPC does not discriminate on the basis of citizenship or national origin.

### **Policy**

Procedure

ICPC requires that all prospective employees should provide satisfactory and valid proof of employability before commencement of their employment. Copies of all related documents will be kept in employee's personnel file.

Any employee whose immigration/resident status changes during the course of their employment are required to inform ICPC of all such changes promptly.

ICPC may sponsor Islamic scholars or employees, who are not permanent residents or citizens of USA, for temporary work visa if such persons are required for ICPC projects.

After completing a minimum of three years of continuous satisfactory service, ICPC may assist selected persons, who wish to apply for permanent USA residency, by providing ICPC related supporting documents for this purpose.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 105 - JOB POSTING AND EMPLOYEE REFERRALS

### **Policy**

- 105.01 ICPC provides opportunities to its employees to indicate their interest in open positions and advance within the organization according to their skills and experience.
- 105.02 ICPC encourages employees to identify friends and acquaintances who may be interested in employment opportunities and refer qualified outside applicants for posted jobs.

### **Procedure**

Employees interested in applying for an open position should contact their immediate supervisor or a member of the concerned management team for consideration.

Employment and advancement for any position in ICPC is based on merit and feasibility in the best interest of ICPC. Application of current employees or their relatives or friends who are applying for an open position will also be considered accordingly.

Employees should obtain proper approval from management before sharing their knowledge of the organization (compensation, type of work, work hours etc.) with any prospective applicant and should not make any commitments or promises of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 106 - EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

### **106.01 Purpose**

- 1. To provide guidance to managers and supervisors at the Main Center and the Associate Directors at Islamic Centers to follow the employment practices and procedures used by ICPC for efficient and effective management of hiring process;
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to transparency, accountability and compliance with applicable laws, and regulations.

### **106.02 Policy:**

1. Any misrepresentation, falsification or material omissions in any of employment related information or data may result in exclusion of the individual from further consideration for employment or if the person has been hired, disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### 106.03 Procedures:

- 1. ICPC relies upon accuracy of information contained in the employment application as well as accuracy of other data presented through the hiring process and employment. All applicants for employment shall complete the standard ICPC Job Application Form and upon confirmation of employment shall complete Forms I-9 and W-4.
- 2. ICPC will take immediate disciplinary action against any applicant or employee who is found to have willfully omitted to provide ICPC significant employment related information or who have falsified their employment data or personal information including qualifications, experience, references, personal information, criminal record or visa status.
- 3. The ICPC Bylaws reserve the authority for hiring and employment to the Executive Body which is in effect the Personnel Committee of ICPC. Thus, the final decision for all employment in ICPC rests solely with the Executive Body, subject however to, prior budgetary approval by the BOARD as to compensation. This authority may not be transferred or delegated to any ICPC Employee, or Standing or Special Committee.

- 4. The budgetary approval issued by the BOARD for the new position proposed to be filled by the Executive Body shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance of approval. In the event the Executive Body fails to hire and fill such position within that period, the Executive Body must obtain another budget approval prior to hiring for that position.
- 5. The EB shall not to re-hire an employee whose employment has been terminated by ICPC for cause. Furthermore, the Shura has re-affirmed that such employees also cannot be hired on a non-compensation / voluntary basis or provided a platform to lead ICPC programs.
- 6. Hiring of part-time Religious Teachers (RTs) or employees hired for religious services but excluding those required for weekend school requires the same employment procedure as for fulltime RTs, i.e. has to be approved by the Executive Body (EB).
- 7. If a part-time "employee" is being hired by an ICPC Islamic Center (IC) from another ICPC Islamic Center (IC) where that employee is currently or was previously employed, a No-Objection statement would be needed from the previous IC.

### **106.04** Implementation:

The Executive Body shall, with the assistance of the Executive Director, Operations Director and the Comptroller at the Main Center, and the Masjid Directors at Islamic Centers, implement this policy and report to the BOARD on any issues, resource constraints or concerns relate to adequate implementation of this policy.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 107 - EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE CHECKS

## **Policy**

- 107.01 To ensure that individuals who join ICPC as employee are qualified and have strong potential to be productive and successful, ICPC will check employment references of all applicants.
- 107.02 ICPC will respond in writing only to those reference checks that are submitted in writing. No employment data will be released without a written authorization and release signed by the person who is the subject of inquiry unless required by law or regulatory agency.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 108 – HIRING OF RELATIVES

### **Policy**

Relatives of ICPC officers or persons currently employed by ICPC may be hired if they will not be working directly for or supervising a relative's work. ICPC employees cannot be transferred into such a reporting relationship.

### Procedure

Employment of relatives in the same area of an organization may cause serious conflicts and problems relating to impact of personal conflicts, nepotism /favoritism and employee morale.

For the purpose of this policy, a relative is defined as any person who is related by blood or marriage or whose relationship with the employee is similar to that of persons who are related by blood or marriage.

If a relative relationship is established after employment the individuals concerned will decide who is to be transferred. If that decision is not made within 30 calendar days, management will decide.

In other cases where a conflict or potential for conflict arises, even if there is no supervisory relationship, the involved parties may be separated by reassignment or termination of employment at management's discretion.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 109 - DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

### **Policy**

ICPC is committed to full compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal or state or local laws to ensure equal opportunity in employment for qualified persons with disabilities. All employment practices and activities are conducted on a non-discriminatory basis.

### **Procedure**

Qualified individuals with disabilities are entitled to equal pay and other forms of compensation as well as job assignments, classifications, lines of progression and seniority lists.

ICPC does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because they are related to or associated with a person with a disability.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 110 - EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

### **110.01 Purpose**

- 3. To provide guidance to managers and supervisors at the Main Center and the Masjid Directors at Islamic Centers to follow the employment practices and procedures used by ICPC for efficient use and effective management of its human resources;
- 4. Demonstrate commitment to transparency, accountability and compliance with applicable laws, and regulations.

### 110.02 Policy:

- 1. Each ICPC employee will belong to one of the following employment categories:
  - Regular Full Time Employees
  - Part Time Employees
  - Probationary Employees
  - Temporary Employees
  - Special Treatment for Part-time RTs
- 2. The ICPC Bylaws reserve the authority for hiring and employment to the Executive Body which is in effect the Personnel Committee of ICPC. Thus, the final decision for all employment in ICPC rests solely with the Executive Body, subject however to, prior budgetary approval by the BOARD, as delineated in ICPC Policy 106, Paragraph 106.03, Subparagraphs 3 and 4. This authority may not be transferred or delegated to any ICPC Employee, or Standing or Special Committee.
- 3. ICPC uses employee classifications solely for the purpose of determination of eligibility for company benefits.
- 4. This classification does not confer or guarantee employment for any specified time period as the right to terminate employment relationship at will at any time is permanently retained by both the employee and the ICPC.

#### 110.03 Procedures:

1. Employees shall be classified into the aforementioned employment categories in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. REGULAR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES Employees who are scheduled to work regularly according to full time ICPC schedule for a minimum of 40 hours per week, and do not have temporary or probationary status. Generally, Regular Full Time Employees are eligible for all ICPC employee benefits subject to terms, conditions and limitations of each benefit program.
- b. PART TIME EMPLOYEES Employees who are regularly scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week. While Part-time Employees receive all legally mandated benefits, they are not eligible for all ICPC employee benefits.
- c. PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES Employees whose performance is being evaluated to determine whether further employment in a specific position or with ICPC will be appropriate. Introductory employees are granted only those benefits that are specified in their employment letter.
- d. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES Persons who are hired to assist in completion of a specific project or as interim replacement to temporarily supplement the work force. Employment in this category is of a limited duration. Employment beyond any initially stated period does not in any way imply a change in employment status. Temporary employees remain in this category unless and until notified of a change. While temporary employees may receive all legally mandated benefits they are not eligible for other ICPC benefit programs.
- 2. A periodic review of each employee or position classification into one of the categories shall be conducted by the Executive Body to ensure compliance with approved manning guidelines. The Executive Body shall establish the format and timing of the review process. Such review process shall be initiated by the Executive Director or the Operations Director based on input from Department Manager/or Associate Director and by human resource department, and submitted to the Executive Body.
- 3. Reclassifications, when warranted, of an employee into a different category must be pre-approved by the Executive Body in writing and in the event of adverse budgetary impact, approval of the BOARD must be obtained prior to effecting the change.
- 4. Documentation related to reclassification shall be retained by the human resource department in the employee's personnel file. A copy should also be provided to the Finance Department. Supervisors/Department Managers may not discuss any proposed action with the employee until all written approvals are obtained.

## 110.04 Implementation:

The Executive Body shall, with the assistance of the Executive Director, Operations Director and the Comptroller at the Main Center, and the Masjid Directors at Islamic Centers, implement this policy and report to the BOARD on any issues, resource constraints or concerns relate to adequate implementation of this policy.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 111 - PROBATION PERIOD

### **Policy**

The first 90 calendar days of employment/reassignment or the period stipulated in the appointment/reassignment letter or any extension thereof constitute the Probation Period.

#### Procedure

ICPC uses Probation Period to evaluate employee's capabilities, work habits and overall performance. This period gives the employee an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to achieve a satisfactory level of performance and to determine whether the new position meets their expectations.

If ICPC determines that the designated introductory period does not allow sufficient time to thoroughly evaluate employee's performance, the introductory period may be extended for a specified period.

In case of promotion or reassignment within ICPC an employee who in the sole judgment of the management is not successful in the new position can be removed from that position at any time during the Probation Period. In this case, at management's sole discretion and depending upon the availability of such position and ICPC needs, the employee may be returned to employee's former position or to a comparable position.

Upon satisfactory completion of the initial Probation Period employees enter either the regular or part-time employment classification.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 112 - ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

### **Policy**

All ICPC employees are expected to be reliable regarding punctuality and attendance. The employees must be punctual in reporting for and signing off from their scheduled work.

#### Procedure

Employees should keep track of their work hours by recording their sign in and sign out times on a time card. This time card should be submitted to the supervisor or the Main Center for calculation of payroll and for tracking PTO and other vacation time.

Any employee who reports for duty more than 10 minutes after the scheduled time will be considered late.

An employee who cannot avoid being late to work or is unable to work as scheduled, should notify the supervisor, in advance or as soon as possible, of the anticipated tardiness or absence.

Poor attendance and excessive tardiness may lead to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

# 113 - OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

<u>Policy</u>	
113.01	Full-time employees of ICPC are prohibited from full-time employment elsewhere. Employees may hold outside part-time jobs as long as such employees meet performance standards of their job at ICPC.
113.02	Outside employment that constitutes a conflict of interest with that of ICPC is prohibited.
113.03	Employees are not permitted to receive any personal income or material gain from individuals/organizations outside ICPC for materials produced or services rendered while performing their job at ICPC.

#### Procedure

All employees will be judged by the same performance standards and will be subject to ICPC scheduling demands, regardless of any existing outside work requirements.

All employees who wish to engage in part-time outside employment must provide ICPC adequate information about such engagement. This information includes:

Name and place of outside work

Contact information

Nature of work

**Duty hours** 

If ICPC determines that an employee's outside work interferes with employee's performance or ability to meet ICPC requirements, the employee may be asked to terminate the outside employment in order to maintain his/her employment with ICPC.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 114 - EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE & REVIEW

### 114.01 Policy:

### 114.011 Objectives:

The performance appraisal process provides a means for discussing, planning and reviewing the performance of each employee.

### 114.012 Policy

All full- and part-time employees are provided an annual performance review and consideration for merit pay increases as warranted. A performance appraisal of new employees shall also be conducted upon completion of probationary period.

#### 114.02 Procedures:

#### 114.021 Performance Review Schedule

Performance appraisals are conducted annually announced by Operations or Masjid Director. Each ICPC manager/supervisor is responsible for the timely and equitable assessment of the performance and contribution of subordinate employees.

Performance appraisals shall consist of evaluation in such areas as 1.Core competency, 2. Communication Skills, 3.Collaborative skills and team work, 4.Problem solving skills, 5. Quality and accuracy of work, 6.Attendance and dependability, 7 Ability to accomplish goals and meet deadlines, 8.Level of Creativity, 9.Amount of consistent improvement, 10. Customer and peer feedback, 12.Responsiveness to feedback, and 13.Ability to take ownership. The Operations Director shall prepare a standardized template/checklist and incorporated as an attachment to this policy and used during all performance appraisals.

### 114.022 Salary Increases

- a. A performance appraisal does not always result in an automatic salary increase.
- b. The employee's overall performance and salary level relative to position responsibilities must be evaluated to determine whether a salary increase is warranted.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- c. All requests for salary increase including *o*ut of cycle salary increases, bonus, and other employee incentives must be initiated by the Department Manager, recommended *by* human resource (HR) / Operations Director and approved *by* ICPC Executive Body.
- d. The Board shall, establish and provide to the Executive Body, a Salary Scale/Salary Bands Template for all employee positions containing such details as Grade, Level, Minimum Salary, Midpoint Salary and Maximum Salary. The Executive Body shall keep the template confidential.

### 114.023 Salary Equity Reviews

A manager may request an analysis of an employee's salary at any time the manager deems appropriate. This request should be made to the ICPC Operations Director, who will review the employee's salary in comparison to other employees in comparable positions and if appropriate recommend to the Executive Body for consideration and approval.

#### **114.024 Processes**

Operations Director will establish the format and timing of all review processes. The completed evaluations will be retained in the employee's personnel file. Salary increase requests must be supported by a performance appraisal for salary change processing. Managers may not discuss any proposed action with the employee until all written approvals are obtained. HR will review all salary increase/adjustment requests to ensure compliance with company policy and that they fall within the provided guidelines.

### 114.03 Implementation:

The Executive Body shall, with the assistance of the Operations Director, implement this policy and report to the BOARD on any issues, resource constraints or concerns relate to adequate implementation of this policy.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 115 - PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

### **Policy**

Even though ICPC has the right to terminate employment at will, with or without cause or advance notice, ICPC may use progressive discipline at its discretion.

#### Procedure

Major purpose of any disciplinary action is to correct the problem, prevent recurrence and prepare the employees for satisfactory service in future. In order to ensure fair treatment of all employees ICPC endeavors to ascertain that disciplinary actions are prompt, uniform and impartial.

With respect to most disciplinary problems, the following steps will normally be implemented:

- The first offense may call for verbal warning.
- The next offense may be followed by a written warning.
- Still another offense may lead to termination of employment.

However, depending on severity of the problem and number of occurrences, management may decide to take any disciplinary action, or combination thereof, in any order or may bypass one or more steps listed above.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 116 - RESIGNATION

### **Policy**

Any employee may terminate his/her employment by voluntary resignation.

## **Procedure**

ICPC requires at least four weeks written notice from all employees resigning from their position.

Upon receiving a resignation notice, ICPC, at its sole discretion, may accept the request effective on an earlier date.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 117 - EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION

### **Policy**

ICPC and employees, both, have the right to terminate employment at will, with or without cause, at any time.

### Procedure

Termination of employment is an inevitable part of personnel activity within any organization. ICPC will generally schedule exit interview(s) at the time of employment termination. Exit interview(s) provide an opportunity to discuss employee benefits conversion privileges, repayment of outstanding debts to ICPC and return of ICPC property. Suggestions, complaints and questions can also be voiced.

Employment at ICPC terminates by one of the following methods:

- RESIGNATION voluntary termination of employment initiated by an employee.
- DISCHARGE involuntary termination of employment initiated by management.
- LAYOFF involuntary termination of employment initiated by management for organizational reasons

Termination of employment will affect the employee in the following manner:

- In case of a discharge ICPC reserve the right to forfeit employee's right to any or all benefits.
- In all other types of termination all accrued but unused benefits that are due and payable at termination will be paid.

The ICPC Bylaws reserve the authority for hiring and employment to the Executive Body which is in effect the Personnel Committee of ICPC. Thus, the final decision for all employment in ICPC, including termination, rests solely with the Executive Body. This authority may not be transferred or delegated to any ICPC Standing or Special Committee.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 118 - EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

## **Policy**

Employees with concerns about work conditions or compensation are strongly encouraged to voice these concerns openly and directly to their supervisors; however, public voicing of such issues is expressly prohibited.

### Procedure

ICPC believes that it offers work conditions, wages and benefits that are competitive to those offered by other employers in this area. However, if any employee has concerns regarding work conditions or compensation, they should discuss these issues with their supervisors. Communications are clearer, attitudes can be positive and work environment can be excellent when employees deal openly and directly with supervisors.

In an effort to protect and maintain direct employer/employee communications and to protect the right of employees to speak for them self, management will, within legal limits, resist efforts for employee organization and representation by individuals outside ICPC.

ICPC expects all employees to support the organization, its Constitution & Bylaws, and its policies, procedures, and rules. Public voicing of differences of opinion regarding ICPC or public negative statements about ICPC by employees is prohibited, and could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 119 - PERSONNEL INFORMATION CHANGES

### Policy

Each employee is individually responsible for promptly notifying ICPC of any changes in their personal data.

### Procedure

All employees must provide required personal information to ICPC at the time of employment.

Employees must notify the Main office promptly if there are any changes in their personal information including personal mailing address, telephone numbers, names and number of dependents, emergency contacts, educational accomplishments, alien status, etc.

Employees must inform ICPC of any changes in their medical or physical condition that may have an impact on their capability to discharge their assigned duties in a satisfactory manner or that may have a serious impact on other employees or colleagues.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 120 - ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES

### **Policy**

Personnel files are property of ICPC and access to the information in these files is considered Personnel & Confidential, and is strictly restricted to members of the Shura or immediate supervisor.

#### Procedure

Only ICPC Shura members or supervisors who have a legitimate ICPC business reason to review information in any personnel files are allowed to do so in coordination with ICPC Executive Body. No photocopying or removal of employee personnel information is permitted and all review of employee personnel information by a Shura member or supervisor must be done in the presence of the ICPC General Secretary and/or Main Center Office Manager who shall keep a log of all employee personnel file reviews.

Employees who wish to review their own file should contact management for authorization to do so. With reasonable advance notice employees may review material in their own personnel file, in the presence of a management appointed person who is responsible for maintaining such files.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 121 - PERSONNEL APPEARANCE

### **Policy**

While at work, employees are expected to present a clean and neat appearance and dress modestly.

### Procedure

Modest dress for men and women means garments that cover the torso and limbs without emphasizing body contours and that are not made of outrageous materials or colors.

Employees who report to work dressed inappropriately will be sent back and directed to return to work in proper attire. Under such circumstance employees will not be compensated for the time away from work.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 122 - EMPLOYEE CONDUCT AND WORK HOURS

### **Policy**

To ensure orderly operations and provide the best possible work environment, ICPC requires employees to follow rules of conduct that will protect interests and safety of all employees and the organization.

#### Procedure

It is not possible to list all forms of behavior that is considered unacceptable in the work place. Following are some examples of infractions of rule of conduct that may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment:

- Theft or inappropriate removal of ICPC property
- Falsification of time keeping records or employment related information
- Working under the influence of intoxicants or illegal drugs
- Possession, distribution, sale, transfer or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or pornographic material in the work place, on duty or while operating employer owned vehicles or equipment
- Fighting or threatening violence in the workplace
- Lewd, boisterous or disruptive activity in the workplace
- Negligence or improper conduct leading to damage or injury to property or persons
- Insubordination or other disrespectful conduct
- Violation of safety or health rules
- Sexual or other unlawful or unwelcome harassment
- Possession of dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or firearms in the work place
- Unauthorized absence from work place or excessive absenteeism
- Unauthorized use of telephones, mail system or any other company equipment including computers and electronic media
- Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information
- Acts that damage or harm ICPC public image
- Violation of personnel policies
- Unsatisfactory performance or conduct

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 123 - HARASSMENT

### **Policy**

ICPC employees have a right to work in an environment free from discrimination and harassment, therefore, ICPC prohibits harassment of its employees in any form.

### Procedure

Any harassment of ICPC employees, whether verbal or physical, related to sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin or disability, is strictly prohibited.

Any employee who knows of violation of this policy must promptly report the incident to the management.

Any employee engaging in harassment activities or making false accusations of harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 124 - WORK SCHEDULE

#### Policy

Depending upon operational demands and staffing needs, ICPC reserves the right to change work schedule (starting-ending times, total hours worked each day or number of work days) of any employee, at any time.

#### Procedure

Excluding holidays and emergency situations, normal work schedule of full time employees of ICPC is based on at least 40 work hours per week.

Work hours for volunteers, contract workers and part time employees may be less or more than 40 hours per week.

Volunteers and contract workers, regardless of their compensation computation method, are not considered ICPC employees and therefore do not have employee—employer relationship.

Payment for any volunteer or contract work will be according to mutually agreed terms. These terms must be clearly understood and when feasible recorded in the form of a document signed by an ICPC representative and work provider before commencement of any work.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 125 - EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

### **Policy**

At times emergencies such as severe weather, fire, power failure or natural disaster can disrupt ICPC operations and may require closing of work facility.

#### Procedure

When operations are officially closed due to emergency conditions the time off from scheduled work will be paid.

In cases where an emergency closing is not authorized, employees who fail to report for work will not be paid for the time off. In such situations employees may request to utilize their available paid time off (PTO), i.e. vacation, sick leave, etc.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 126 - PAYDAYS

### **Policy**

Employee wages and salaries are paid twice a month.

126.02 Compensation shall not be paid by cash

#### Procedure

Employee earnings are calculated on a monthly basis.

Normally salaries and wages may be paid electronically directly into the employee's designated bank account immediately following the payroll period.

If a regular payday falls during an employee's vacation, the employee may receive his/her earned pay before departing for vacation if a written request is submitted at least two weeks prior to date of departure.

Under no circumstances, shall compensation for any services by any employee of ICPC be paid by cash.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 127 - PAYROLL CORRECTIONS

#### **Policy**

An employee who detects an error in the amount of pay should promptly bring the discrepancy to the management's attention so that corrections can be made as quickly as possible

#### Procedure

ICPC takes reasonable steps to ensure that employees receive the correct amount of earning in each pay period and that employees are paid promptly on the scheduled payday. However, if any error or omission is made in the payroll, the concerned employee should immediately inform the accounting department of the incidence and monetary difference.

Accounting department will promptly investigate the incidence and make necessary changes to accommodate any adjustments.

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### 128 - PAY DEDUCTIONS AND SET-OFFS

#### **Policy**

- When required by law ICPC may deduct applicable federal, state and local income taxes from its employee's payroll.
- Eligible employees may voluntarily participate in ICPC employees benefit programs and authorize ICPC to deduct appropriate amounts from their wages to cover applicable costs.
- When authorized by an appropriate entity, ICPC may deduct pay set-offs of garnishments from its employees' wages.

#### Procedure

ICPC may offer programs and benefits over and above those required by law. If offered, eligible employees may voluntarily participate in these programs and authorize ICPC to deduct appropriate amounts from their wages to cover applicable costs.

Pay set-offs are pay deductions taken by ICPC usually to help pay off a debt or obligation to others, such as a garnishment. ICPC will make such deductions only with a proof of authorization from the government or a court issued order.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 129 - USE OF EQUIPMENT

### **Policy**

When using any ICPC owned or leased equipment, machine or tool, employees must exercise reasonable care and follow all operating instruction, safety standards and usage guidelines for that equipment, machine or tool.

#### Procedure

An employee who uses any ICPC owned or leased equipment, machine or tool must notify the supervisor if it appears to be unsafe, damaged defective or need repair or service.

Improper, careless, negligent, destructive or unsafe use or operation of an equipment, machine or tool can result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 130 - COMPUTER, INTERNET AND E-MAIL USAGE

#### Policy

Computers, computer files, e-mail system and software furnished to the employees are ICPC property intended for company business use. Employees may not install any software, use a password, access any file(s) or retrieve any stored information or data without authorization by ICPC management.

#### **Procedure**

Employees may use computer software and ICPC computers only in full compliance with all related license agreements. Unless authorized by the software developer/marketer, ICPC does not have the right to reproduce any software for use on more than one computer. ICPC prohibits illegal duplication or transmission of any software and its related documentation.

No employee is allowed to install any computer software on any ICPC computer without permission from management.

ICPC prohibits use of computer, internet and e-mail system in ways that are disruptive, offensive to others, harmful to morale or anything that may be construed as harassment or showing disrespect for others. E-mail may not be used to solicit for non-ICPC commercial ventures, unapproved religious causes, and political causes, outside organizations or for other non-business matters.

To ensure compliance with policy computer, internet and e-mail usage may be monitored. Employees should notify their supervisors or management of any violations of this policy.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

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### 131 - USE OF MAIL AND PHONE SYSTEMS

### **Policy**

- 131.01 ICPC paid postage for personal correspondence is not permitted.
- Usage of office phones for personal long distance or toll calls, and excessive usage of office phone for local personal calls whether, incoming or outgoing, is prohibited.
- All abusive or rude phone calls and callers threatening violence against ICPC, its personnel or property must be taken seriously and immediately reported to the supervisor.

#### Procedure

Employees who use company postage or phone system for personal purposes may be required to reimburse ICPC for any charges resulting from personal use of company postage and/or telephone system. This includes local as well as long distance and toll calls.

Employees must obtain approval from their supervisor for any personal long distance or toll calls.

When taking a business call, employee should always identify ICPC and themselves by name and speak in a courteous and professional manner.

If a caller is rude or abusive the employee may ask a supervisor to take over the conversation or, depending upon circumstances, discontinue conversation and immediately report the incidence to a supervisor.

If a caller threatens violence against ICPC, its personnel or property, the person taking the call must immediately notify the supervisor and document the incidence in writing. The supervisor should promptly contact the management and follow up their directive. In case of emergency the incidence should be immediately reported to the appropriate authorities followed by notification to the management.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## 132 - BUSINESS TRAVEL EXPENSES

#### **Policy**

ICPC will reimburse employees reasonable approved expenses directly related to business travel.

#### Procedure

All business travel must be preauthorized by the immediate supervisor.

Generally, the expenses that will be reimbursed include:

- Pre-authorized transportation expenses, generally for the lowest available fare.
- Mileage cost (at the IRS allowed current car expense rate average of business expense and charitable donation rates) plus road tolls incurred for use of personal automobiles only when less expensive transportation is not available. In such case the maximum total compensation will be equal to the lesser of the cheapest public transport fare or the actual mileage cost.
- Cost of standard accommodation in low to mid-priced hotels, motels or similar lodgings.
- Charges for telephone calls fax and similar services required for business purposes.
- Any other charges preauthorized by the management.

Employees who are involved in an accident while traveling on business must promptly report the incident to their immediate supervisor. Vehicles owned or leased by ICPC may not be used for personal use without prior approval.

Employees must submit a complete itemized travel expense report with receipts within 30 days after completion of the trip.

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### 133 - EMPLOYEES WITH LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS

### **Policy**

ICPC will make reasonable accommodations in accordance with all legal requirements to allow qualified employees with life threatening illness to continue to perform their duties.

#### Procedure

An employee suffering from a life-threatening illness such as cancer, heart disease or any other terminal disease may continue to perform essential functions of his/her job as long as he/she is able to meet acceptable performance standards and does not pose a health risk for others.

Medical information on all employees is treated confidentially. Supervisors and other employees have a responsibility to respect and maintain confidentiality of other employee's medical information.

Any one inappropriately disclosing another employee's medical information will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

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### 134 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST - EMPLOYEES

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:7/17/2019

#### **Policy**

134.01 ICPC prohibits its employees from engaging in any activities that might constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest with respect to ICPC business or religious standards.

134.02 It is the responsibility of ALL ICPC employees to be free of Conflict of Interest or even the appearance of conflict of interest when transacting business with ICPC.

134.03 For the purposes of ICPC employment, a non-exclusive list of examples of circumstances have been identified in this document that may be deemed to create actual or potential Conflict of Interest. An identified Conflict of Interest must be resolved for continued employment with ICPC.

134.04 This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit charitable organizations and is not intended as an exclusive statement of responsibility.

134.05 Actual or potential conflict of interest occurs when an ICPC employee is in a position to make or influence a business decision that may result in personal gain for that employee or for a relative as a result of ICPC business dealings. Personal gain results not only when an ICPC employee or relative has a significant ownership in a firm with which ICPC does business but also when an ICPC employee or relative receives any kickback, bribe, substantial gift or special consideration as a result of any transaction or dealings involving ICPC.

134.06 Actual or potential conflict of interest is deemed to exist when an ICPC employee or his relative has a material financial interest in an entity with which ICPC has business dealings or is serving as a director, officer, agent, partner, associate, trustee, personal or legal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, conservator or as a consultant.

134.07 For the purpose of this policy a relative is any person who is related to the employee by blood or marriage or whose relationship with the employee is similar to that of persons who are related by blood or marriage.

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134.08 Actual or potential conflict of interest may be deemed to exist when ICPC business dealings with outside firms by ICPC employees result in unusual gains for those firms. Unusual gain refers to bribe, product bonuses, special fringe benefits, unusual price breaks, and other windfalls designed to ultimately benefit the outside firm or its employee(s) or both.

#### 134.09 Procedure

- 1.0 Each employee shall be required to sign a statement which affirms that such a person: (a) received a copy of the conflict of interest policy; (b) read and understood the policy; and (c) agrees to comply with the policy.
- 2.0 No presumption of guilt is created by mere existence of a relationship with outside firms. However, if employees have influence on transactions involving purchases, contracts or leases they must disclose the possibility of existence of any actual or potential conflict of interest to his immediate supervisor, manager or supervising officer of ICPC promptly, so that safeguards can be established to protect all parties and ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of ICPC at all times. Failure to comply with this policy will result in termination of employment for cause. It may also result in termination of contract(s) or other transaction(s) which are subject of conflict of interest, including withholding payment of invoices.
- 3.0 Employees should seek clarification from their supervisor, manager or supervising officer of ICPC for any issues not specified in this document.

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134 Conflict of Interest Policy – Employees

## **APPENDIX**

## **Acknowledgment of Receipt Form**

(To be completed by all employees)

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Signature	Date
Printed Name	

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### **Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form**

(To be completed when employees in positions of authority are in actual or potential conflict of interest as detailed in #134 ICPC Conflict of Interest Policy)

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I hereby certify that the knowledge.	e information set forth above is true and complete to the best of my
Signature:	Date:

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### **Annual Disclosure Checklist Form**

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## 135 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT POLICY

### 135.1 Purposes:

This policy is designed to set a compulsory retirement age for all employees, and to provide guidance for managers and supervisors on one hand, and the employees on the other, on the applicable processes in the run up to the set employee retirement age, including management of employee requests to work beyond the set retirement age.

It is also the objective of this policy to assist development of employment practices and procedures appropriate to encourage retention of older workers and help harness their experience and skills, and demonstrate commitment to value employees of all ages.

#### **135.2 Policy:**

- a. The compulsory retirement age for all ICPC employees shall be 67 years. The aim in setting the retirement age is to allow younger workers to progress, motivate through increased prospect of promotion, create balanced age structure in the workforce, and orderly succession.
- b. Subject to compliance with the conditions and procedures specified herein and without prejudice to other applicable ICPC policies and procedures, employee requests to work longer than the retirement age may be approved for a period up to one year at one time; provided the total maximum period an employee is allowed to work shall not exceed 3 years after the retirement age of 67 years.

#### 135.3 Procedures:

a. The Human Resource department (HR) at ICPC Main Center shall notify in writing the employee of his impending retirement date six to twelve months before that date, with copies to his immediate supervisor and department manager for proper planning.

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- b. Employees scheduled for retirement may request to work longer than the set retirement age. Such employee requests shall be made in writing at least 3 months in advance of the retirement date. The requests shall be considered carefully by their respective immediate supervisors, reviewed by the Department Manager, recommended by Human Resource Department and endorsed by the Executive Body prior to submission to the BOARD for approval.
- c. At a mutually convenient time thereafter, a face to face meeting shall be held with the employee by HR in the presence of his supervisor and department manager to ensure clear understanding of the retirement date and identify potential issues that may arise. The meeting shall also explore the feasibility, subject to agreement, of steps that can be taken in the run up to the retirement date to ease retirement such as flexible working hours, and alternative roles up to the date of retirement.
- d. The employee's overall performance relative to position responsibilities must be evaluated to determine whether approval of the request to work beyond the set retirement age is warranted. Consideration shall also be given to such matters as (a) whether or not the employee is confident of continuing to perform work to the required standard, (b) the feasibility of flexible work hours or alternative roles; (c) impact on severance pay, (d) in case of contract workers, term implications, (e) physical and mental fitness evaluation by a medical doctor, and (f) the higher esteem commanded by older imams and religious scholars than the less experienced ones.
- e. All officials involved in the review, evaluation and approval process shall ensure that the decision to either accept or refuse the employee's request is sound and objective. They are prohibited from discussing proposed action with the employee until final written approval is accorded.
- f. The approval process in case of employees and Imams at Islamic Centers shall incorporate recommendation from the Islamic Center COUNCIL by two thirds majority. The BOARD approval in case of requests from employees and Imams at Islamic Centers as well as from employees at ICPC Main Center shall be by a simple majority affirmative vote.
- c. The "Co-Administrators" of this policy shall prepare a checklist and incorporate as an attachment to this policy and used control and monitor the entire process.

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## 135.4 Implementation:

The Executive Body shall have the ultimate responsibility for implementation of this Policy. To assist the Executive Body, the Comptroller and Operations Director are designated, for the purposes of this Policy, as "Co-Administrators" in charge of day to day administration of this Policy. The Administrators shall report to the Executive Body on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy.

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#### 137 KEY EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION POLICY

#### 137.1 Purposes:

- 1. This policy and its attendant procedures are adopted to establish a process, in line with requirements applicable for IRC 501(c) (3) charitable nonprofits that ensure the compensations for key employees, who are in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization, is reasonable and not excessive.
- 2. Demonstrate commitment of the organization to accountability, transparency and to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### **137.2 Policy:**

- 1. Compensation for all key employees shall be subject to advance approval by the full BOARD (excluding any BOARD members who have or may have conflict of interest in accordance with the #518 Conflict of Interest Policy) upon satisfactory completion of the process set forth in this document including comparability review process that ensures ICPC does not pay more than reasonable compensation for services rendered.
- 2. Compensation, for the purposes of this policy, shall include salary and benefits, such as insurance, a car, housing allowance, or other fringe benefits that taken into account to calculate of total annual compensation.
- 3. The provisions of # 518 Conflict of Interest Policy shall be observed to ensure that reasonable but not excessive compensation is approved by the BOARD while safeguarding financial transparency.
- 4. The entire process shall be contemporaneously documented. In approving key employees compensation packages ICPC directors, officers and other officials who are authorized to oversee and/or approve the transactions shall be cognizant that ICPC as a tax-exempt charitable organization is subject to 'Excess Benefit' restrictions.

#### 137.3 Procedure

1. The BOARD may, at its discretion, authorize the Executive Body or a committee composed of two or more other BOARD members with no conflict of interest, or a committee composed of BOARD members along with other persons who are knowledgeable in compensation matters and who have no financial interest in the matter

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to conduct comparability review. The BOARD or the body/committee authorized by the BOARD shall obtain and rely upon appropriate data as to comparability prior to making its determination, and contemporaneously document the basis for its determination. The documentation shall also include how the data was obtained.

- Comparability data used in the process shall be compensation levels paid by similarly qualified, functionally comparable and similarly situated nonprofits (e.g. in the same or nearby geographic area, of similar budget size and in a similar or same sub-sector) for functionally comparable to positions.
- 3. Sources for comparable data used may include survey reports or studies from state associations of nonprofits or other sources, including outside compensation consultants. Particular attention shall be paid by those authorized by the BOARD to conduct comparability review, to the independence of any compensation consultant used, and the quality and independence of any study, survey, or other data used to establish key employee compensation.
- 4. During the comparability review process, the body/committee entrusted by the BOARD shall contemporaneously record its deliberations and decision. It should also document who was involved, their independence (i.e., that they do not receive compensation from the nonprofit) and the process used to conduct the review. Upon completion of the process, a detailed recommendation shall be made to the BOARD for its consideration and approval.
- 5. The General Secretary shall record in the duly signed minutes of meeting or separately and contemporaneously the BOARD's decision to approve the compensation. The documentation shall reflect that the BOARD took the comparable data into consideration and the recommendation of the Executive Body or other body/committee entrusted by the BOARD with comparability review when it approved the compensation.

The documentation shall also include (a) a description of the compensation including Benefits, if any, approved, the date of approval, (b) the BOARD members who were present during the deliberations and the results of the vote; and (c) any actions taken such as abstaining from discussion and vote (any BOARD member with conflict of interest).

6. The individual(s) who may receive the compensation shall not be part of either the initial approval or subsequent periodic reviews.

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### 137.4 Compliance

ICPC directors, officers, and employees have responsibility to ensure that ICPC maintains its tax-exempt status and meets its compliance requirements. Failure to do so could result in serious consequences as IRS withdrawing tax-exempt status of ICPC, requirement that all transactions subject to 'excess-benefit' be reversed, and imposition of excuse taxes on any person who engages in excess benefit transaction and on any manager who knowingly participated in the prohibited inuring transaction.

#### **137.5** Implementation:

- 1. The Executive Body shall implement this policy and report to the Board on any issues, resource constraints or concerns relate to adequate implementation of this policy.
- 2. After the initial approval, an annual or other periodic review of the compensation for key employees shall be conducted by the BOARD and approve adjustments if and when warranted. This review process shall be documented in the minutes of BOARD meeting.

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**200 - SAFETY** 

#### **SAFETY**

### 201 - PRACTICE OF SAFETY

#### **201.1 Policy**

1. Each employee is required to comply with all applicable health and safety rules and exercise caution in all work activities.

#### 201.2 Procedure

- 1. An employee who notices any unsafe condition at the work place must immediately report the incidence to the appropriate supervisor or person in charge of the facility.
- 2. Employees who violate safety standards, cause hazardous or dangerous situation, or who fail to report or where appropriate remedy such situations may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
- 3. In case of accident that results in injury, regardless of how insignificant the injury may appear, employees should immediately notify the appropriate supervisor. Such reports are necessary to comply with laws and initiate insurance benefits procedures.

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### 202 - PREGNANT EMPLOYEES

#### **202.1 Policy**

1. Pregnant employees can continue to work as long as they are able to perform their essential job functions without running the risk of activities or environments that are considered harmful or contraindicated during pregnancy.

#### 202.2 Procedure

- 1. Pregnant employees must inform the management regarding their pregnancy status as soon as they become aware of their pregnancy.
- 2. Supervisors in charge of areas and materials considered harmful or contraindicated during pregnancy will notify the employee about the risk of exposure once employee is known to be pregnant.
- 3. An employee who notices a work-related condition or situation that may be potentially harmful for her pregnancy or is contraindicated during the pregnancy should immediately notify the management of this issue for possible corrective action.

#### **SAFETY**

## 203 - SECURITY INSPECTIONS

### **203.1 Policy**

1. ICPC prohibits possession, transfer, sale or use of illegal drugs, intoxicants, firearms, explosives or any other material or product which are meant to cause harm or injury to life or property.

#### 203.2 Procedure

- 1. ICPC may provide desks, lockers and other storage devices for the convenience of employees. These items remain sole property of ICPC. Accordingly, the management reserves the right to inspect these as well as any articles found within these storage places at any time either with or without prior notice.
- 2. To prevent theft or unauthorized possession of ICPC property or property of other employee's and visitors, ICPC authorized personnel may inspect not only desks and lockers but also persons entering or leaving the premises and any packages or other belongings.

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### **204 - SMOKING**

### **204.1 Policy**

Smoking is prohibited inside all ICPC facilities.

#### 204.2 Procedure

- 1. Smoking or use of intoxicants in not allowed inside any ICPC facility.
- 2. Persons in charge of facilities should post "No smoking" signs at appropriate places on the facility.
- 3. Smoking may be permitted at specific designation areas at any of the ICPC facilities.
- 4. All employees, officers, volunteers and visitors must comply with this policy at all times.
- 5. Any person who refuses to comply with this policy will be asked to leave the facility promptly.

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### 205 - VISITORS

### **205.1 Policy**

- 1. ICPC welcomes visitors and guests at its facilities provided that:
  - a) They are accompanied or hosted by a responsible ICPC person
  - b) While at the facility they follow ICPC policies and rules, and c)

Their visit to ICPC is not for any malicious purposes.

#### 205.2 Procedure

- 1. For formal visits, visitors and guests or their ICPC host should provide advance information about the purpose of visit, expected number of visitors and their background to the person in-charge of the facility, so that proper arrangements can be made to accommodate the needs of these visitors and guests.
- 2. Individual ICPC members and employees may accept or bring visitors and guests to ICPC facilities for short informal visits without prior notification.
- 3. During their visit the visitors and guests must remain with their ICPC host or contact and may not venture into non-public areas without prior permission from the person in-charge of the facility.
- 4. Visitors and guests may not remove any ICPC property or documents or make copies thereof, without permission from a responsible ICPC person.
- 5. When visiting an ICPC facility all visitors and guests must be attired in a modest manner that is suitable for religious facilities and family atmosphere.

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### 206 - WEAPON & DESTRUCTION DEVICES

### **206.1 Policy**

1. No person, except on duty law enforcement officers and authorized security personnel, is allowed to carry any lethal weapons (including licensed concealed weapons) or destruction devices on any ICPC facility.

#### 206.2 Procedure

- 1. No employee, volunteer, participant, visitor or guest is allowed to carry any lethal weapon, including licensed concealed weapon, or any destructive device on any ICPC facility.
- 2. ICPC shall post signs at all ICPC centers stating that carrying of lethal weapons including licensed concealed weapons is prohibited at ICPC facilities.
- 3. ICPC officers shall ask any person carrying a lethal weapon or destruction device, except on duty law enforcement officers and authorized security personnel, to leave the premises promptly.
- 4. If a person carrying a lethal weapon or destruction device refuses to leave the premises promptly then ICPC official shall report the situation to a respective law enforcement agency and ask them to remove the person from ICPC facility.

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### **207 – MONITORING**

### **207.1 Policy**

1. ICPC may monitor any or all of its facilities to ensure safety and security of personnel and property.

#### 207.2 Procedure

- 1. In conducting security monitoring, ICPC will make all necessary efforts to ensure that security surveillance and monitoring is done in ethical and respectful manner to maintain legitimate privacy rights of its employees, members and guests.
- 2. All suspicious activities or individuals and threats of or actual incidents of violence, either direct or indirect, should be reported as soon as possible to the immediate supervisor or management. This includes threats by employees, visitors, vendors, solicitors or a public person.

300 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

## 301 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

### **301.1 Policy**

1. ICPC provides a range of benefits to its employees. Type and scope of these benefit programs is reviewed and determined by Executive Body on the basis of feasibility.

#### **301.2 Procedure**

- 1. Employees are informed of all available programs and any changes when such changes take place.
- 2. Benefit eligibility depends upon a variety of factors, include employee classification and some benefit programs require contribution from participating employee.

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### 302 - BREAK TIME

### **302.1 Policy**

1. ICPC allows break time to its employees for food and prayers.

#### 302.2 Procedure

- 1. Each workday, full time employees who work for more than 4 hours are provided a 30-minute break time for food.
- 2. However, provision of break time will be dependent on availability of coverage for the work load and the supervisor will adjust the break time schedule to accommodate operational requirements.
- 3. To the extent possible, the break time will be provided around middle of the work schedule. Since this time is counted and paid as time worked, employees must not be absent from their workstation beyond the allotted break time.

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### 303 - HOLIDAYS

### **303.1 Policy**

- 1. ICPC grants holiday time off to all eligible employees on the holiday listed below:
  - 1. Eid ul Fitr
  - 2. Eid ul Adha
  - 3. Memorial Day
  - 4. Independence Day
  - 5. Labor Day
  - 6. Thanksgiving Day
  - 7. Christmas Day
  - 8. New Year Day

#### 303.2 Procedure

- 1. Eligible employees: Regular full-time employees
- 2. ICPC will grant paid time off for the above recognized holidays to all eligible employees immediately upon assignment to an eligible employment classification.
- 3. An employee who is required to work during any of the above holidays will be allowed to take alternative time off during other working days. Alternative time off will be scheduled in a manner that will minimize any adverse impact on office work, and has to be taken within the same pay period. There will be no cash payment in lieu of holiday time off in case an employee is required to work during any of the above holidays.

#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

## 304 - VACATION / PAID TIME-OFF (PTO)

### **304.1 Policy**

1. ICPC allows Paid Time Off as an all-purpose time off benefit for eligible employees to use for any reason including vacation, sickness, and/or personal business.

#### 304.2 Procedure

- 1. Eligible Employees: All regular full-time employees.
- 2. Eligible employees earn two weeks (ten working days) PTO vacation each year of service including probation period. After 10 years of continuous full time ICPC employment, eligible employees will receive an additional one-week PTO each year (total of three weeks). For over 20 years of continuous full time ICPC employment, eligible employees will receive a maximum of four weeks PTO. Vacation PTO can only be cashed out at employment termination.
- 3. Eligible employees will be eligible for up to six days Sick Leave per year. Sick leave cannot be accrued, carried forward, or cashed out.
- 4. Length of eligible service is calculated based on a benefit year. This is the 12 month period that begins when an employee starts to earn PTO. Length of benefit year may be extended for any significant leave of absence except military leave of absence which has no effect on length of service calculations.
- 5. Employees can request use of earned PTO after completing their initial probation period. PTO can be used in minimum increments of half (0.5) day.
- 6. PTO is paid at employee's base pay rate at the time of absence. PTO pay rate does not include overtime or any special forms of compensation such as incentives, commissions, bonuses or shift differentials.
- 7. Earned PTO that is not used by the end of the benefit year may be carried forward for a maximum of one year. Employees will forfeit any unused earned vacation PTO over two years.
- 8. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid for unused PTO that has been earned through last day of work.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### 305 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### **305.1 Policy**

ICPC allows leave of absence, without pay, to eligible employees who are temporarily unable to work.

#### 305.2 Procedure

- 1. All permanent employees may request Leave of Absence if they are temporarily unable to work due to:
  - Serious health condition or disability.
  - Family obligations relating directly to childbirth, adoption, care of children, spouse or parent with a serious health condition. For purpose of this policy serious health conditions or disabilities include inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility, continuing treatment by a health care provider and temporary disabilities associated with pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions.
  - Pregnancy related absence.
  - Military service in US uniformed services in accordance with Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.
- 2. Request for leave of absence should be made to the supervisors at least 10 work days in advance of the foreseeable events and as soon as possible for unforeseeable events.
- 3. For health-related requests, a health care provider's statement must be submitted verifying the need for medical leave and its beginning and expected ending dates. Any changes in this information should be reported promptly. Employee returning from medical leave must submit a health care provider's verification of their fitness to return to work.
- 4. Eligible employees are normally granted leave for the period of the disability up to a maximum of 12 weeks within any 12-month period. Any combination of medical leave and family leave may not exceed this maximum limit. If the initial period of approved absence proves insufficient, consideration may be given to a request for an extension. Employees may be requested to first use any accrued paid time off (PTO) before taking unpaid medical leave.
- 5. Employees who sustain work related injuries are eligible for medical leave of absence for the period of disability in accordance with all applicable laws covering occupational disabilities.

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- 6. An employee who is on Leave of Absence will not accrue any paid time off.
- 7. To help in proper work scheduling, whenever possible and applicable, employee on leave of absence should provide ICPC at least two weeks advance notice of the date the employee intends to return to work.
- 8. At the end of a leave of absence the employee will be reinstated to the same position, if available, or to an equivalent position for which the employee is qualified. Employees returning from military duty will be placed in the position they would have attained had they remained continuously employed or a comparable position in accordance with USA Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act (USERRA) or its successor regulation and for purposes of determining benefits will be treated as though they were continuously employed.
- 9. If any employee on leave of absence fails to return to work on the agreed upon return date then that employee will be considered to have resigned.

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### 306 - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

### **306.1 Policy**

Bereavement leave of up to 3 days will be normally granted.

#### 306.2 Procedure

- 1. Eligible employees: Regular full-time employees.
- 2. Employees who wish to take time off due to death of an immediate family member should notify their supervisor immediately. For the purpose of this policy employee's immediate family is identified as:
  - spouse, parent, child, siblings
  - spouse's parents, child, siblings
  - child's spouse or children
- 3. Bereavement leave is a paid leave benefit.
- 4. If necessary, employees may, with their supervisor's approval, utilize any available PTO for additional time off.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### 307 - JURY DUTY

### **307.1 Policy**

1. ICPC encourages employees to fulfill their civic responsibilities by performing jury duty, when required.

### 307.2 Procedure

- 1. Employee should provide a copy of jury duty notice to their immediate supervisor as soon as possible after receiving such notice so that adjustments can be made to accommodate employee's absence.
- 2. If employees have been requested to or subpoenaed by ICPC to testify as witness they will receive wages for the entire period of witness duty.
- 3. Employee should report for work if and whenever court schedule permits them to do so.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### 308 - HEALTHCARE

### **308.1 Policy**

1. ICPC provides healthcare benefits to its employees by subsidizing employee's healthcare related expenses as required by Federal law.

### 308.2 Procedure

- 1. Eligible employees: Regular full-time employees (those working at least 30 hours per week on a regular position and not on a special task-related and time-constrained assignment)
- 2. ICPC will pay eligible employees or on their behalf:

Up to required % of employee health insurance premium.

OR

For those employees not accepting the ICPC-offered Healthcare Insurance Plan, ICPC shall reimburse up to 50%, with a maximum ceiling of \$1000/year, of employee and family medical-dental-lab-prescription actual medicine expenses with payment receipt, provided that such expenses are not covered by external or spousal insurance.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### 309 - AUTOMOBILE USAGE EXPENSE

### **309.1 Policy**

1. ICPC shall reimburse employees authorized automobile usage expenses.

### **309.2 Procedure**

- 1. Eligible employee: All ICPC employees are eligible for reimbursement for authorized automobile usage.
- 2. The reimbursement shall be paid at the current per mile automobile expense rate published by IRS (average of business expense and charitable donation rates) plus road tolls incurred.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### 310 - EDUCTIONAL & TRAINING EXPENSES

### **310.1 Policy**

1. ICPC, at its sole discretion, may provide assistance to any of its employees for educational activities, which ICPC considers beneficial for its business.

### 310.2 Procedure

- 1. Eligible employee: Employees who have completed at least 90 calendar days of service including probation period.
- ICPC has the sole discretion to determine which educational activity qualifies for employee's educational assistance and each case will be assessed at its own merits.
- 3. ICPC does not guarantee that participation in any formal education will entitle the employee to automatic advancement, a different job assignment, or any pay increase.

**400 - RELIGIOUS TEACHER** 

### RELIGIOUS TEACHER

### 401 - WORK SCHEDULE FOR RTs

### **401.1 Policy**

1. Normal schedule for Religious Teachers is based on at least 40 hours work per week.

### **401.2 Procedure**

- 1. Religious Teachers are assigned to specific ICPC facilities and they report to the Masjid Director for compliance with work schedule.
- 2. Unless modified by the respective Masjid Director or Executive Body the least normal daily work schedule for RTs is as follows:

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Per Week
12.0
2.0
18.0
4.0
4.0 <b>40.0</b>
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- 3. If a facility wishes to modify the above schedule for any RT then it must submit the proposed modified work schedule to the respective Zonal Executive Committee for approval.
- 4. Masjid Director or their designee will be responsible for implementation of the approved work schedule at their respective facilities.
- 5. Issues regarding punctuality and compliance with the approved work schedule shall be resolved by the Zonal Executive Committee.
- 6. When any issue relating to RT compliance with ICPC policies and procedures (punctuality, performance, community interactions etc.) is brought to the attention of Board Executive Committee, it will consult with Religious & Ulema Committee and initiate an appropriate corrective action and/or submit its written report and recommendation on the matter to Executive Body for necessary action.

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### 402 - ASSIGNMENT TO ICPC SUBSIDARIES OR AFFILIATES

### **402.1 Policy**

1. In keeping with the Religious Teachers qualifications and employment agreement, the respective Masjid Director may assign any of the Religious Teachers to participate in any of the programs that are run by a subsidiary or affiliate of ICPC.

#### **402.2 Procedure**

- 1. Masjid Director may assign any of its Religious Teachers to participate in any of the programs run by a subsidiary or affiliate of ICPC.
- 2. If a Religious Teacher is assigned to a subsidiary project and the total work hours exceed ICPC general work hour guidelines then the subsidiary and respective Associate Director shall work out a formula to compensate the RT for additional work.
- 3. For the work performed for an ICPC subsidiary/affiliate, the Religious Teacher will report directly to the supervisor of the respective activity.

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### **403 – MINIMUM PERFORMANCE**

### **403.1 Policy**

1. All Religious Teacher must meet or exceed minimum performance criteria relating to their assigned duties.

### **403.2 Procedure**

- 1. The main function of ICPC Religious Teachers is teaching Islamic knowledge to children as well as adults.
- 2. Except for occasional unavoidable circumstances, RTs must be punctual in reporting to their assigned facility and remain available on site for the entire duration of their daily work schedule. Consistent tardiness or absence will be a cause for corrective action.
- 3. Religious Teachers should maintain record of their daily teaching sessions. This record can be detailed with information about individual attendees specially children (name, age, time and hours of attendance, subjects taught) or a summary statement, usually for adults sessions, listing total number of attendees, topics of discussion and time and duration of the activity. A consistent disinterest of the congregation in RTs educational sessions is cause for concern.
- 4. During the hours of the daily assignment (Asr through Isha), RTs are expected to teach children and adults correct recitation of Quran, Tafseer, Hadith and basic Fiqh of usual daily issue regarding worship and dealings.

When assigned to Weekend school or Dar ul Arqam schools, RTs will teach classes according to the established syllabus of the school.

RT assigned to a specific Islamic Center is expected to attend the regular Council meeting as a resource and observer, and RT Chairman of Ulema Committee is expected to attend regular Shura meetings in similar capacity.

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### **404 – EVALUATION**

### **404.1 Policy**

1. Religious Teachers are evaluated on the basis of academic qualifications, skills and productivity.

#### **404.2 Procedure**

- 1. For the purpose of appointment, salary and employment benefits, Religious Teachers are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
  - ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS Hifz Quran, specialization in specific fields of Islamic knowledge (e.g. Fiqh, Hadith, Qirat, History), additional certificate or degree of higher education in non-religious academic fields etc.
  - SKILLS Language expertise, Communications skills, Educational skills, Social achievements, Public Relations expertise or any other skill which enhances RT's performance relating to his duties and assignments.
  - PRODUCTIVITY Quantifiable outcome of RT's performance.
- 2. After initial appointment, RT's productivity and ability for smooth interaction with the community becomes the major factor that will influence ICPC decisions relating to RT's retention and compensation.
- 3. RT's productivity will be measured on the basis of:
  - Number of students attending RT's educational sessions
  - Any positive or negative trend of the number of persons attending such sessions
  - Proof of RT's outreach efforts relating to Muslim and non-Muslim population
  - Regional, national or international recognitions or awards
  - Research and publications
  - Initiatives for solving community related issues

**500 - ADMINISTRATION** 

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 501 - INDEMNIFICATION - DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

### 501.1 Purpose:

- (1) Establish and document policy and procedures relating to indemnification of the board members, officers, and employees, and
- (2) Demonstrate commitment to management of risk and compliance with the laws.

### **501.2 Policy:**

(1) ICPC shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify and defend its directors and officers (including Associated Directors and other elected officials) during the term of their office or at any time thereafter, from and against legal liability in connection with or resulting from any legal action brought against any of them for any action that constitute carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her office, subject however to exceptions set forth below.

ICPC shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify and defend its employees from and against legal liability in connection with or resulting from any action brought against any of them for an act or omission while performing his or her duties related to conduct of ICPC business or for an act or omission during and within the scope of his or her employment, subject however to exceptions set forth below.

- (2) The indemnification herein does not apply to any liability arising from the ownership, use, operation, maintenance, supervision, or loading and unloading of an automobile, truck or other motor-driven equipment (not owned by ICPC) for which a license or insurance is required under Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. With respect to operation or use of ICPC-owned vehicles, ICPC shall procure and maintain auto insurance coverage required pursuant to Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.
- (3) No indemnification shall be provided to any person identified in paragraph 501.2(1) who is finally adjudicated in any proceeding as liable to ICPC or is liable for receiving improper profit, remuneration or benefit because of (a) willful or intentional misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to ICPC, or (b) breach of his or her duty of loyalty owed to ICPC, or (c) an act or omission not committed in good faith that constitutes a breach of duty owed by him or her to ICPC.

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- (4) No indemnification shall be provided for any person identified in paragraph 501.2(1) herein above with respect to any matter as to which he or she has been finally adjudicated in any proceeding as liable for any dishonest fraudulent act or omission, or any criminal act or omission.
- (5) The indemnification herein does not apply to any person indentified in paragraph 501.2(1) herein above with respect to any matter as to which he or she is determined to have acted or omitted to have acted in willful violation of ICPC Constitution, Bylaws, policies and procedures. Such determination shall be made by the Board with a majority vote of a quorum of ICPC directors who are disinterested and independent, regardless whether such disinterested and independent directors constitute a quorum.
- (6) A person indemnified under this policy shall assist, cooperate and provide promptly all information within his or her power as required for the defense of any claim, suit or action and also any and all information required to help in a determination of indemnification.
- (7) A person indemnified under this policy shall not settle any claim, suit or action without first obtaining written consent of ICPC, and, where applicable, its insurers. ICPC and its' insurers will not be liable for any amounts paid, agreed to be paid or obligation assumed by such a person in settlement of any claim, suit or action where prior written consent of ICPC and its insurers was not obtained.
- (8) Any compromise or settlement payment related to the indemnification shall be subject to approval of the Board by a majority vote of a quorum of ICPC directors who were not at that time parties to the claim, suit or proceeding; and, where applicable, the consent of the insurance company. If and when any payment is proposed by ICPC or its insurers' on its behalf to settle the claim, suit or action, a person indemnified under this policy shall not withhold consent to such settlement and to subrogation of rights.

#### **501.3 Procedure**

(1) ICPC shall obtain commercial liability insurance coverage to cover potential liability risk to ICPC from protection afforded under this indemnification. ICPC may select one or more insurers with reliable reputation, and will, among other considerations, weigh the costs of obtaining said insurance coverage.

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- (2) Whenever an individual indemnified under this policy is threatened or becomes aware of a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service or capacity as an ICPC director, officer, or employee, he or she shall promptly notify the Comptroller or other designated ICPC official. As soon as practical, the matter should be reported to the Board of Directors and ICPC legal counsel.
- (3) The Comptroller or other designated ICPC official shall also provide written notification to ICPC insurers in accordance with the terms of its liability insurance coverage about any potential claim and coordinate with them as required. The insurer will not only indemnify but, if obligated under the coverage, assume, at its own expense, the defense of ICPC and the persons indemnified herein, by a counsel of the insurer's choice.
- (2) On being notified of an impending action, suit or claim, ICPC insurer may at its own expense, participate in the defense of any action, suit or claim and may assume the defense against action, suit or claim using legal counsel. The insurer, subject to the terms of its insurance coverage, may have the right and duty to defend ICPC and the individuals indemnified herein. However, under coverage provided by certain insurers, ICPC may initially assume legal defense and thereafter have the option to either turn over the defense to the insurer, or continue the defense and submit an insurance claim to recover the costs, expenses, fees, and other payments. ICPC shall proceed accordingly.
- (3) In accordance with ICPC obligations under the commercial liability insurance coverage, ICPC and the individuals indemnified herein shall assist and cooperate with the insurer including in the matter of settlement and subrogation of rights to the insurer.
- (4) If a person indemnified herein employs or continues to employ its own legal counsel, any and all fees or expenses incurred by him or her subsequent to the assumption of defense by ICPC or its insurer, will be his or her sole responsibility. Neither ICPC nor any person indemnified herein shall voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation, or incur any expense other than first aid without the consent of the insurer.

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- (5) In the absence of or in addition to procuring and maintaining commercial liability insurance coverage, the Board may establish a dedicated fund titled, "Legal Defense Fund" for the benefit of persons indemnified under this policy, with contributions from all ICPC Islamic Centers to cover legal costs, fees, expenses, settlements and other payments related to the defense that may not be covered fully by insurance.
- (6) ICPC shall, in the absence of commercial liability insurance coverage, assume the indemnification and defense of claims or actions brought against it and/or individuals indemnified herein in consultation with its legal counsel and at its expense.

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### 502 - DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

### 502.01 Purposes and Objectives:

This policy is designed to provide guidelines for: (a) retention and maintenance of documents necessary for the proper functioning of ICPC and to comply with applicable legal requirements; (b) destruction of documents which are no longer needed for operations or required by law; and (c) guidance for the ICPC Board members, Associate Directors, staff and other constituencies with respect to their responsibilities concerning document retention and destruction. It is also intended to help prevent accidental or innocent destruction of documents in the ordinary course of business, to promote good housekeeping, and to help manage cost of maintaining records.

#### **502.02** General:

- 1. Documents and records created or generated by ICPC staff and elected officials shall be subject to retention and destruction pursuant to this Policy and the Retention Schedule below. This policy applies to all documents and records (hereafter referred as "documents") both in hard copy and electronic media.
- 2. Retained documents should be saved in a format that preserves the original attributes of the document when it is important to do so. Retained documents should be stored in a safe, secure and accessible manner. Use fire-proof filing cabinets.
- 3. Retained electronic documents (pdf, text or other electronic format) may be printed and stored in hard copy and/or may be archived electronically with regular backup and recovery methods in place.
- 4. Retained documents in hard copy or paper format should be destroyed in accordance with this Policy Schedule using cross-cutting shredders and disposed properly.
- 5. Destruction of documents subject to a legal hold, addressed in Paragraph 502.04 below, shall be immediately suspended until the legal hold is amended or rescinded. Compliance of the legal hold, as described in Paragraph 502.05, is mandatory

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### **502.03 Implementation:**

- 1. Documents and records created The Executive Body shall have the ultimate responsibility for implementation of this Policy. To assist the Executive Body, the Comptroller and Operations Director are designated, for the purposes of this Policy, as "Co-Administrators" in charge of day to day administration of this Policy. The Administrators shall supervise and coordinate retention and destruction of documents pursuant to this Policy and the Retention Schedule below. The Administrators shall be responsible for documenting the action taken to maintain and/or destroy the documents, and for retaining the documents. The Administrators shall report to the Executive Body on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy.
- 2. The Executive Body, on the recommendation of the Administrators, may modify the Document Retention Schedule from time to time as necessary to comply with law and/or include additional or revised document categories.
- 3. ICPC staff and elected officials shall be familiar with this Policy, act in accordance with it and assist the Administrators, when requested, in administering it. It is also the responsibility of elected officials and other volunteers to return, upon serving out their term or promptly upon demand, specifically identified ICPC documents, if an elected official or a volunteer still retains such ICPC documents, as further described in # 509 Return of Records and Property Policy.

### **502.04** Legal Holds, Suspension of Document Destruction:

The Board of Directors, the Executive Body, the Administrators shall, upon becoming aware that litigation, government audit or government investigation or similar proceeding against ICPC has been instituted or is reasonably likely, promptly issue legal holds to immediately suspend destruction of documents. Such legal holds shall be in writing and communicated to all affected constituencies. Thereafter, legal holds shall be amended or rescinded only after conferring with legal counsel. If any staff member, board member or associate director becomes aware that litigation, a government audit or a government investigation has been instituted, or is reasonably anticipated or contemplated and they are not sure whether the Administrators are aware of it, they shall make one of the Administrators aware of it.

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### 502.05 Compliance:

Failure to comply with this Policy, including, particularly disobeying any destruction stoppage order could lead to disciplinary action including possible termination of employment. Further, failure to comply could result in possible civil or criminal sanctions. Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Section 802 imposes criminal liability, (with fines and/or imprisonment for not more than 20 years), upon whomever "knowingly alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies or makes a false entry in any record, document or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence a federal investigation or proper administration of any federal matter".

### 502.05 Review:

The Executive Body shall periodically review this policy and its' compliance with the legal counsel and independent outside auditors of ICPC, and report to the Board of Directors.

#### **502.06 Record Retention Schedule:**

The following schedule specifies the documents with the record retention period indicated against them for which they must be maintained.

Legal structure of ICPC						
1.	Articles of Incorporation and any amendments	Permanently				
2.	Annual Tax filing with the Secretary of State	Permanently				
3.	ICPC Bylaws and all amendments	Permanently				
4.	Endowment Fund Bylaws and any amendments	Permanently				
5.	All IRS documents recognizing ICPC's tax exempt status including 25 Feb 2015 confirmation letter, Form 1023 submittal, and Employer Social Security and Medicare taxes waiver (Form 8274).	Permanently Permanently				
6.	Any EIN filings for subsidiaries on behalf of ICPC, Licenses and Permits, and Corporate Filings					
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Board and Board Committee membership, decisions and activities						
1.	Minutes of Board and standing committee meetings	Permanently				

2.	Financial statements and budgets approved by the Board or any committee of the Board	Permanently
3.	List of board members, contact information, and their terms	Permanently
4.	Periodic reviews of Board effectiveness conducted by the Board, a committee of the board, a consultant, or management	7 years
5.	Board resolutions, including all financial approvals, should be maintained outside of meeting minutes	Permanently
6.	Annual Financial Budgets	7 years

	nbership, membership votes and other activities related to involve	ment of members in the governance		
of IC				
1.	List of nonprofit members, dates of membership, basic description of the member, and contact information	Permanently		
2.	Minutes of annual or special membership meetings	Permanently		
3.	Notices sent to membership related to governance functions	Permanently		
4.	Record of attendance at quorums	Permanently		
5.	Activities of voting members under the bylaws, including requests for governance actions	Permanently		
6.	Record of membership fees paid by each nonprofit member	Permanently		
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Stan	ding Committees			
1.	List of all active standing committees	Permanently		
2.	Records of all committees dissolved	Permanently		
ICP	C's policies both board and administrative policies			
1.	Board policies, including record of effective dates, amendments and revisions (Policies and Procedures Manual)	Permanently		
2.	Administrative policies, including record of effective dates, amendments and revisions.	4 years after last effective date		
Documents that demonstrate effective pursuit of ICPC's mission, evaluate program success and determine whether the organization is achieving desired results				

1. Strategic planning documents approved by the Board

15 years after end of effective period

Board, board committee, I ICPC projects	management reviews or evaluations of	15 years			
3. Construction Budgets & R	Reports on core ICPC projects	15 years			
4. Program files on ICPC pro	ograms and funds	For major projects involving more than \$5,000 during any fiscal year, documents will be retained through the term of the project and an additional 5 years, unless fund requirements state otherwise; or the Board decides otherwise.			
Financial statements, budgets	, tax returns, and important supportin	g information.			
1. Federal and state annual ta	ax returns and any amendments	Permanently			
2. Business records that supp	port federal and state annual returns	7 years			
3. Financial reviews by outsi of ICPC and General Ledg	ide CPAs or audited financial statements ger	Permanently			
	ICPC's sources of receipts for tax and Receivables, Payables, Bank Stmts.	7 years			
financial approvals and ac	at documents related to the budget and ctivities should be part of the minutes al updates on a PDF document of the or the Board.				
Records of all donations, and donor, any limitations on the second	names and contact information for use, and disbursements	Permanently			
<b>Property and Legal</b>					
1. Property deeds, purchase/sa Trademarks and Copyrights	ale agreements, property tax, s.	Permanent			
<ol> <li>Legal matters – lawsuits and other legal processes involving ICPC or any investigations.</li> <li>(** Consult Legal Counsel to determine the retention period of particular documents)</li> </ol>					
Other					

1. Personnel and employment records

7 years after termination

2.	Contracts or other documents creating legal obligations or potential legal liabilities, including insurance contracts, vendor contracts, and personal services contracts, leases and other property related contracts.	7 years after termination
E-I	Mail to and from ICPC, Electronically stored documents	
1.	Emails relating to a particular document specified above in this Schedule (to be retained in hard copy with the document to which they relate).	Same period as the document specified in the Schedule above to which they relate to.
2.	Emails not included in category 1 above.	1 year
3.	Electronically stored documents (in pdf, text, or other electronic format) relating to a particular document specified above in this Schedule.	Same period as the document specified in the Schedule above to which they relate to.
4.	Electronically stored documents not included in category 3 above	2 years

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### **503 - CONTRACTS**

### **503.1Policy**

- 1. No employee is allowed to make any verbal or written commitment or sign any service or supply contract on behalf of ICPC without prior approval from ICPC Management.
- 2. No elected officer or volunteer of ICPC is allowed to make any verbal or written commitment or sign any service or supply contract that is over their respective administrative and financial authority limits, on behalf of ICPC without prior approval from Executive Body or the Shura in accordance with their respective authorities.
- 3. No local construction committee is authorized to unilaterally approve work contracts.

#### 503.2 Procedure

- 1. A member of ICPC management may, within their area of jurisdiction and financial authority limits, authorize an employee to sign a service or supply contract on behalf of ICPC (ICPC Management: Executive Body members, Zonal Directors and Associate Directors). All other agreements and contracts must be approved by the Board/Shura or Executive Body as the case may be before such agreements/contracts are executed on behalf of ICPC.
- 2. Original contract or copies of such contracts must be maintained for the, longer of, duration of the contract or requirements of the governing law.
- 3. The person signing the contract must make sure that the original contract or copy of the contract is kept with the respective facility/project records and when appropriate the original document or copy thereof is provided to the Main Office for record keeping and any necessary action.
- 4. Central Construction Committee shall review and approve all construction work contracts. No local construction committee is authorized to unilaterally approve work contracts. All Construction contracts that exceed \$10,000 require signature of ICPC President or designee.

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### **504 – LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND INQUIRIES**

### **504.1 Policy**

1. Unless instructed by a member of Executive Body, no employee may take any action with respect to or provide information for or on behalf of ICPC to any outside entity, attorney, news media or government agencies, concerning any legal documents.

#### 504.2 Procedure

- 1. Upon receipt of any legal documents or inquiries e.g. complaints, summons, request for production of documents, interrogatories, affidavits etc. the Office must document date and time of receipt of such document or inquiry.
- 2. When a legal document is served or there is an attempt to serve such document the person receiving such document or information must immediately inform the President, any concerned Executive Body member and any Majlis Al-Shura member who is concerned with the matter.
- 3. After notifying the management, Office must document date, time and name of the person(s) who have been notified and follow through on the directions given by them.

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### **505 - ICPC DATABASE**

### **505.1 Policy**

1. No one is authorized to use ICPC Database (including financial data, client and supplier information, employee information, membership lists or personal information, census and survey results etc.) for any purpose other than ICPC related business.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 506 – POLICY ON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

### 506.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish and document policy and procedures regarding identifying and handling of ICPC and third party confidential information, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to protect and maintain confidentiality of confidential information, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and the Bylaws.

### **506.2 Policy:**

- 1. For the purposes of this policy, Confidential Information is defined, as information that is not commonly known outside ICPC or is protected by law, and which is disclosed to an ICPC employee or an elected official (including director, officer, elected official or volunteer) or is known to him as a consequence of the his employment with ICPC or in the course of discharging his duties and responsibilities associated with his position or service at ICPC.
- 2. Confidential Information which may be in written documents or in electronic data shall include Financial Information; Social Security Numbers; Payroll and Personnel Records; Health Information; Credit Card Information, Passwords and IT-related information; Member Information & Lists; Self-Restricted Personal Data of members, employees and officers.
- 3. Elected ICPC officials and volunteers during and after their term or service shall hold Confidential Information in trust and confidence. Likewise, during employment and after the termination of employment, ICPC employees shall hold Confidential Information in trust and confidence. They shall only use, store, or disclose it as appropriate in the performance of their duties for ICPC.
- 4. ICPC elected officials, employees and volunteers authorized to handle Confidential Information under this policy shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and policies.

#### **506.3 Procedure**

1. Access and use of Confidential Information shall be restricted to only those that have a legitimate business need, are authorized and have signed non-disclosure agreement (see Exhibit-1) shall be allowed to view the information.

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Such authorizations shall be issued in writing and shall be issued by the Executive Body. The authorizations shall specify the areas or types of information allowed for access and use.

- 2. Access to computer systems containing Confidential Information shall be restricted to those that are under an obligation to keep the information confidential. Logins, user names and passwords shall not be shared with others. Confidential Information shall be stored and conveyed using secure communication systems.
- 3. Records or other materials containing Confidential Information shall not be removed from ICPC premises by any authorized person under this policy unless it is essential in order to perform his or her duties for ICPC. Approval from his or her supervisor may be necessary in such cases. When working outside ICPC premises, authorized persons shall take steps to ensure that the Confidential Information is secure and is protected from theft or disclosure to others.
- 4. Distribution of Confidential Information shall be restricted to only those ICPC employees and elected officials who have a legitimate business need to know it and are properly authorized and have signed non-disclosure agreement.
- 5. Additional requirements applicable to access and distribution of information of members are addressed under # 705 Policy on Membership Information.
- 6. ICPC elected officials, volunteers or employees shall not seek to obtain Confidential Information relating to any matter which is outside the scope of their duties and responsibilities for ICPC.
- 7. With respect to third party confidential information, ICPC employees and elected officials shall avoid receiving it unless such it is covered a by non-disclosure agreement, or an agreement waiving the disclosing party's rights. Disclosure of third party confidential information to another third party shall be as per terms of agreement and on advice of legal counsel. Use of third party confidential information obtained through inappropriate means is prohibited.
- 8. If an authorized person under this policy has any question relating to appropriate use or disclosure of Confidential Information, he or she shall consult, as appropriate, with his or her supervisor, manager, director or a member of the Executive Body. He or she shall promptly report any known violation of this Confidential Information policy either by himself or by others. Violation of this confidentiality policy may be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: Original

Revised and approved by the Board of Directors on: 10.14.2020

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Exhibit-1

# ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA Confidentiality Agreement

	Confidentiality Agreement
1.	In the performance of my duties as of the ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA (ICPC), I may gain access to sensitive or confidential information (*including but not limited to Financial Information; Social Security Numbers; Payroll, Personnel Records; Health Information; Self-Restricted Personal Data; Credit Card Information, Passwords and IT-related information; and Members Information), hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information" that may be protected by ICPC policies, federal or state law. I understand that unauthorized access, use and improper disclosure of Confidential Information can adversely impact ICPC, its' employees and members.
2.	I shall use the Confidential Information solely in performing duties of my position and for ICPC purposes only. I shall not use it, either in whole or in part, for any unlawful purpose.
3.	Other than what is required in regular performance of my duties and responsibilities as, I shall not copy, reproduce, create
	derivative works, alter or delete Confidential Information. I shall immediately report to my supervisor/manager/director any unauthorized use, duplication, or disclosure of Confidential Information by myself or others.
4.	I shall not display, divulge, publish, distribute, transmit, broadcast, or circulate to anyone or for any purpose without prior written approval of ICPC officials designated in the policy.
5.	I understand that any failure to adhere to one or more of the above listed conditions will subject me to disciplinary action that may result in disciplinary action including termination of employment or my removal as
6.	I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement. These obligations shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
Da	te:
	(Name & Signature)
Da	te: Witness:
*D	(Name & Signature)

\*Retain applicable information and delete others.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 507 - ACCESSIBILITY OF OFFICE RECORDS

### **507.1 Policy**

1. All Shura members are entitled to review all office records.

#### **507.2 Procedure:**

- 1. Shura members may access any and all office records related to their area of jurisdiction.
- 2. A Shura member may review personnel files of an employee or volunteer after submitting a written request to the General Secretary documenting the official need for such information and provided that no documents are copied or removed from the premises.
- 3. If a Shura member wishes to review documents or requests information regarding an area that is not under his jurisdiction, then the Office will first notify the President or General Secretary or the Shura member who has jurisdiction over such document/information and then will make the requested item available to the requesting Shura member.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 508 - ATTENDANCE AT BOARD, EB/ADs, and ZEC MEETINGS

### **508.1 Policy**

- 1. Only eligible voting members of ICPC and invited guests are allowed to attend regularly scheduled ICPC Shura meetings which are required attendance for all Shura members.
- 2. Masjid Directors are required to attend regularly scheduled EB-AD's meetings.
- 3. Zonal Executive Committee meetings shall be regularly scheduled at which attendance of Zonal Director and Associate Directors is required.

#### **508.2 Procedure**

- 1. The ICPC Shura meetings are held to conduct ICPC business and are therefore of mandatory attendance by Shura members; only eligible voting members of ICPC and invited guests may attend the regularly scheduled Shura meetings. General public and persons who are not eligible voting member of ICPC are not authorized to attend these Board meetings.
- 2. To ensure effective communications between the Executive Body and Islamic Centers, regular meetings of Executive Body with Associate Directors shall be scheduled. EB members and ADs are required to attend these regularly scheduled meetings.
- 3. There shall be regularly scheduled meeting of the Zonal Executive Committee for each zone. At all such meetings, the respective Zonal Director and Associate Directors of that zone are required to attend that meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### **509 – RETURN OF RECORDS AND PROPERTY**

### **509.1 Policy**

1. Persons in possession of ICPC official documents and any other property must return all such items to ICPC on demand or within 60 days after the end of their assignment or office term.

#### **509.2 Procedure**

- 1. ICPC official documents are ICPC property. Ordinarily all such documents, equipment and any other ICPC property must remain at the respective ICPC designated facility.
- 2. Any ICPC officer, employee, contractor or volunteer who is in possession of any such document or property must return all such items to the Main Office or the respective facility on demand or within 60 days from the end of their office term or assignment.
- 3. For the purpose of this policy ICPC officer means all elected office holders, council and committee members and volunteers assigned to specific projects.
- 4. In individual cases, Majlis Al-Shura, by a majority vote, may extend the period for return of documents and property or exempt an individual from this policy.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 510 - NIKAH (MARRIAGE CEREMONY)

### **510.1 Policy**

1. Nikah (Marriage) ceremonies performed by ICPC employees or at any of the ICPC facilities must comply with all Islamic Jurisprudence (Shariah) laws and applicable government laws.

#### **510.2 Procedures**

- 1. Parties wishing to hold marriage ceremony at an ICPC facility and ICPC employees who perform the Nikah (marriage) ceremony must conduct the ceremony in compliance with all applicable Islamic Jurisprudence laws and local civil laws.
- 2. Before commencement of any such marriage ceremony, concerned parties must provide all necessary documents, including a valid marriage license from appropriate authorities, declaration of pertinent information about bride and bridegroom and identification information of the required marriage witnesses, to the ICPC Main Office or to the person who performs the Nikah,
- 3. It is not allowed to hold a marriage ceremony at any ICPC facilities if: Islamic Jurisprudence (Shariah) prohibits such a Nikah, or Required documentation/information is not complete, or The marriage is in conflict with applicable local laws.
- 4. After completion of marriage ceremony, original marriage license and all related forms and documents must be submitted to ICPC Main office, in a timely manner.
- 5. Main Office will validate the Nikah documents and then will return appropriate documents back to the concerned parties for their follow up and records.
- 6. There will be no charge if Nikah is performed at the Main Center or at the IC where that RT is the resident RT. If Nikah is performed at a personal location requiring travel by the RT, then a maximum charge of \$150 per occurrence will be allowed if the respective marriage parties agree.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### **511 - BUSINESS INSURANCE**

### **511.1 Policy**

1. ICPC shall, at all times, maintain adequate business insurance coverage (liability, property loss etc.) to protect itself from catastrophic losses.

### **512.2 Procedure**

1. ICPC Executive Body will obtain competitive business insurance quotes from reputable sources and will purchase adequate insurance coverage to protect ICPC from any catastrophic losses and third-party claims.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

# 512 – USE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS TO CONDUCT LECTURES ON ISLAMIC LEARNING

### **512.1 Policy**

1. Prior to contracting with any independent contractor to Conduct Lectures on Islamic Learning, all requests for such use need to be submitted to the EB for approval through the Zonal Director.

#### 512.2 Procedure

1. Although there is considerable leeway provided to the Zonal Directors and Associate Directors in the use of independent contractors for non-religious functions at the Islamic Centers, prior to contracting with any independent contractor to Conduct Lectures on Islamic Learning, all requests for such use need to be submitted to the EB through the Zonal Director specifying the number of hours that the contractor will work, the scope of the specific functions being considered, and the financial compensation that is contemplated. The EB shall conduct due diligence and provide an opinion on whether such a contractual arrangement is in the best interests of ICPC, and provide approval, if warranted.

Adopted by the Board of Directors: Original Revised and Approved by the Board of Directors:

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### **513 – FINANCE COMMITTEE**

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED:

### **513.1 Policy**

Pursuant to Bylaws, Article VIII Committees, Section 1, this document outlines the purpose and objective of the Standing Committee for Finance at Board level. The Committee is advisory in its nature and does not have the authority of the Board.

### 513.2 Purposes and Objectives

- 1. The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee is to monitor and guide the preparation of annual budget prior its presentation to the Board and ensure that it is consistent with the strategic plan.
- 2. It shall assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities by recommending to the Board financial accounting policies and reporting practices, and a system of internal financial controls and compliance with laws and regulations.
- 3. At the Board's formal request, it shall receive, investigate when necessary, and cause response to be made to inquiries by any member or employee of ICPC concerning ICPC financial operations.

### 513.3 Composition

- 1. The Committee will be composed of at least two members and a Chairperson. The Treasurer shall nominate all members and designate the Chairperson for approval by the Board. In the event of the Treasurer fails to do so in a timely manner, the Board at its own discretion may appoint the members and designate the chairperson.
- 2. Members of the Committee shall be chosen based on the skill sets and competencies required to carry out the responsibilities of the committee and must be financial knowledgeable and qualified and have no relationship that may interfere with the exercise of their independence with respect to ICPC management. The number of committee members can vary as needed.
- 3. Members shall serve no more than three two-year terms. The composition of the Committee may be modified by the Board. Employees of ICPC and/or its subsidiaries or trustees and/or board members of ICPC subsidiaries shall not serve on the Committee.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 514 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **514.1 Policy**

1. Pursuant to Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, this document outlines the purpose and objective of the standing committee for Audit at Board level. The Committee is advisory in nature and does not have the authority of the Board.

### 514.2 Purposes and Objectives

- 1. The Committee recommends the selection, retention and compensation of ICPC's independent auditors for appointment by the Board.
- 2. The Committee, in coordination with the Executive Body, serves as focal point for communication between the Board and the independent auditors.
- 3. The Committee reviews the scope and general extent of the examination performed prior to each year's audit.
- 4. The Committee reviews the financial statements upon completion of the audit with the Treasurer and the independent auditors, and
- 5. The Committee reviews periodically ICPC system of internal controls for accuracy of financial statements and compliance with the laws and submits its findings to the Board.

### 514.3 Composition

- 1. The committee shall be composed of at least two members and a Chairperson. The Executive Body shall nominate all members and designate the Chairperson for approval by the Board. The Committee will report to the Board through the Executive Body. In the event of the Executive Body fails to do so in a timely manner, the Board at its own discretion may appoint members and designate a chairperson.
- 2. The Committee members shall be chosen based on the skill sets and competencies required to carry out the responsibilities of the Committee and must be financial knowledgeable and qualified and have no relationship that may interfere with the exercise of their independence with respect to ICPC management.

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3. Members shall serve no more than three two-year terms. The composition of the Committee may be modified by the Board at its discretion. Employees of ICPC and/or its subsidiaries or trustees and/or board members of ICPC subsidiaries shall not serve on the Committee.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 515 - CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED:

DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **515.1 Policy**

Pursuant to Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, this document outlines the purpose and objective of the standing committee for Constitution and Bylaws at Board level. The Committee is advisory in nature and does not have the authority of the Board.

### 515.2 Purposes and Objectives

- 1. The Committee conducts, upon receipt of written referrals from the Board, review of changes proposed by the Board from the standpoint of (a) permissibility by ICPC Constitution, and (b) consistency with the provisions of the Constitution and/or Bylaws, and (c) best governance practices that make long term sense, and advise the Board in writing. Such independent advice by CBC to the Board may in appropriate cases include recommending proper text for amendment(s) in order for the Board to proceed with approval process set forth in ICPC Constitution and/or Bylaws.
- 2. The Committee, as a part of its independent advice, interprets, clarifies and explains provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws in response to written requests received from the Board.
- 3. The Committee reviews, periodically and on an ongoing basis, ICPC Constitution and Bylaws and recommends draft amendments to the Board to ensure the provisions therein remain relevant and reflect best current governance practices that make long term sense.
- 4. The Committee also discharges the specific duties it has been assigned under the provisions of the Bylaws.

### 515.3 Composition

1. The committee will be composed of at a minimum two members and a chairperson. The Vice President shall nominate all the members and designate the Chairperson for approval by the Board. In the event of the Vice President fails to do so in a timely manner, the Board at its own discretion may appoint members and designate a chairperson.

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- 2. The Committee members shall be chosen based on qualifications, skill sets and competencies required to carry out the responsibilities of the Committee. The number of committee members can vary as needed. The members must have legal and/or senior management background and have no relationship that may interfere with the exercise of their independence with respect to ICPC management.
- 3. Members shall serve no more than three two-year terms. The first of the three terms for all members currently serving on the committee will commence after the Board's approval and publication of this policy. The composition of the Committee may be modified by the Board. Employees of ICPC and/or its subsidiaries shall not serve on the Committee.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 516 - ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **516.1 Purpose:**

- 1. To establish policy and procedures with respect to providing proper orientation to newly elected board members, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to full disclosure and to assist and improve the ability of board members in effectively and efficiently discharging the significant responsibilities that board membership carries.

### **516.2 Policy**

- 1. ICPC is committed to maintain its position in the Greater Houston area as the premier Islamic charitable, religious, educational and scientific nonprofit tax-exempt organization serving the community. To attain that goal, ICPC seeks, within the context of qualification requirements set forth in ICPC Constitution & Bylaws, directors with integrity, with orientation towards members, with diverse range of expertise and a genuine and abiding interest in ICPC.
- 2. It is ICPC policy to make available as a part of orientation to new board members the information and tools they need to quickly assume their role as partners in shared leadership and successfully steer the organization. Board Members also have full and free access to ICPC books and records to examine.
- 3. Orientation shall be provided to all newly elected directors prior to or soon after taking oath of office at the Main Center. ICPC does not however maintain any formal or continuing education programs.
- 4. As in the case of any for-profit as well as non-profit corporations, serving as a director in ICPC also carries an unavoidable element of risk. To mitigate the potential risks, ICPC, to the extent legally permissible, indemnifies and defends its directors during the term of their office or at any time thereafter, from and against legal liability in connection with or resulting from any legal action brought against any of them for any action that constitutes carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her office, subject however to certain exceptions, exclusions and limitations [ICPC Policy # 501]. To fulfill its obligations, ICPC obtains and maintains at all times a D&O insurance as well as a Commercial Liability insurance coverage issued by insurance companies.

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As volunteers of a charitable nonprofit organization, ICPC directors will also be eligible for liability protection under federal law, i.e., Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, and under state law i.e., Texas Charitable Immunity and Liability Act of 1987, subject to certain exclusions, conditions and limits. ICPC urges new board members as well as those seeking to serve as a director to consult with an attorney of their choice their personal liability concerns.

### 516.3 Procedure

- 1. A copy of the reading material included as an Appendix to this policy shall be provided to all newly elected board members during orientation.
- A copy of the reading material included as an Appendix to this policy (except for items identified with an asterisk \*) may be provided to nominees seeking election as a director.

### 516.4 Implementation

- 1. The Executive Body shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of Executive Director and Operations Director at the Main Center, and report to the Board of Directors issues, resource constraints or concerns in implementation.
- 2. The Executive Body shall periodically review this policy for updates with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: Revised and approved by the Board on:

### **ADMINISTRATION**

# APPENDIX To 516 – ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

#### **Introduction:**

Many people serving on a non-profit organization's Board of Directors, such as ICPC (also referred sometimes in this document as the Society, the Corporation, the nonprofit and the Organization), have never previously served on a Corporate Board (either for-profit or non-profit) while others may have served on a non-profit Board of Directors that has different expectations for Board Members than ICPC. This document therefore outlines, in general terms, the role of the Board and that of individual Board Members.

This document is also designed to bring awareness of the standards to which corporate directors are held accountable in the realm of tax-exempt nonprofits under the state laws, and federal tax law and enable them to regulate their conduct and avoid consequences for ICPC and for themselves. This document comprises of four sections: 1. Role of the Board, 2. Role of the Board Members, 3. Consequences of Failure, and 4. Documents

### Role of the Board:

Pursuant to ICPC Constitution and Bylaws, its Board of Directors is responsible for governance on behalf of its members and acts as the ultimate decision making body, except on matters reserved for or shared with Islamic Center (IC) Councils and the members. It has ultimate responsibility for the organization. An act of the Board is defined as the action of a majority of the directors, present in person or by proxy, at a meeting where quorum is present, unless a a specific majority is required by the Constitution or Bylaws. Each director gets one vote and individual directors do not have the power to act on their own in any matter on behalf of ICPC.

The Board in general engages in three types of governance, namely, fiduciary, strategic and generative governance.

- a. Fiduciary governance addresses routine items such as basic legal responsibilities of the organization, including review and approval of minutes, financial statements, committee reports, policy updates, bylaws and the like.
- b. Strategic governance is about the big picture addressing of policy questions on 3~5 years issues that the organization is undertaking or will undertake.

c. Generative governance addresses really truly big questions that the Board engages in such as – where the organization is headed, or how the organization is performing within the context of the entire eco-system in which it operates, for instance in non-profit sector, charitable or religious or educational sectors, or within the socio-political framework.

In addition to the specific requirements set forth in the Bylaws, the Board is responsible for:

- a. As keeper of the mission, the Board sets up/reviews/updates the mission and purpose, provides strategic direction and compelling vision that motivates and guides, coordinates with the Executive Body to implement Board's approved plans, policies and procedures. The Board ensures that the organization meets legal requirements and is operating in accordance with its mission and for the purpose for which it was granted tax-exemption.
- b. The Board ensures fiscal stability of the organization, helps raise money and keep track of what the organization is doing with the money, ensures preparation and fair presentation of annual financial statements in compliance with the requirements of Bylaws for independent auditors, and ensures design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements. The Board ensures that Executive Body obtains insurances for the organization; and reviews and approves leases and major contracts.
- c. The Board reviews and approves budgets that provide clear direction. It reviews the organization's current receipts and expenditures on a regular basis. It ensures implementation of checks and balances and division of financial responsibilities, so that no single staff member or volunteer has total control over finance. The Board ensures prudent investment of assets and ensures protection of the organization's assets; and acts as the first line of defense against fraud and abuse. The Board ensures monitoring and control of fundraising activities.
- d. The Board ensures that the organization is well run, moderates the power of management, and provides programmatic oversight (not micromanage) of the Executive Body and the IC COUNCILs are providing attention to how the programs are being implemented and what members of ICPC and other Muslims and Non-Muslims in the Greater Houston community, particularly those using services and facilities being provided by ICPC are saying about the quality of services and its impact on them.
- e. The Board initiates and sustains change process to expand opportunities for volunteering, involvement and influence by eligible voting members of the organization. The Board creates committees, if necessary, that report to the Board, in addition to those listed in the Bylaws, to plan, oversee or advise on specific programs.
- f. Builds the brand image of the organization and actively markets the organization to be an ambassador of Muslim community in Greater Houston to other non-Muslim communities in general.

- g. The Board initiates and sustains change process to expand opportunities for volunteering, involvement and influence by eligible voting members of the organization. The Board creates committees, if necessary, that report to the Board, in addition to those listed in the Bylaws, to plan, oversee or advise on specific programs.
- h. Builds brand image of the organization and actively markets the organization to be an ambassador of Muslim community in Greater Houston to other non-Muslim communities.
- i. Assures its own effectiveness in providing effective leadership through annual self-assessment of the Board by itself by answering questionnaire containing key performance indicators.

### Role of a Board Member

### a. General Responsibilities:

While the power to act for corporation is vested in the Board of Directors acting collectively, each director owes certain fiduciary duties to the corporation. A fiduciary duty, by definition, is simply a duty to act for someone else benefit while subordinating one's personal interest to that of the entity or other person. Fiduciary duties are the standards of conduct to which fiduciaries are held accountable.

In case of Board of Directors, which is typically vested with the power to act for the organization, each director individually owes certain fiduciary duties to the organization. Fiduciary duties are not specific to any specific category of acts but go beyond. It is important to note that fiduciary duties apply to all decisions made in the course and scope of their respective duties. Fiduciary duties are divided into three categories, namely, duty of care, loyalty and obedience.

As a fiduciary, each director, in managing the affairs of ICPC collectively with other directors, is required to exercise business judgment and act (a) in good faith, (b) with care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would exercise in similar circumstances, and (c) in a manner the director believes to be in the best interest of ICPC and its members.

- Duty of Loyalty: The duty of loyalty requires that a director act fairly and for the benefit of the organization and not for his or her personal needs or benefit. Hence, each board member must place the interests of ICPC before their personal and professional interests when acting on behalf of ICPC in a decision-making capacity. ICPC's needs come first. It also requires directors to refrain from engaging in any transaction or making any statement that would have negative impact on ICPC.
- Duty of Care: The duty of care is a duty to stay informed, exercise ordinary care and prudence in the management of the organization. Duty of care, in turn, has three

requirements, i.e. Acting in good faith, with ordinary care, and in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the corporation. Therefore, each board member has responsibility to participate actively in making decisions on behalf of ICPC, to do due diligence and to exercise best judgment while doing so. Representing a constituency or viewpoint should not be a consideration when voting. All board members are expected to vote with the nonprofit's best interest in mind.

Duty of Obedience: The duty of obedience is the duty to remain faithful to governing
documents and pursue the mission of the organization and avoid acts that are beyond the
legal power or authority. Board members bear responsibility of ensuring that ICPC
complies with applicable federal, state and local laws and ICPC Constitution and Bylaws,
and its policies and procedures.

### b. Expectations:

These expectations are geared to fulfill the duties of care, loyalty and obedience.

- General: Know the mission, purpose, goals, policies, programs, services, strengths and needs of ICPC. Recognize that Board service is a commitment. Strive towards a constructive partnership with fellow Board members built on a shared understanding of mission and vision; reciprocal communication; and with mutual respect and trust.
- Board operations: Recognize that attending board meetings must take priority over other obligations except in exceptional circumstances. Come prepared to conscientiously participate in board meeting by reading reports, minutes and other materials distributed for the meeting. Ensure that the General Secretary keeps appropriate minutes of meetings of board meetings; at each meeting, review and approve the minutes of prior meeting; and ask questions and obtain the information necessary to make informed decisions. Assist in raising funds for operation of the Society. Ensure that Board meeting agendas include the Board's periodic review and update of the Society's published policies and procedures.
- Strategic: Review Strategic Plan. Review Board meeting agendas to focus Board's attention on matters of strategic importance. Keep abreast with current trends in governance of religious (Islamic and others) charitable non-profits.
- Financial: Read and understand the Society's financial statements and otherwise help the Board fulfill its fiduciary responsibility. Review recent financials and have an understanding of the budget practices in order to know what to approve in budgets. Make disclosures in compliance with ICPC Conflict of Interest Policy in the prescribed forms. Not engage in any activity or fundraising that competes with ICPC financial interests or divert ICPC business opportunity for personal or family gain. Ensure that no ICPC directors, elected officials or employees (or members of their family) unduly and improperly benefit financially from any transaction with ICPC for purchase or sale of assets, products or services.

- Organizational: Review organizational chart. Understand how the organization is structured and how the board interacts with specific departments, staff members and committees. Act as an ambassador for the Society and when in public, speak only with one voice outside of board room. Inform others about ICPC and be an advocate for the Society. Comply with applicable state and federal laws. Consult board counsel when legal questions arise. Review, approve and adopt policies and procedures for all aspects of ICPC activities including employment, finance, and privacy policies.
- Self-Assessment: Assure his or her effectiveness in providing effective leadership of the organization through annual self-assessment by the Board Member himself using questionnaire.

### Consequences of Failure:

• Failure on the part of the board and/or directors to fulfill their obligations can potentially have serious consequences. Some of them are: loss or diminished donors respect and financial support, holding the nonprofit financially responsible by courts for negligent or willful violation of the law, and individual directors being held responsible for breach of fiduciary duty. Transactions improperly benefiting a board member can potentially result in penalties to the nonprofit and its board member, and they may also result in loss of tax-exempt status. Similar consequences may result in cases of failure to abide by legal requirements on fundraising, key employee compensation, and restricted activities. When the nonprofit loses its tax exempt status, the donors also lose their eligibility to deduct their donations from income reported on the tax returns, not only for that year but sometimes for prior tax years. Failure to comply with the laws in such matters as documents retention and destruction, and retaliation against individual providing truthful information to authorities can potentially result in financial penalties and in willful cases even criminal penalties. The responsibilities outlined here are not intended to act as a deterrent but prepare new directors to serve in their role with excellence and honor.

#### **Documents:**

At least these items to be provided or access made available to new BOARD members:

- Copy of Constitution & Bylaws (current)
- o Copy of Organizational Charts
- o Copy of Policies & Procedures Manual
- Copy of most recent Strategic Plan\* (exception item)
- o Copy of Annual Report including financial statements
- Access to Board meeting minutes
- o An acknowledgement form for new BOARD members to sign for receiving and/or having given access to aforementioned materials and return the signed copy to ICPC. \*

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 517 - ICPC CODE OF CONDUCT

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **517.1 Policy**

ICPC has adopted the Code of Ethics referenced in its Bylaws to guide its officials, elected as well as appointed, and its members in their conduct. This policy document details below some specifics derived from the broad principles of the ICPC Code of Ethics the type of behavior expected from them towards fellow members, donors, applicants-for-aid, staff, and the community in general.

This document is neither intended nor does it embody the totality of ICPC ethical standards and code of conduct. It is part of a broader effort to create and maintain a quality organization that gives ethical conduct the highest priority.

### 517.2 Code of Conduct:

- 1. Listen to our members and the community we serve and make all reasonable efforts to satisfy their needs and concerns within the scope of our mission, and to strive for excellence and demonstrate professional respect and responsiveness.
- 2. Pledge to be responsible, transparent and accountable for all of our actions.
- 3. Comply with, in spirit and letter, of applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations as well as our fiduciary responsibilities.
- 4. Act at all times in accordance with the highest ethical standards and in the best interests of ICPC, its members, donors and the community in general.
- 5. Honor commitments and promises to the best of our abilities. Act honestly, truthfully and with integrity in all our transactions and dealings.
- 6. Abide by the governing documents and policies of ICPC.
- 7. Provide credible and effective oversight to the organization's work without personal bias.

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- 8. Treat our employees with respect, fairness and good faith and to provide conditions of employment that safeguard their rights and welfare.
- 9. Treat every individual member, non-member and grantee fairly and with dignity and respect.
- 10. Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information about ICPC, its members, donors, board and employees.
- 11. Not be deceptive in fundraising activities or in prospecting for new members to join ICPC.
- 12. Avoid actual and potential conflicts of interest and act as honest and fair members in all our interactions.
- 13. Reject bribery, fraud and corruption in all their forms. Not accept commissions, gifts, payments, loans, and promises of future benefits or other items of value from anyone who has or may seek some benefit from ICPC in return.
- 14. Not engage in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the ICPC's purposes and interests.
- 15. Avoid harming others, their property, their reputations or their employment and relationships through false or malicious statements or through unlawful or otherwise wrongful acts.
- 16. Issue statements or present information in an objective and truthful manner, based on available data.

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# 518 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST - ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **518.01 Policy**

- 1. This policy sets forth the conduct expected of all ICPC elected officials (including of Directors, Associate Directors, and members of COUNCIL) in the event of conflict of interest while discharging their duties. The BOARD recognizes that credibility and continued success of ICPC among its various stakeholders' rests on its ability to make fair, objective and impartial decisions that are in its' best interest. It is essential therefore to avoid situations where a conflict of interest may influence or appear to influence decision making process.
- 2. Whenever it is contemplated to enter into any contracts or transactions, actual or potential conflict of interest should be recognized, disclosed, documented and steps taken to prevent influence or favoritism by an interested elected official in the decision. An actual or potential conflict of interest occurs when an elected official is in a position to make or influence a business decision that may result in gain for himself, for a relative or for an entity in which he has interest and which is not in the best interest of ICPC.
- 3. Requirements set forth in this document are intended to supplement but not replace any applicable laws governing conflict of interest. This is also not intended as an exclusive statement of responsibility. ICPC elected officials remain obligated to their commitment under Oath of Office "not to seek any personal glorification or financial gains by and through the use of their elected offices.
- 4. All elected officials shall sign a statement which affirms that such a person: (a) has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy; (b) has read and understood the policy; and (c) agrees to comply with the policy.

#### Procedure:

1. A director who has or appears to have a conflict of interest shall make full disclosure to the BOARD of his interest and material facts of his relationship as to contract or transaction under consideration, and shall abstain from approving or taking any actions including lobbying or voting at the meeting such matter is voted upon.

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- 2. Such a contract or transaction shall only be approved when two thirds majority of disinterested directors determine by an affirmative vote, in good faith and with ordinary care, as being fair and in the best interest of ICPC at the time the contract or transaction is authorized, and that payments to the entity in which the director is interested shall be reasonable and not exceed fair market value or price. Such determination shall be made at a duly called and constituted meeting of the BOARD if notice of intention to act upon such matter has been given.
- 3. The minutes of meeting at which such matter is voted upon shall record the disclosure, abstention and if the transaction is approved, the rationale therefor.
- 4. In the event it is determined that the interested director failed to make full disclosure of actual or potential conflict of interest and/or failed to abstain from approving such contract or transaction notwithstanding his relationship or interest, the BOARD may void or terminate the contract or transaction or withhold further performance and payments therefor.
- 5. The BOARD may take action against the interested director for breach of duty with respect to his failure to make full disclosure, and/or failure to abstain from approval of the contract or transaction notwithstanding his relationship or interest.

### 6. Definitions:

- a. The term "interest" as used in this provision shall include (a) personal interest, interest as director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, trustee or beneficiary of any entity and having a relative who holds such an interest in any entity, and (b) an affiliation with a vendor, a contractor, applicant for donation or financial aid that may lead to or suggest influence in the decision but has no personal financial interest.
- b. The term "entity" shall mean any corporation, association, trust, partnership, limited liability entity, firm, person or an entity other than ICPC.
- c. The term, "relative" as used in this policy and procedures is any person who is related to the elected official by blood or marriage or whose relationship is similar to that of persons who are related by blood or marriage.
- d. The term "Ordinary care" means the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would exercise under similar circumstances.

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6. The requirements specified in paragraphs 1 through 6 of Section 518.05 shall also apply whenever an elected official other than a director (such as Associate Director or member of COUNCIL) or a committee member has financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the COUNCIL, mutatis mutandis.

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### **Acknowledgment of Receipt**

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of #518 ICPC Conflict of Interest Policy, have read and understood it, and agree to comply with its terms. I also understand that ICPC is a 501(c) (3) charitable non-profit and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its exempt purposes and not engage in activities and transactions that provide impermissible benefits to individuals or entities.		
Signature	Date	
Printed Name		

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### **Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form**

(To be completed by elected officials of ICPC and its subsidiaries, and, vendors for all ICPC services who have previously held an elected position, employment, or committee membership in ICPC)

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	_ I have the following actual or possible conflict(s) of interest to report.
	Please specify below any actual transactions you are aware of between the organization and any entity or person with which you have a business, investment, or family relationship. (Attach a supplemental statement if you have additional actual or possible conflicts of interest to disclose)
	For the purposes of determining possible future conflicts of interest, please also specify other nonprofit and for-profit boards on which you and/or your spouse sit, any for profit businesses for which you or an immediate family member are an officer or director, or a majority shareholder, and the name of your employer and any businesses you or a family member own).
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	ereby certify that the information set forth above is true and complete to the best of my wledge.
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### **Annual Disclosure Checklist Form**

Part II Please check ONE of the following boxes:		
My interests and relationships have not changed since my last		
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Family Relationships	Names of those presenting a potential conflict of interest	
Include spouse/domestic partner,	Names of those presenting a potential conflict of interest	
living ancestors, brothers and sisters (whether whole or half		
blood), children (whether natural		
or adopted), grandchildren, great grand-children, and spouses/		
domestic partners of brothers,		
sisters, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren		
Type of interest	Description of interest that could lead to a conflict of interest	
Transactions or arrangements	Description of interest that could lead to a conflict of interest	
with the organization		
Transactions or affiliations with other legal entities		
Substantial business or investment holdings		
Transactions or affiliations with businesses not listed above		
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☐ I am not aware of any financial interest involving me or a family		
member that could present a conflict of interest that I have not		
disclosed either above or in a previous disclosure statement.		
Signature	Date	

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### **519 - SECURITY COMMITTEE**

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **519.1 Policy**

1. Pursuant to Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, this document outlines the purpose and objective of the standing committee for ICPC Security at Board level. The Committee is advisory in nature and does not have the authority of the Board. A Security Committee will also be established at all ICPC Islamic Centers as Standing Committee.

### 519.2 Purposes and Objectives

- 1. Examine and evaluate existing security arrangements in place at ICPC facilities from the standpoint of adequacy and effectiveness and specific recommendations to the BOARD to make the facilities secure for all users.
- 2. Develop and recommend to the BOARD a response plan (a) protocol for reporting to the local law enforcement as well as within ICPC organizational hierarchy, (b) orderly evacuation in case of an actual emergency, and (c) periodic evacuation drills.
- 3. Provide advice, when requested to do so by the BOARD, to Associate Directors and other members of Administrative Body Islamic Centers on security issues for compliance with BOARD approved plans and procedures.
- 4. Fulfill other tasks that may be assigned by the BOARD from time to time.

### 519.3 Composition

1. The committee will be composed of at a minimum two members and a chairperson. The President shall nominate all the members and designate the Chairperson for approval by the Board. The Committee will report to the BOARD through the President. In the event of the President fails to do so in a timely manner, the Board at its own discretion may appoint members and designate a chairperson.

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- 2. The Committee members shall be chosen based on qualifications, skill sets and competencies required to carry out the responsibilities of the Committee. The number of committee members can vary as needed. The members must have relevant background.
- 3. Members shall serve no more than three two-year terms. The composition of the Committee may be modified by the Board. Employees of ICPC and/or its subsidiaries or trustees and/or Board members of ICPC subsidiaries shall not serve on the Committee.

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### 520 - RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES - POLITICAL & LOBBYING

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **520.1Policy**

- 1. It is the policy of ICPC, as a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (3), to preserve its' tax exempt status by continuing to comply with the restrictions not to engage in political and legislative activities set forth in ICPC Constitution, Article VI, paragraphs 2 and 3 (page C4)
- 2. Under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) (3) organizations such as ICPC are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.
- 3. Depending on the facts and circumstances, certain voter education activities (such as presenting public forums) conducted in a non-partisan manner does not constitute prohibited political campaign activity. In addition, other activities intended to encourage people to participate in the electoral process, such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, would not be prohibited political campaign activity if conducted in a non-partisan manner. On the other hand, voter education or registration activities with evidence of bias that (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates, will constitute prohibited participation or intervention.

### **520.2** Purposes and Objectives

1. All elected ICPC officials (including Directors, Associate Directors, and members of Islamic Center Administrative Body) shall make themselves aware of the legal basis described above for the policy to ensure its careful, prudent and vigilant implementation.

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- 2. No elected ICPC official is permitted to issue (verbal or written) statements on behalf of ICPC endorsing (or opposing) any political candidate(s) for elective office(s), or attempt to influence legislation. They shall not authorize any expense for the purposes.
- 3. Use of ICPC facilities shall be in accordance with ICPC Policy 805 incorporated in ICPC Policies and Procedures Manual and be limited to providing equal opportunity (plat-form) on a non-partisan basis to educate the community as a part of voter education.

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### 521 - PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

DATE INITIALLY APPROVED: DATE LAST UPDATED:

### **521.1 Policy**

- 1. It is the policy of ICPC <u>not</u> to make the following documents available to public for inspection or copying since ICPC, as a 501(C) (3) tax-exempt charitable organization, is not obligated under the law to do so:
  - a. Articles of incorporation and all amendments;
  - b. Bylaws and all amendments;
  - c. Conflict of interest policy; and
  - d. Audited financial statements.
- 2. The following documents will be made available to the public upon request for inspection and copying:
  - a. Form 1023 and all attachments; and
- 3. ICPC is neither required to file Form 990 nor does it do so on optional basis and as such it is unavailable to be made public.
- 4. The term 'public' as used in this policy document refers to persons other than eligible voting members of ICPC.
- 5. The policy set forth above, particularly, as it applies to items listed under paragraph 1 above (considered optional), is based on a determination that it is prudent to make public only what is required by the law.

#### 521.2 Procedure

The BOARD shall conduct a periodic review (every two years) of this policy with input from its legal counsel and independent outside auditors of ICPC. This policy may be changed in consideration of any future changes to its' governance practices that may be adopted by ICPC after input from its advisors and evaluation of its specific circumstances in order to demonstrate that it is an organization willing to make available to public disclosure more than the minimum required by law.

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### **522 – WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY & PROCEDURES**

### **522.01 Policy:**

### 522.011 Objectives:

- 1. Establish an effective policy and procedures for (a) internally reporting concerns regarding any questionable accounting or audit matters, or any suspected financial improprieties or misuse of ICPC resources, or violations of ICPC Constitution and Bylaws and Policies (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Concern") by employees, as well as elected officials, members and other volunteers on a confidential and anonymous basis in order that ICPC can take corrective action when warranted; (b) receipt, retention and treatment of reported Concerns, (c) protection of employees as well as elected officials, members and other volunteers who report Concerns from retaliatory actions.
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to compliance with applicable laws, and as a matter of good governance and preventive measure to avoid potential liability.

#### **522.012** General:

ICPC is committed to lawful and ethical behavior in all of its activities and requires its' employees as well as elected officials and other volunteers to observe high standards of business and personal ethics, practice honesty and integrity in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities and comply with applicable laws, regulations and policies.

### **522.013 Reporting Responsibility**

In order to meet the policy objectives, employees as well as elected officials, members and other volunteers are encouraged and enabled to report their respective Concern internally so that ICPC can promptly take appropriate corrective action when warranted.

Other subjects, such as raising matters of alleged discrimination or harassment, for which ICPC has existing reporting mechanisms, should be reported under those mechanisms. This policy is not intended to provide a means of appeal to outcomes in those mechanisms or as an alternative to those mechanisms.

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### 522.014 Acting in Good Faith

Anyone reporting a Concern must act in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing that the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove to be frivolous or unsubstantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or recklessly or with the foreknowledge that they are false, will be treated as a serious disciplinary offense. It may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, or removal or suspension from elected office or volunteer status, as the case may be.

#### 522.015 No Retaliation

To meet the objectives of this policy, no employee, elected official, member or other volunteer shall retaliate against any employee, elected official, or other volunteer who in good faith reports a Concern. Protection from retaliation ensured under this policy shall not only be from termination but also from other negative employment actions such as demotion, suspension or relocation. Moreover, an employee, an elected official, member or other volunteer who retaliates against someone who has reported a Concern in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment or volunteer status, suspension or removal from elected office, as applicable.

Further, federal law imposes criminal liability (with fines or imprisonment up to 10 years) upon whomever retaliate against an individual for providing law enforcement authorities with truthful information relating to the commission or possible commission, of any federal offense.

#### **522.02 Procedures:**

522.021 Reporting Procedure:

### 1. Employees:

Employees should first discuss their Concern with their immediate supervisor. If, after speaking with his supervisor, the employee continues to have reasonable grounds to believe the Concern is valid or if the supervisor is a subject of the Concern, the employee should report the Concern to the next level supervisor. If the employee is not satisfied with the response, he should report directly to a member of the Executive Body. Whenever practical, reports should be in writing.

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If the Concern was reported verbally by the employee to his supervisor and/or the next level supervisor, the supervisor should promptly forward the Concern in writing to the Executive Body. Reports of Concerns may also be submitted by the Employee in writing directly to the Executive Body with credible supporting documentation.

### 2. Elected Officials, Members and Other Volunteers

- a. Elected Officials (other than Directors), members and other volunteers should submit their Concerns in writing with credible supporting documentation directly to the Executive Body.
- **b.** Directors should submit Concern relating to accounting, audit matters or financial improprieties in writing directly to the Chair of the Audit Committee, while Concerns relating to violations or suspected violation of ICPC Constitution, Bylaws and Policies should be reported directly to the Board of Directors.

### **522.022 Handling of Reported Violations**

The Executive Body shall handle all reported Concerns except those relating to accounting, audit matters and financial improprieties which shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will have exclusive responsibility to investigate Concerns relating to accounting, audit matters and financial improprieties including the Concerns received directly by it.

Upon receipt of a report of Concern a written acknowledgement will be issued to the sender within ten business days. It will not be possible to acknowledge receipt of anonymously submitted reports of Concerns.

All reports of Concern shall be promptly investigated by the Executive Body or the Audit Committee, as applicable, and appropriate corrective action recommended to the Board of Directors if warranted by investigation. In addition, action taken must include a conclusion and/or follow up with the complainant for closure of the Concern.

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### 522.023 Confidentiality

Report of a Concern and the investigation pertaining thereto shall be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation. Disclosure by anyone of a report of Concern to individuals not involved in the investigation will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, removal or suspension from elected office or from volunteer position, as applicable.

### **522.03 Compliance:**

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in disciplinary action as well as possible civil or criminal sanctions. Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Section 1107 imposes criminal liability, (with fines and/or imprisonment up to 10 years), for retaliation against an individual for providing law enforcement authorities with truthful information relating to commission or possible commission of any federal offense.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: Revised and approved by the Board of Directors on:

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### 601 – DOCUMENTATION OF TRANSACTIONS

### 601.1 Purpose:

Establish guidelines for proper recording and documentation of financial transactions, assets and liabilities to identify, track, use and protect ICPC resources in compliance with requirements of applicable state and federal laws and the Bylaws,

### **601.2** Policy

- 1. All financial transactions, assets and liabilities shall be recorded and documented by ICPC in the books of account in a manner that is appropriate and according to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States and other regulatory requirements including IRS Rules, Statements 116 and 117 issued by Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), applicable state and federal laws.
- 2. The record keeping system shall include a summary of transactions in the books of account such as accounting journals and ledgers. The books shall show gross receipts, purchases, expenses, payroll, employment taxes, assets, liabilities, and distribution of charitable funds. Sources of receipts and expenditures shall be documented as part of record keeping system.
- 3. The record keeping systems maintained shall enable ICPC to accomplish:
  - Evaluate the success of programs to determine whether ICPC is achieving desired results, to identify problem areas and determine changes needed to improve performance.
  - Evaluate the success of programs and Monitor adherence to budgetary guidelines, which is crucial for management.
  - Prepare accurate and timely annual financial statements to comply with regulatory requirements and bylaws, and to notify members and donors.
  - Support financial information provided to regulatory agencies including IRS.
- 4. The record keeping system shall show that as an IRC 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt charitable organization ICPC complies with tax rules and enable it to retain its' tax-exempt status.

#### 601.2 Procedure

1. Identify the sources of receipts of cash, real property (land and buildings) and personal property (i.e. tangible, intangible and intellectual property) that ICPC receives from all sources. Tangible property includes physical objects such as vehicles, furniture and household goods while intangible property includes stocks and bonds and intellectual

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property covers patents and copyrights. Identify program receipts separately from non-program receipts; contributions without donor restrictions from those with temporary or permanent donor restrictions (FAS Statements 116 and 117 issued by FASB).

- 2. All receipts, expenses, payroll, and charitable distributions shall be recorded in the designated accounts specified in Policy # 602 Deposits and Policy # 603 Disbursement of Funds. Supporting documents that are required to be retained have been identified in Appendix-A to this policy. Additional documentation requirements applicable to unique or special transactions are set forth in the related specific policies in this manual.
- 3. Record of all financial transactions and appropriate supporting documents must be maintained for at least the minimum period that is required by law in accordance with ICPC Policy # 502 Document Retention and Destruction Policy.

### **601.3 Implementation:**

1. The Treasurer shall have the overall responsibility for implementing this policy with the active participation of the Comptroller and senior staff of Finance Department at the Main Center, and the Associate Directors and the Administrative Bodies at Islamic Centers. The Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy and shall report to the Treasurer any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy and notify additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance and regulations.

Date Last Updated:

Revised and Approved by the Board of Directors:

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### Supporting Documents to be retained

- Keep supporting documents that show the amounts and sources of gross receipts i.e. amounts from all sources including contributions) such as donor correspondence, pledge documents, cash register tapes, bank deposit slips, receipt books, invoices, credit card charge slips and Form 1099-MISC.
- Keep supporting documents for purchases such as cancelled checks, cash register tape receipts, credit card sales slips and invoices.
- Keep supporting documents with respect to expenses, employee payroll and fund distributions incurred including cancelled checks, cash register tapes, contracts, account statements, credit card slips, invoices, and petty-cash slips for small cash payments.
- With respect to assets and liabilities, keep record such as purchase and sales contracts, and invoices, real estate closing statements, property deeds, cancelled checks, and financing documents, which provides following information: (a) When and how the asset was acquired, (b) Whether any debt was used to acquire the asset, (c) Documents that support mortgages, notes, loans or other forms of debt, (d) Purchase price, (e) Cost of any improvements, (f) Deductions taken for depreciation (g) Deductions taken for losses resulting from fires or storms, etc. (h) How the asset was used, (i) When and how the asset was disposed, (j) Selling price and (k) Expenses of sale.
- Keep business records that support federal and state annual returns.
- In case of charitable funds distributions, keep case histories to demonstrate that the distributions serve charitable purposes of ICPC. Case histories shall include names, addresses, purpose/reasons and identification and support documents.
- Keep documentation other than those identified above that substantiates the entries in the books of account.
- Keep supporting documents for payments (vendors' invoice, bill of sale, receipts, account statement, etc.) regardless of (payment method (check, EFT or cash) together with payment record and a reference (i.e. date and check number, payment method, transaction number) mentioned on the supporting documents. Keep the supporting documents in a secure place, and organized by year and type of receipt or expense.

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### 602 - DEPOSITS

### 602.1 Purposes:

- 1. Establish an effective policy and procedures for proper identification, collection, securing, depositing and record keeping of all monies received by ICPC, and,
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to compliance with applicable laws, and accounting practices.

### **602.2 Policy:**

- 1. Gross receipts are the amounts received from all sources, including donations and contributions. ICPC is required to retain supporting documents that show the amounts and sources of its gross receipts.
- 2. Documents that show gross receipts include the following: donor correspondence, pledge documents, cash register tapes, bank deposit slips, receipt books, and credit card charge slips and Form 1099-MISC Miscellaneous Income. (IRS Publication 4221-PC (Rev.3 2018, page 17).
- 3. Upon receiving any amounts for ICPC, either cash or check, designated ICPC personnel, members, and volunteers must immediately drop the amount received in the donations box.
- 4. All amounts collected at ICPC Centers, whether by check, credit card, or cash must be documented and reported by end of next business day to Accounting Department at the ICPC Main Center. If for any reason the funds cannot be deposited same day, the collection must be placed in the designated ICPC safe at the Islamic Center until it is deposited in ICPC designated bank account for that Islamic Center.
- 5. All cash and checks contributions collected at the Islamic Center must be deposited in ICPC designated bank account for that Islamic Center.
- 6. Collected cash may not be used directly for payment of cash expenses including petty cash.
- 7. For the purposes of this policy any reference to Islamic Centers shall include Musallahs.

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### 602.3 Procedure:

- 1. After Friday Services each Islamic Center, designated ICPC personnel or volunteers shall count and report on deposit slip (Provided by Main Center) all amounts collected.
- 2. All amounts collected must have two witnesses count, collect, and sign the deposit slip.
- 3. All deposits must be categorized as General Fund, Construction Fund, Education Fund, Funeral Fund, Sadaqa Fund, Special Program Fund, or Zakat Fund.
- 4.—If deposit is for special program fund, add sub-category of campaign, event, and/or program name.
- 5. If amounts cannot be deposited same day, then collected amounts should be stored in a locked secure safe deposit box until they are deposited into the designated bank account.
- 6. All amounts, INCLUDING all cash donations and contributions collected at all Islamic Centers must be deposited in the designated bank accounts.
- 7. All filled out deposit slips with two executed witness signatures, counting details, copies of checks, and deposit summary should be submitted to <a href="mailto:deposits@ICPC.org">deposits@ICPC.org</a> each Tuesday before 3PM.
- 8. Deposit clerk at the Main Center will then enter data on ICPC donor App to retain Donor information.
- 9. A copy of the deposit records should be maintained at the Main Center for reference and annual audit.

#### **602.4 Implementation:**

The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers.

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To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated for GAAP compliance.

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### 603 – DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

#### 603.1 Purposes:

- 1. Establish an effective policy and procedures for proper identification, disbursement, and record keeping of all disbursements made by ICPC, and,
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to compliance with applicable laws, and accounting practices.

### **603.2 Policy:**

- 1. For accounting purposes, the following eight (8) fund accounts shall be set up in the books of account:
  - a. General Fund
  - b. Construction Fund
  - c. Education Fund
  - d. Funeral Fund
  - e. Reserve Fund
  - f. Sadaqa Fund for Needy
  - g. Special Programs Fund
  - h. Fundraising Activities Fund
  - i. Membership Development Fund
  - i. Zakat Fund
  - k. Endowment Fund
- 2. General Fund is the principal operating fund. General Fund is an unrestricted fund and shall be used to record financial transactions of general and administrative nature of all ICPC operational activities.
- 3. General Fund shall be used for all payments referred to as "OPEX "or "Operating Expenses". General Fund shall be used to record expenses relating to daily operations throughout all Islamic Centers and Musallahs.
- 4. Construction Fund is a restricted fund, designated to record all construction related financial transactions, including Construction Expenses, referred to as "CAPEX.
- 5. Education Fund shall be used to record financial transactions relating to educational activities.

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- 6. Funeral Fund shall be utilized to record financial transactions relating to cemetery and funeral services.
- 7. Reserve Fund shall be utilized to create a reserve in the amount equivalent to meet operating expenses for six (6) months as stated in the annual budget for the current year.
- 5. All ICPC Islamic Centers shall allocate monies, on a monthly basis from unrestricted contributions and from donations for general expenses they receive, as per the Policy # 612 Funding for Administration Expenses, including the following for the administration expenses of the Main Center:
  - Endowment Contribution
  - Monthly Liability Insurance
  - Monthly Audit Fees
  - Monthly Main Center Contributions
- 8. Special Program Fund shall be utilized to record all financial transactions related to special events.
- 9. Fundraising Activities Fund shall be utilized to record all financial transactions related to all cash flow utilized towards fundraising.
- 10. Membership Development Fund shall be utilized to record all financial transactions related to all cash flow utilized towards membership development activities.
- 11. Sadaqa Fund for Needy is a temporarily restricted fund (donor-imposed purpose restriction) and shall be utilized exclusively to record Sadaqa receipts, and disbursements in accordance with the Sadaqa Disbursement Policy# 617.
- 12. Zakat Fund is a temporarily restricted fund (donor-imposed purpose restriction) and shall be utilized exclusively to record Zakat receipts, and disbursements in accordance with the Zakat Disbursement Policy# 620.
- 13. Endowment Fund is a permanently restricted fund and shall be utilized to record permanently restricted contributions to the principal amount, while disbursements are made only out of the earnings of the principal amount.
- 14. There shall be no transfer or commingling between the funds at any time during the fiscal year. Temporarily or Permanently restricted funds shall not be mixed with each other or with unrestricted funds at any time.

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### 603.3 Procedure

- 1. Payments Administrator will enter all bills via billing software on a daily basis. Dedicated elected member must approve online before payments are disbursed.
- 2. All payment approval for all funds will take place electronically with a timestamp via billing system. All payments are to be paid net 30 days unless otherwise stated in the relevant contract.
- 3. General Fund will be utilized to record the following disbursements:
  - Payroll expenses for operating staff
  - Office Supplies
  - Rental of Musallahs
  - Taxes
  - Insurance costs
  - Repairs and Maintenance (labor, landscape, & supplies)
  - Utility Costs
  - Legal Fees
  - Consulting Fees
  - Printing & Shipping Costs
  - Dues and Subscriptions
  - Advertising Costs
  - Meals & Entertainment General operations
  - Security
  - Cleaning & janitorial
  - 4. Education Fund will be utilized for below common disbursements:
    - Payroll expenses for teachers
    - Tuition expense & reimbursement
    - Books, subscriptions, and references
    - Meals & entertainment For Students or Teachers
    - Printing & Shipping For Student or Teachers
  - 5. Fundraising Activities Fund will be utilized for following disbursements:
    - Publicizing and conducting fund raising campaigns
    - Maintaining donor lists
    - Special fund raising events
    - Preparing and distributing fund raising manuals, instructions and other materials
    - Related activities

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- 6. Membership Development Fund will be utilized for following disbursements:
  - Soliciting for prospective members and membership dues
  - Membership relations
  - Similar activities
- 7. ICPC Treasurer will sign all approved checks or payment orders within five working days. If the Treasurer is absent or unable to sign checks within the specified period then another Executive Body member may sign such check(s)/pay order(s) and release the funds subject to the following requirements:
  - For payments exceeding \$1,000, in addition to the Treasurer, or an Executive Body member signing the check, the person in-charge of the fund (Zonal Director or Associate Director or Committee Chairperson, or work approval designee) must also sign off on the invoice.
  - The requirement of two signatures on ICPC checks does not apply to payment of recurrent, fixed expenses e.g. utility bills, insurance premiums, installment payments, taxes etc.
  - For Zakat Disbursement: See Policy 620 Zakat Distribution
  - For Sadaqa Disbursement: See Policy 617 Sadaqa

#### **603.4 Implementation:**

- 3. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers.
- 4. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 5. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on:

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## 604 - CONTRIBUTIONS

## 604.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish a policy for proper handling of contributions that ICPC receives from its members and other donors and provide guidance for compliance with the requirements mandated by applicable regulations,
- 2. Provide guidance on related accounting which is an important issue for a non-profit like ICPC because contributions are a significant source of revenue, and,
- 3. Reinforce commitment to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations including GAAP and financial accounting standards.

## 604.2 Policy

- 1. A contribution is as an unconditional voluntary nonreciprocal transfer of cash or other assets to ICPC by a member or other person or an entity (including settlement or cancellation of its liabilities) who will no longer be the owner of the resource upon transfer to ICPC. Other assets referred to herein shall include real property (land and buildings), personal property [i.e. tangible property (including automobiles and other equipment, materials); intangible property (including stocks and bonds, use of facilities, utilities, and services and unconditional promises to give those items in future) and intellectual property (such as patents and copyrights.)] (FASB Statement No.116).
- 2. Any transaction that involves transfer of assets to ICPC in which ICPC acts as an agent, trustee or intermediary of the resource-provider/donor rather than as donee shall not be considered a contribution. [FAS Statement No.116].
- 3. This policy document addresses, in view of the complexity of the issue, addresses only contributions received in the form of cash, (including through credit card or electronic fund transfer). For contributions of real and personal property, refer to Policy # 605 and for contributions received via pledges, refer to Policy #625.
- 4. The accounting and financial reporting standards of ICPC with respect to contributions shall comply with the requirements mandated by FAS Statement No. 116, including classification of contributions based on presence or absence of donor-restrictions and the nature of those donor-restrictions [i.e. "Unrestricted"

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(with no donor-imposed restrictions), "Temporarily Restricted" (with donor-imposed purpose restrictions) and "Permanently Restricted" (permanent donor-imposed restrictions that allow only use of the earnings from contributions and prohibit use of contributions)], and revenue recognition.

- 5. Classification and financial statement reporting of ICPC's net assets, its revenues and expenses shall be based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions (i.e. unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted) [FAS Statement No. 117].
- 6. Appropriate asset classes for revenue recognition shall be those identified in the policies # 602 Deposits, and # 603 Disbursements of Funds.
- 7. To obviate the burden of separately tracking numerous individual donor-imposed restrictions, acceptance of unconditional contributions with donor-imposed restrictions shall be limited to certain specified purpose-restricted funds such as Zakat Fund, Sadaqa Fund, Construction Fund, and Endowment Fund. Unconditional contributions with donor-imposed restrictions for other purpose-restricted or time-restricted funds may be accepted with prior approval of the Executive Body.
- 8. Contributions with donor-imposed conditions as well as contributions with donor-imposed special restrictions that may be administratively or financially prohibitive to comply for ICPC in the opinion of the Executive Body, shall not be solicited, and if received, shall be declined. Exceptions to this policy may be considered in case of individual contributions of \$50,000 or more in cash or in other assets but will require the approval of the BOARD. Additionally, ICPC may, at its sole discretion, decline to accept any contribution for any reason, with or without citing a reason.
- 9. ICPC shall NOT make any donations / contributions to an entity that does not have a US 501 (c) 3 status or to any foreign person or entity.

#### 604.3 Procedure

1. Use the flowchart included in Appendix to develop a better understanding of the decision making process applied for classifying the resources received as contributions, recognizing revenue and accounting. During the process, particular attention should be paid to the distinction between donor-imposed conditions and uncertain event whose occurrence or failure to occur gives contributor a right of

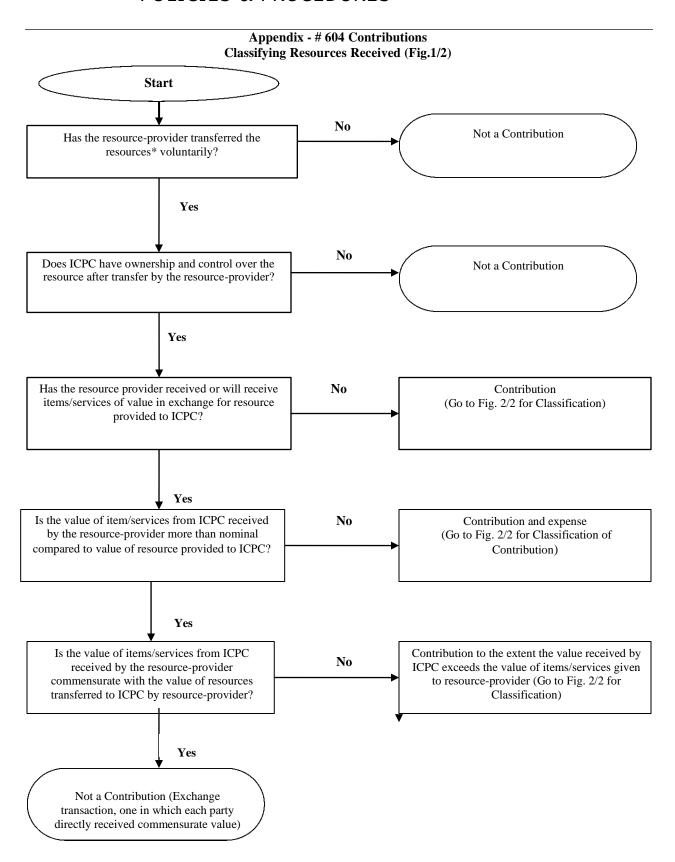
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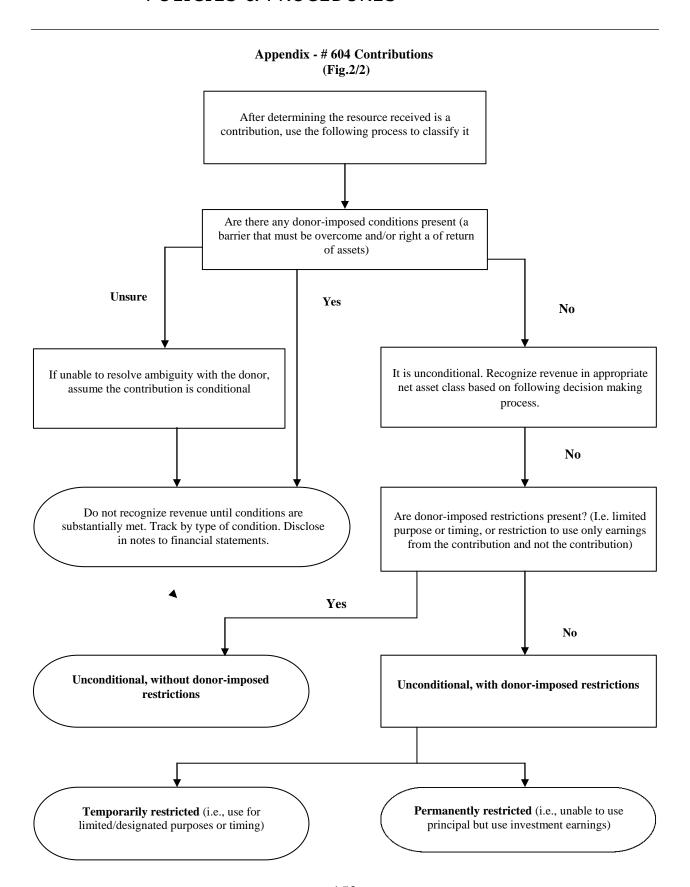
return of the contributed assets from ICPC. In contrast, a donor-imposed restriction limits the purpose of use of the assets by ICPC].

- 2. At the Islamic Centers level, use properly identified separate collection boxes [(i.e. unconditional, donor-restricted contributions applies to Sadaqa For the Needy, Zakat Fund, Construction Fund, and Endowment Fund), and (the unconditional and unrestricted contributions applies to General/Operating Fund and other Funds)], and deposit funds in designated bank accounts to preclude comingling of different funds.
- 3. ICPC will not accept Directed Donations (including cash or other assets) for non-ICPC organizations or entities (within USA or overseas), or individuals.
- 4. ICPC Accounting at the Main Center shall issue a contemporaneous written acknowledgement/receipt for each single contribution/donation of \$250 or more, or one written acknowledgement to substantiate several single contributions of \$250 or more. For smaller amounts receipts are issued upon request from the donors. The written acknowledgement/receipt shall on ICPC stationary and show name of donor, date, the amount of cash contribution and a description of noncash contributions, if any. Additionally, the written acknowledgement shall contain a statement that no goods or services were provided by ICPC in return for the contribution. If however any goods or services were provided in return for the contribution, a description and a good faith estimate of the value of goods or services received shall be stated (IRS Pub.4221-PC Rev.3 -2018, pg 23).

## **604.4 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 2. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated for GAAP compliance.





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## 605 – CONTRIBUTIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

### 605.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish policy and procedures regarding handling of contributions of real and personal property including related accounting which is an important issue for a non-profit like ICPC because contributions are a significant source of revenue.
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to accountability, financial transparency, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and the Bylaws.

## **605.2** Policy

- 1. ICPC accepts non-cash contributions of real property (such as land and buildings) and personal property [(including (a) tangible property such as vehicles, furniture, equipment and household goods, (2) intangible property such as stocks and bonds; and (c) intellectual property such as patents, copyrights, and software)] subject to following conditions. However, ICPC may, at its sole discretion, refuse to accept a tangible asset contribution for any reason.
- 2. Any contributed real and personal property worth accepting must possess the common characteristic of all other assets, i.e. future economic benefit or service potential. Consideration shall be given to factors such as the remaining useful life, physical as well as operating condition, and the availability of ownership documentation such as property deeds, purchase/sale agreements, property tax, etc. ICPC does not accept household items such as furniture and appliances which have little or no market value due to worn condition, being out of style or no longer useful.
- 3. As a part of the acceptance process, a determination shall be made, using the decision flowchart described in Appendix to ICPC Policy #604 Contributions, with respect to the following:
  - (a) Whether the transaction providing the real and tangible property to ICPC can be deemed as a contribution,
  - (b) Whether the contribution is unconditional (either from the outset or when the condition(s) are met), and,

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- (c) Whether the unconditional contribution is unrestricted or restricted on the basis of donor imposed restriction, which includes the consideration about how broad or narrow the purpose is and whether the real and tangible property can be used only after a specified date.
- 4. Prior to accepting any real and tangible property the Islamic Center shall, in consultation with the Treasurer and/or the Comptroller, evaluate if the stipulated donor-conditions, or donor-restrictions as to the purpose or timing, impose any special responsibilities on ICPC and significant additional costs in complying with such donor-conditions or donor-restrictions, respectively.
- 5. Real and tangible property received shall be recognized, in compliance with the requirements of FAS Statement 116 and GAAP, in the books of account either as revenue or as assets received in the period and recorded at their fair values.
- 6. ICPC may sell, use, or otherwise dispose-off the contributed real and tangible property, subject, however, to donor-imposed restrictions, in accordance with ICPC Bylaws, ICPC Policy #624 Capitalization, # 615 Disposal of Tangible Property, #601 Documentation of Transactions, #602 Deposits, and #603 Disbursement of Funds.

#### 605.3 Procedure

- 1. Upon receipt of the contributed real and personal tangible property ICPC may issue a contemporaneous written acknowledgement to the donor in accordance with paragraph 2 below and as per policy #604 Contributions, paragraph 604.3 (6).
- 2. The acknowledgement/receipt shall include the following information:
  - a. Name and, when applicable, taxpayer ID number of the donor,
  - b. Date of receipt of the contribution.
  - c. A description i.e., Make, model and unique identification number (serial number, Vehicle Identification Number, etc.) and/or any other relevant information that is required to identify specific property.
  - d. A statement that no goods or services were provided by ICPC in return for the non-monetary contribution.
  - e. A good faith estimate of the value of goods or services received may be stated on the receipt/acknowledgement.

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- 3. Without prejudice to paragraph 605.3 (2.e), for internal accounting purposes of ICPC, a fair value shall be established based on quoted market prices, if available, as it provides the best evidence of fair value of the contributed real and personal property. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value may be estimated based on quoted market prices for similar assets, independent appraisals, or other accepted valuation techniques.
- 4. In case of real property contribution (i.e. land and/or buildings), a fair value shall be estimated from sources like (a) amounts recently paid for similar properties in the locality, (b) estimates of market value of the property by local appraisers or real estate brokers, (c) an estimate of the fair value by the local tax assessor's office, or (d) estimates of its replacement cost.
- 5. Real property and personal property shall be reported in the annual financial statements as restricted support or as unrestricted support in accordance with the requirements of FAS Statements 116 and 117 issued by FASB.

## **605.4 Implementation:**

The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers.

To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of this Policy.

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## 606 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DARUL ARQAM SCHOOLS

## **606.1 Policy**

ICPC shall provide financial support to IEIT for growth, development and success of Darul Arqam Schools.

## 606.2 Procedure

As and when approved by the Shura, ICPC may periodically allocate specific amounts from its unrestricted revenues and/or Dawah funds to Darul Arqam Schools Center General Fund.

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## 607 - FUNDRAISING AT ICPC FACILITIES

## **607.1 Policy**

- 1. ICPC is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) Texas Corporation and governs all fundraising and lecturing/educational activities at ICPC facilities. Our policy is to restrict fund raising and collecting for the credit of only ICPC and its subsidiaries. This includes any organized special fundraising function or any casual fundraising, at any time during day or night.
- 2. All funds raised and collected on ICPC premises must be deposited in the respective ICPC or its Subsidiary's bank account.
- 3. Each ICPC Islamic Center shall participate in all ICPC major fundraisers.

#### 607.2 Procedure

- 1. All funds raised and collected at any of the ICPC premises must be handled in strict compliance with ICPC procedures for collection and deposit of funds.
- 2. Any amounts raised or collected from donors on ICPC facilities must be deposited in an ICPC bank account promptly but no later than the time prescribed in this manual. All amounts raised and collected from donors on ICPC premises either by the Imam of the Masjid, or by any other person, shall neither be retained personally nor shall they be distributed directly to any person or entity whatsoever, no matter how deserving the intended recipient(s) may be. The collected funds must be handled in accordance with the procedure for collection and deposit of funds. Such funds must be deposited in an appropriate ICPC or its Subsidiary's bank account and then disbursed according to the established payment procedures.
- 3. Donors who wish to mail their checks for donations at a later date after fundraising events shall mail them directly to ICPC Main Center, Attn: Finance Department or deposit them in collection boxes at Islamic Centers. As a matter of internal control, ICPC employees and appointed officials as well as elected officials (including Board Members, Associate Directors, and Area Representatives) shall inform and urge such donors to do so.
- 4. All ICPC Islamic Center shall participate in all ICPC major fundraisers (as defined by Shura) and purchase tables for a minimum of \$1000 for each table provided that the IC has adequate funds in its General Fund Account.

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- 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, under no circumstances will the Executive Body authorize fundraising activities by and for a non-ICPC entity unless such entity provides the necessary legal documents evidencing that it is a USA based nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under IRC Section 501(c)(3) and, if applicable, is also registered in Texas to solicit funds from the public.
- 6. A summary of "Fund Raising Policy" shall be posted at all ICPC facilities.

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## 608 FUNDRAISING BY NON-ICPC ENTITIES AT ICPC FACILITIES

### **608.1 Policy**

- 1. A non-ICPC persons or entity may not collect donations or carry out fund raising activities at any ICPC facility unless ICPC Executive Body authorizes them to do so.
- 2. Under no circumstances will the Executive Body authorize fundraising activities by and for a non-ICPC entity unless such entity provides the necessary legal documents evidencing that it is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under IRC Section 501(c)(3) and, if applicable, is also registered in Texas to solicit funds from the public.
- 3. Except in case of major disasters, such as flood, earthquake etc., requiring humanitarian aid, non-ICPC entities are not authorized to raise or collect any funds at any ICPC facility during Ramadan.

### **608.2 Procedure**

- As a general rule, ICPC does not allow collection of funds by non-ICPC entities or individuals (defined as persons who are not ICPC employees, or identified ICPC volunteers) on any ICPC premises. However, ICPC Executive Body, at its sole discretion, may authorize fund raising activities and collection of donations for USA based philanthropic projects at any ICPC facility, if such events are not in conflict with USA laws and ICPC interests.
- 2. If a non-ICPC entity is authorized to raise and collect funds at any ICPC facility then Treasurer shall convey the Executive Body decision to the non-ICPC entity in writing, specifying date, time and place for such activity along with the terms under which such fundraising and collection can be carried out. It is the responsibility of the Islamic Center administration or Religious Teacher or any authorized ICPC volunteers of the Islamic Center or Zone to ensure that outside speakers are not allowed to raise funds without prior written permission from the Executive Body provided through the Treasurer.
- 3. Generally, ICPC will charge an administrative and facility usage fee (either lump sum or as a percentage of collections) if it allows a non-ICPC organization or individual to raise funds at any ICPC facility. The amount of such fees shall be determined by the Executive Body. If a non-ICPC entity is allowed to use an ICPC facility for a fee, they must sign an agreement to acknowledge their obligation and abide by the terms of the agreement.

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## 609 - REFUND OF DUES AND DONATIONS

## **609.1 Policy**

1. ICPC will not issue any refunds for any membership dues and donations paid by members who cancel their membership or are terminated.

## **609.2 Procedure**

1. Regardless of the date and amount of transaction, ICPC will issue no refunds for and any deposited dues or donations that have been paid by a member who either withdraws from the association or whose membership has been terminated.

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# 610 - FINANACIAL AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF ELECTED MEMBERS

## 610.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish policy and procedures for implementing effective internal controls of all financial transactions, and;
- 2. Compliance with applicable laws, rules, Bylaws and requirements mandated by GAAP in the United States and demonstrate commitment to transparency and accountability.

## **610.02 Policy**

- 1. All disbursements of ICPC funds outside of approved budgeted amounts and projects shall be limited to the amounts noted for the elected ICPC official or entity in this policy.
- 2. Authority detailed hereunder shall be subject to the limitations in Bylaws, Article XII, Sections 4 and 5, and Article XIIA, Sections 1 and 2, and in ICPC Policy #106, Paragraph 106.03, Subparagraphs 3 and 4
- 3. All operating expenses such as listed below must be paid directly to the vendor:
  - 1. Security Services
  - 2. Cleaning & Janitorial Services
  - 3. Pest Control
  - 4. Garbage Collection
  - 5. Repairs & Maintenance Labor
  - 6. IT/Tech Support
  - 7. Dues & Subscriptions
- 4. All operating expenses such as listAt no time during the length of tenure can an elected member pay cash to any vendors for services rendered.
- 5. All vendors rendering services to ICPC must submit receipts within 90 days of services rendered to Main Center Accounting for disbursement.
- 6. An elected member not rendering services can pay out of pocket for reimbursement only for the below expenses:

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- 1. Meals & Entertainment
- 2. Repairs & Maintenance Supplies
- 3. Office Supplies
- 4. Landscape at ICs
- 5. Travel & Lodging (Mileage, Parking, & Tolls)
- 6. Postage & Delivery
- 7. Emergency Sadaqa Expense
- **7.** Cash advance and loans prohibited for all elected members (Refer to Policy #613 paragraph 2.

#### 610.03 Procedure:

1. Financial Authority & Approval Limits:

Financial Authority & Approval Limits	
Shura (4 Executive Body Members)	\$10,000 +
Executive Body ( President ,	
Vice President ,Secretary, Treasurer)	\$3,001 - \$9,999
Executive Body – Individual Member	
	Up to \$3,000
Masjid Director	
-	Up to \$5,000
Masjid Director	
	Up to \$2,000

The following is a list of Elected Members who have fiscal and accounting responsibilities:

## **Board of Directors (Shura)**

- 1. All noncapital and capital expenditures over 10K are to be approved by the Shura
- 2. Review and approve below budget on an annual basis:
  - a. Operating Budget (OPEX)
  - b. Capital Expenditure Budget (CAPEX)

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## **Executive Body**

- 1. President Financial Duties
  - a. Cosigner for All ICPC Financial Institutions
  - b. Must sign all construction contracts before payment
  - c. Must sign all change order requests for payment
- 2. Vice President Financial Duties
  - a. Cosigner for All ICPC Financial Institutions
- 3. Treasurer Financial Duties
  - a. Cosigner for All ICPC Financial Institutions
  - b. Verifies all funds in account for construction projects
- 4. Secretary Financial Duties
  - a. Cosigner for All ICPC Financial Institutions

## Masjid Directors Financial Duties

- 1. Approval Limit 5 K
- 2. Annual threshold As per OPEX Budget

### **Associate Directors Financial Duties**

- 1. Approval limit 2K
- 2. Annual threshold—As per OPEX Budget

## **Zakat Committee Financial Duties**

1. Refer to Policy 620

### Sadaqa Committee Financial Duties

1. Refer to Policy 617

## **Construction Financial Duties**

### Central Construction Committee:

- 1. Prepares all Construction (CAPEX) proposals
- 2. Evaluate all bids approved within budget limit
- 3. CAPEX (Over Budget) Must be approved by Construction Committee AND Shura
- 4. Change Orders Refer to Construction Policy

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## Islamic Center Council:

- 1. Approval Limit − 3K
- 2. Approval Limit As per annual CAPEX Budget

## **610.4 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 2. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer through the Executive Director on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: Revised and approved by the Board:

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## 611 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

## **611.1 Policy**

- 1. Executive Body or Majlis Al-Shura may, within limits of their respective financial authority, authorize transfer funds between different ICPC accounts.
- 2. If needed, funds segregated within a Zone for various functions e.g. Dawah, construction fund etc. may be used to cover shortfall in funds for other zonal operations e.g. general fund. However, Zakat and Sadaqah Funds can be used only for the purpose for which these funds are collected.

#### 611.2 Procedure

- 1. Depending on the situation and community needs, Executive Body or Majlis Al-Shura may authorize transfer of funds, up to their respective financial authority limit, between different ICPC accounts.
- 2. If transfer of funds involves debit from a Zonal Account or a Designated Account then such transfer is allowed only if the respective Zonal Director or person in charge of the Designated Account permits such transfer.
- 3. If Zonal funds are reassigned to cover short fall in a different operational fund within the same Zone then Main Center share of the Zonal Funds will be adjusted accordingly.
- 4. ICPC accounts department shall maintain complete documentation of the transfer including a copy of the authorization instrument (Executive Body or Majlis Al-Shura minutes, Treasurer's release etc.) and nature and terms of transfer (purpose of transfer and any limitations).

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## 612 - FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

## **612.1 Policy**

The cost of central administration operations shall be shared by all ICPC facilities.

#### 612.2 Procedure

- 1. To offset the expenses related to central administrations and Main Office operations, a specific % specified by the Shura of all general revenues and donations collected at all ICPC facilities will be credited to Main Office General Fund.
- 2. Funds contributed for Sadaqah, Zakat and Construction are exempt from the above % deduction rule.
- 3. Only Majlis Al-Shura may authorize exemption of any other collections from mandatory Main Office General Fund contributory deduction.
- 4. The percentage of Main Office General Fund contributory deductions may not be changed unless authorized by a majority vote of Majlis Al-Shura.

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## 613 - LOANS POLICY

### 613.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish and document loan policy and procedures to ensure proper identification, tracking, and use and protection of ICPC resources, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to accountability and financial transparency, and to comply with applicable laws, rules, bylaws, and generally accepted accounting principles.

### **613.2 Policy:**

- 1. Pursuant to the prohibition under applicable laws of Texas to nonprofit corporations, it is the policy of ICPC not to make loans to the directors of ICPC [TBOC § 22.225(a)]. It is also ICPC policy, pursuant to prohibition in Bylaws Article XIIA, Section 2 not make loans to any elected official or a member of the Administrative Body or Standing or Special Committee of ICPC. The directors who vote for or assent to the making of such a loan and any officer who participates in making the loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Society for the amount of the loan until the loan is repaid.
- 2. All inter-ICPC loans (i.e., intra-zonal between Islamic Centers or between Islamic Centers within the Zone, or intra-subsidiaries between subsidiaries) must be interest-free and for term agreed by the parties and require approval of the Board.
- 3. All loans to and from ICPC to other entities will be subject to approval requirements specified in Bylaws, Article XII, Sections 1~5 and must be interest free.
- 4. Loans to non-ICPC employees are strictly prohibited. Loans made to ICPC employees shall be called 'Employee Advances" and handled in accordance with # 625 Policy on Employee Advances.

#### 613.3 Procedure

- 1. All loans whether inter-ICPC, or intra-ICPC must be properly authorized, documented (including detailed terms and conditions), and witnessed as required by Shariah and properly recorded in the books of account.
- 2. With the exception of loans within various organs of ICPC (i.e., intra-ICPC loans), disbursement of all other loans by ICPC will be not be made until the submission of an adequate collateral or guarantee by co-signor.

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- 3. The original note of indebtedness must be provided to the Finance Department at the Main Center for safe keeping. Similarly Main Center Office—must be notified when the note has been retired.
- 4. The Finance Department at Main Center shall track and update all active loans on a monthly basis.

## **613.4 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center.
- 2. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 3. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated for GAAP compliance.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: Original

Revised and approved by the Board of Directors on: 9.9.2020

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## 614 – ICPC REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST BY NORTH AMERICAN ISLAMIC TRUST

## **614.1 Policy**

- 1. Title of all ICPC real estate property will be transferred to the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) for the benefit of ICPC in accordance with the Declaration of Trust document.
- 2. A Sale or alienation of trust property will require obtaining No Objection from NAIT after approval by the ICPC General Body

#### 614.2 Procedure

- 1. After gaining title to any real estate property, ICPC will promptly transfer the title of the property to its NAIT account.
- 2. When deemed necessary, Majlis Al-Shura may delay the property transfer till a later appropriate time.
- 3. At all times, the trust property is kept in NAIT for the benefit of ICPC.
- 4. Any sale or conveyance or assignment or alienation, of any real estate owned by the ICPC and in trust with NAIT shall only be made after approval by the ICPC General Body. After General Body approval, NAIT will be requested to provide a no objection resolution as the closing documents will show NAIT as the owner of record.

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## 615 - DISPOSAL OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY

## **615.1 Policy**

1. When necessary, ICPC management may subject to the provisions of Bylaws Article XII, dispose ICPC tangible property with proper approval and documentation, in accordance with this policy and procedures specified herein.

#### 615.2 Procedure

- 1. Each ICPC facility should maintain an inventory of its tangible property that is valuable and durable e.g. computers, equipment, furniture, vehicles, movable building and storage structures etc. (generally these are items with depreciation value). Islamic Centers shall provide annually an updated copy of the inventory list to the Treasurer/Accounting Department at the ICPC Main Center.
- 2. When necessary, ICPC management (Majlis Al-Shura, Executive Body), may authorize disposal of ICPC tangible property (equipment, furniture or other valuables) that is within their jurisdiction and financial authorization limits. The authorization to dispose must be in writing in each instance.
- 3. Upon authorization, such property may be sold, donated or condemned as appropriate. In the event of sale, sale proceeds must be deposited in appropriate ICPC bank account and the Accounting Department notified within the prescribed time limits.
- 4. If any tangible property is sold or donated then a valid proof of its fair market value should be attached to the disposal documents and copies provided to the Comptroller/Treasurer.
- 5. If any tangible property is condemned due to obsolescence, due to non-availability of parts required for repair, or due to cost of repairs exceeding 60% of replacement cost of the item (beyond economical repair), then the reason for condemnation and the event of final disposal should be documented, and copies forwarded to the Comptroller/Treasurer.

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## 616 – FINANCIAL AUDIT, INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

## 616.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish and document policy and procedures regarding financial audit and inspection of books and records by members, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to accountability, financial transparency, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and the Bylaws

### **616.2 Policy:**

- 1. An annual financial audit shall be conducted by an independent qualified external auditor appointed by the BOARD. Upon completion of the financial audit in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America, the independent qualified external auditor shall submit his report to the Board.[Bylaws Article III Section 5 and Article IV Section 5]
- 2. An ICPC eligible voting member acting in good faith may, upon written request, examine and copy at the member's expense, at ICPC Main Center, at a reasonable time during business hours and for a proper purpose, the books and records of the corporation relevant to that purpose. [TBOC § 22.351]
- 3. Governing bodies of all ICPC subsidiaries shall provide their respective audited financial statements of their respective subsidiary to the Board at the end of each fiscal year, as well as unaudited interim financial statements during the year required by the Board.[Bylaws Article III, Section 4, B and C]
- 4. The Board may also order special audits of a limited scope that involves the examination of accounts and the use of accounting procedures to discover financial irregularities designed to investigate alleged financial irregularities.

#### 616.3 Procedure:

- 1. The Audit Committee shall recommend the selection, retention and compensation of the independent external auditors for appointment by the Board.
- 2. The Audit Committee will review with the independent external auditor appointed by the Board the scope and extent of the examination to be performed during the annual financial audit. Upon completion of the audit, the Audit Committee, along with the Comptroller and the Treasurer shall review financial statements with the independent external auditor.

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- 3. The Audit Committee will periodically review with the Treasurer and the Comptroller ICPC system of internal controls for accuracy of financial statements and compliance with the laws and submit its finding to the Board.
- 4. Governing bodies of all ICPC subsidiaries must ensure that financial information transmitted to ICPC is complete and accurate, and the financial statements free from material misstatements.
- 5. An eligible voting member who wishes, in good faith, to examine for a proper purpose books and records should submit a written request to ICPC Treasurer. The request should list the specific documents relevant to that purpose.
- 6. The Treasurer will, upon receipt of the member's request, instruct the Comptroller to make the documents germane to the stated proper purpose available to the member to examine at the Main Center during regular business hours at a reasonable time.
- 7. Members are not allowed to remove original documents from the office. However, information in the document(s) may be copied or the office may be requested to provide copies of the relevant documents by the member at his expense.
- 8. To cover the material and labor costs for providing copies of the requested document(s) the office may charge a service fee, payable in advance.

### **616.4 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center.
- 2. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 3. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy.

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## 617 - SADAQA

DATE INITIALLY ADOPTED: ORIGINAL DATE PREVIOUSLY UPDATED: DATE APPROVED:

## **617.1 Policy**

1. The ICPC Sadaqa Policy is aligned with the Zakat Policy and is a secondary means to assist needy & deserving individuals and families but not organizations with financial charitable assistance. It is expected that both Zakat and Sadaqa shall follow the same application, assessment and disbursement platform. The following rules form the ICPC Sadaqa Policy – they apply equally to all disbursements and require compliance on all points.

#### 617.2 Procedure

- 1. All Sadaqa fund disbursements shall only be made after the standard ICPC Sadaqa Application has been duly completed and approved by the appropriate approval authority. All charitable assistance shall be screened through Zakat Policy; however, if the applicant is not eligible for Zakat or his need is larger than maximum Zakat authorization, then charitable financial assistance through Sadaqa may be considered with adequate supporting documentation.
- 2. Funds disbursed as Sadaqa shall be for needy individuals and/or families and not to organizations, groups, or entities, unless specifically designated by the Treasurer or ICPC EB based on approval limits. A needy individual or family shall be deemed to qualify for Sadaqa financial assistance only if funding is required for educational expenses, residence rent or payment, utilities payment, or food assistance, or a specific miscellaneous need identified by the ICPC official or appropriate approval authority. Sadaqa disbursement payment should be made to the service provider and not to the Sadaqa assistance recipient, except on a specific special needs waiver basis.
- 3. Funds disbursed as Sadaqa shall be for individuals and/or families that reside in the zip codes assigned to the respective Islamic Center (IC) or Zone in which the Sadaqa funds were collected and from which the disbursements are being made, unless specifically designated by EB or Shura. Within a zone, the Zonal Executive Committee may approve Sadaqa disbursement between ICs. In case the applicant is a traveler or a needy person from outside of the greater Houston area, then the approval of the Zonal Director is a requirement with documentation copy sent to EB.
- 4. Approval authority for Sadaqa funds disbursal rests with the local Islamic Center Zakat & Sadaqa Committee effective 1 October 2019.

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- 5. The maximum Sadaqa disbursement to an individual or family shall be \$3,000 per calendar year unless so designated by the ICPC EB with a limit of \$1,000 per monthly disbursement. An additional special disbursement of up to \$3,000 to the same individual or family in the same calendar year can be made but shall require the approval of the Zonal Director with notification and review by the EB, bringing the total Sadaqa assistance to any given individual or family to a maximum limit of \$6,000 per calendar year. Under special circumstances where immediate cash assistance is necessary or required, the Associate Director shall have the authority to make a one-time only payment of \$250 in cash with a cash-received receipt obtained from the recipient. This cash disbursement is considered part of and shall fall within the maximum \$6000 annual limit.
- 6. No more than one person (mustahiq) shall be selected from one household/family.
- 7. ICPC Main Center Accounting function shall only release disbursement or Sadaqa assistance check when required documentation is provided along with the Sadaqa application.

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## 620 - ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION

### 620.1 Purpose

This document codifies ICPC policies, standards and practices regarding distribution of Zakat donations received at ICPC Islamic Centers. The policies, standards, and practices, outlined in this document, provide guidance in distributing zakat in an accountable, transparent, prudent, and ethical manner for the benefit of genuinely needy and deserving applicants who qualify for receiving zakat assistance.

### **620.1 Policy**

- 1. "620 Zakat Distribution Policy" supersedes and replaces all previous policies on the subject including the "Zakat Distribution Manual" issued in February 2006.
- 2. They are also intended to ensure continued confidence of the donors, recipients, members and the community in general, in the manner in which ICPC discharges its fiduciary responsibility effectively, efficiently and responsively, and at the same time comply with regulatory requirements that ICPC is obligated to meet as well as its' own internal controls.
- 3. The nature and type of assistance provided under this zakat distribution program will be to provide assistance to zakat qualifying applicant-households residing within the assigned jurisdiction of each Islamic Center (Appendix A), who may have limited or no income from other sources, to meet their basic needs such as food, housing and utilities

### **620.2 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility to oversee the program with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and other staff of Finance Department at ICPC Main Center.
- 2. ICPC Main Center administers all zakat payments directly to property owners, utilities and other service providers, based on the disbursements approvals submitted through ICPCCRATE system by Zakat & Sadaqa Committee at each Islamic Center.
- 3. Recipients of assistance never have to fill out any W-9 forms. However, rent is a specific item Internal Revenue Service has to track on an annual basis.
- 4. All property owners (Landlord) who have collected over \$600 in a calendar year for rent must send a W-9 in order for the tenant to receive rental assistance.

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- a. Exception to this rule In special cases where the tenant is renting or subleasing from an individual, a SSN must be provided if it is over \$600 annual rental disbursement. Special Approval from the Treasurer must be received in advance before any disbursement. (Special Recommendations must be received by the Treasurer from Zakat Committee Chairman in advance before any disbursement).
- 5. Zakat & Welfare Committee established at Board level will be as a Standing Committee reporting to the Treasurer, as provided in Article VIII, Section 1 and Section 2 of the Bylaws. The Committee will be advisory in nature. The Board shall have the authority to modify its membership as required.
- 6. The Zakat Committee Chairperson and nine members, to be nominated by the Treasurer and approved by the Board, will be selected as follows: Two members from each zone that has more than one Islamic Center and one member from the zone that has only one Islamic Center all of whom shall be Chairpersons of IC Zakat & Sadaqa Committees. It shall meet periodically to review Zakat and Sadaqa collection and distribution system including policies and procedures and provide recommendations for improvements.
- 7. Zakat & Sadaqa Committee established at each Islamic Center will be a Standing Committee, as provided in Article VIII, Section 3 of the Bylaws, shall have primary responsibility to assess the needs of each eligible applicant and approve disbursement of zakat assistance in accordance with Quran and Sunnah and in line with the procedures and limits specified herein. The Committee will consist of a Chairperson, and at least, two or more members based on the community size. They will be nominated by the Associate Director and approved by the Council. They shall be selected not only for their skill sets and competencies but also for their availability and willingness to devote required time and effort. They should be regular 'musalleen' at the Islamic Center and have familiarity with the local community. The Committee shall make decisions on matters coming before it by a simple majority.
- 8. The names and other information pertaining to Zakat and Sadaqa applicants and/or recipients shall always be strictly confidential. If any of ICPC volunteers, elected members, and/or staff who do not abide by this rule, suspension of position or further action can be taken by ICPC.
- 9. Any party that is involved in handling Zakat & Sadaqa cases shall not use or disclose to others information except as permitted by law or on a need to know basis within ICPC to enable distribution and to maintain accounting records and related reports.
- 10. The names and other information of Zakat and/or Sadaqa applicants/recipients shall not be shared (by Zakat Committee members) with members of Islamic Center Council and Associate Directors. Failure to comply with this mandatory requirement shall be viewed by the Board as a serious disciplinary offense.

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#### **620.3 Procedures:**

1) Zakat disbursement process will, in each case, without exception, only commence after an applicant submits a duly completed assistance application in the prescribed ICPC form, along with these supporting documents:

For One-Time Disbursements	For Recurring Disbursements (Over 3 Months)
Copy of Texas Photo ID or Driver's License	Copy of Texas Photo ID or Driver's License
Financial Assistance Application	Financial Assistance Application
Pay Stubs	Pay Stubs
Signed Residential Lease/Rental Contract* (* if rental assistance is requested)	Previous year's IRS Tax Return
W-9 issued by the Landlord*	Signed Residential Lease/Rental Contract*
(* if rental assistance is requested)	(* if rental assistance is requested)
Most recent electric or gas bills	W-9 issued by the Landlord*
	(* if rental assistance is requested)
Eviction Notice, if any	Most recent electric or gas bills
Other documents to support applicant's present financial condition. Example: Food Stamps, SSI, Bank Stmts.	Eviction Notice, if any
	Other documents to support applicant's present financial condition. Example: Food Stamps, SSI, Bank Stmts.

- 2) The application with its supporting documents should be submitted by the applicant in person:
  - At the Islamic Center having jurisdiction of area zip code where the applicant resides.
- 3) Zakat & Sadaqa Committee of Islamic Center shall set up a regular schedule (or other appropriate venues) to receive duly completed applications with their respective supporting documentation and interview applicants, at least twice a month. The schedule including the ICPC email contact information of Committee Chairmen and members shall be published by posting on the Notice Board and through regular announcements at Islamic Center.

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- 4) As part of due diligence, the Zakat & Sadaqa Committee of Islamic Center will review the application for completeness and verify copies of photo ID, rental/lease agreement and utility bills with their respective originals (before returning the originals to the applicants). All documents after scanning and uploading into ICPCCRATE should be destroyed. The Committee members will also check the residential address shown on all the documentation matches and further, that it is within the jurisdiction of the Islamic Center. The Committee members will also obtain information on Social Security payments, Food Stamps, and any other assistance including TANF being received by the applicant household. Other factors to be considered:
  - (a) Meet the poverty limit criteria of the State/Federal Government,
  - (b) If unemployed, show evidence that he/she is actively seeking employment.
- 5) The criteria for the poor and the needy categories mentioned in Quran as among the 'Mustahiq of Zakat', as described in Appendix B.
- 6) Those eligible for zakat assistance will also include:
  - (a) Single woman with young children at home and cannot work
  - (b) Single, widowed, or refugee women
  - (c) Those who are disabled, restricted to type and duration of work due to disability,
  - (d) Seniors/elderly who receive no or limited social security and are unable to work,
  - (e) Domestic violence cases, where the case is filed and wife is forced to live separately pending court verdict leaving her homeless and/or in financial distress.
  - (f) Unemployed or minimum wage workers
  - (g) Requests for assistance from travelers (Ibnus-Sabeel) shall be subject to additional scrutiny and handled as exceptional, one time assistance cases by the Zakat & Sadaqa Committee with limited help, not exceeding \$50
- 7) Membership of ICPC shall not be a requirement for applying and/or receiving Zakat or Sadaqa assistance. It is mandatory for all elected officials, committee members, and employees of ICPC to observe and comply with this policy without any reservations.
- 8) Upon completion of the verification and review of application and supporting documents, at least two members of the Committee (except in cases which require urgent response a member may conduct the interview) shall interview the applicant to determine his/her Zakat eligibility, and genuineness, the extent and type of his/her needs. Thereafter, the IC Zakat & Sadaqa Committee members shall submit their recommendation in accordance with the limits specified in the disbursement schedule described in paragraph 9 below to the Chairperson of the IC Zakat & Sadaqa Committee.

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- 9) Once the assistance has been approved by the Committee, the Chairperson of the Zakat & Sadaqa Committee shall scan and upload PDF copies of the application and its support documents to the applicant's profile set up in ICPCCRATE system and enter the type and extent of disbursement approved by the Committee for payment processing by the Finance/Accounting Department at the ICPC Main Center.
- 10) The Zakat & Sadaqa Committee at each Islamic Center shall ensure that zakat assistance it approves in each case shall not exceed the following Disbursement Limits:
  - a) Total Combined Rental and Utility Assistance: A maximum of \$750 per applicant/household per month;
  - b) Duration of Assistance: A maximum of 3 months in each instance. Extension/renewal will be subject to interview of the applicant including a review of the applicant/household's updated financial information to verify the applicant has continued qualification for zakat assistance. Extension/Renewal of assistance beyond six (6) months is discouraged except in special cases, such as: widows or single women with young dependent children having no or limited income and living on their own; those with disability who are restricted to type and duration of work; and, seniors/elderly receiving no or limited social security and are unable to work. Families where head of the household makes minimum wage due to language and/or skills limitation

<u>Duration of Financial Assistance</u>					
Three months maximum within one calendar year.	Extension/renewal will be subject to interview of the applicant including a review of the applicant/household's updated financial information to verify the applicant has continued qualification for zakat assistance.	Updated Financial Information required.			
Six months or more - Special Cases - within one calendar year	Discouraged except in special cases	Special Cases (1) Widows and/or single women with dependents (2) Disabled Individuals (3) The elderly (65 and above) (4)Families where head of household makes minimum wage due to language and/or skills limitation			

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- c) In exceptional cases, the monthly maximum limit of \$750 mentioned in paragraph 10.a may be increased by the Treasurer upon recommendation of the Chairperson of the Zakat & Sadaqa Committee of Islamic Center; provided all other disbursement limits remain unchanged.
- d) Annual Maximum: Not exceeding \$9,000 per applicant/household for all types of assistance mentioned in 10.a and b above.
- e) Food Card: \$100 per person with a maximum of \$300 for a family of five or more per month. With respect to duration of assistance under this category, the limits specified in paragraph 8.b. above will apply. The applicant/household however will not be eligible for issuance of Food Card, if he/she is receiving Food Stamps.
- f) Maximum Threshold Summary:

(1)	Rent:	\$750 Maximum per month
(2)	Utilities:	\$750 Maximum per month
(3)	Food Cards:	\$300 Maximum per month
(4)	Other Financial Assistance :	\$750 Maximum per month
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- Total Above Combined of \$750/Month , \$9,000/Annual Maximum
- 11) Examples of those not qualifying for Zakat and/or Sadaqah assistance include but are not limited to the following:
  - (a) for payment of legal fees and costs in divorce cases, domestic violence or abuse cases, asylum petition cases, immigration cases, or cases where providing assistance will make ICPC a party or seen as supporting one party over the other;
  - (b) For payment of medical and dental bills, and
  - (c) For payment of credit card debt where the debt is due to overspending beyond the applicant's means.
- 12) The Case Manager (employed by ICPC) will review, evaluate and ensure the compliance of Zakat policy by all Zakat/Sadaqa Committees at all ICPC Islamic centers.

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- 13) The Zakat Committee Member will adhere to all Zakat, Sadaqa, And/or Fitra requests with the utmost respect for the applicant with care, good faith, and due diligence. If Zakat committee member does not adhere to this value, further action by ICPC administered to match ICPC core mission value as posted in the Bylaws.
- 14) One time Emergency Help In situations which demand immediate financial assistance, a center can use up to \$100 from their petty cash to provide quick relief. The Associate Director is responsible to itemize the expense for petty cash replenishment on the petty cash log. If the need is higher than \$100, then the ICPC issued corporate card may be used and the expense classified as such. Alternatively, the ICPC Case Manager may be contacted to address the situation.

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## 621 - PETTY CASH FUND POLICY

### **621.1 Purpose:**

- 1. Establish and document Petty Cash Fund policy and procedures to ensure proper authorization, identification, tracking, protection and use of ICPC resources, and
- 2. Demonstrate compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, applicable laws, rules, and ICPC Bylaws.

## **621.2 Policy:**

- 1. ICPC shall maintain a petty cash fund to pay for small, miscellaneous expenses such as stamps, small delivery charges, emergency supplies such as postage, paper towels, coffee and other basic office supplies, minor repairs or other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2. The Petty Cash fund shall not exceed the \$3,000 limit at any time.
- 3. The Accounting Department at the Main Center shall be the custodian of the petty cash fund
- 4. At the Islamic Centers, the Finance Secretary and/or the Associate Director shall have the authority to request petty cash. The Associate Director may designate another person as petty cashier, who receives funds and renders services.
- 5. The petty cash fund shall be operated on a cash basis. This means when it is time to replenish the petty cash fund, petty cashier through the Associate Director or the Finance Secretary shall request a check for the difference between the cash-on-hand and the total assigned to the petty cash fund. At this time, the Accounting Department at the Main Center shall total out the expenses made and identify those expenses by general ledger account number.
- 6. When the check request is submitted for payment, it shall indicate the total amount needed to bring the fund back up to \$3,000 limit.
- 7. Check request shall provide a breakdown of the various expense accounts being charged to each account.
- 8. When a request for petty cash reimbursement is made to Accounting Department at the Main Center, items will be listed on the Petty Cash Fund Reconciliation Sheet. A description of each item charged shall be recorded together with the amount. The Accounting Department personnel must receive vendor receipts and/or vouchers to verify legitimacy for the request to be processed for approval.

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9. The Accounting Department shall have the responsibility to track all petty cash accounts and evaluate expenses and report to odd or unusual expenses.

#### **621.3 Procedure:**

- 1. When a request for petty cash reimbursement is made to Finance Manager, the item shall be listed on the Petty Cash Fund Reconciliation Sheet. A description of the item charged shall be recorded together with the amount. The Finance Manager must receive a vendor receipt for processing of approval of the amount of the requested.
- 2. The recipient of the petty cash funds must sign the sheet to indicate receipt of the funds. The paid receipt should be attached to the sheet. At that time, the Petty Cash Fund Reconciliation Sheet and associated receipts are attached to the check request voucher.
- 3. The Accounting Department shall send the Document "ICPC Petty Cash Log \_Template" to each recipient of petty cash to log in expenses.

#### **621.4 ICPC Internal Control**

1. The Treasurer or Comptroller shall reconcile at the end of the year the Petty Cash Fund and all outgoing officers shall return the balance to ICPC Main Center before their term ends.

### **621.5** Implementation:

- 1. The Treasurer shall have overall responsibility to implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers.
- 2. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration and implementation of this Policy.
- The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

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## **Petty Cash SOP**

## 1. Funding/Replenish Recipient

	DR	CR
10500 - Petty Cash	XX	
10000 – Operating Bank Account		XX

## 2. Expenses Incurred For Petty Cash

	DR	CR
60000 – Expense	XX	
10500- Petty Cash		XX

Please refer to "2020 ICPC Petty Cash Log \_Template"

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## 622 - MILAGE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

## **622.1 Policy**

ICPC will pay for mileage reimbursement based on guidelines below:

- A. Standard Mileage Rate for the cost of operating car for work related purposes only is according to current IRS Reimbursement Rate per mile. This rate of reimbursement covers any and all expenses including but not limited to those listed in sub-paragraph D below.
- B. Mileage must be reported in a timely manner expenses received by employer after 30 days of occurrence will not be reimbursable without valid reason.
- C. Mileage Reimbursement will be reimbursed for the following purposes only:
  - 1. The expenses must be for *ICPC* business driving only
  - 2. Visiting jobsites for work related purposes if so directed by an appropriate elected official.
  - 3. Employee is required, by an appropriate elected official, to attend local meetings, training, seminars, and or workshops, away from his regular place of work.
  - 4. The specific employee positions covered by this policy shall be approved in advance by the Board.
- D. Mileage Reimbursement will NOT be allowed for expenses incurred for the following:
  - 1. Depreciation
  - 2. Lease payments
  - 3. Licenses
  - 4. Gas
  - 5. Insurance
  - 6. Repairs
  - 7. Oil
  - 8. Tires
  - 9. Travel between home and place of regular employment.

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#### **622.3 Procedure**

A. The following documents that must be filled out and emailed to <a href="mailto:payments@ICPC.org">payments@ICPC.org</a>. B. Payment reimbursement can take up to 2 weeks.

### **622.4 Implementation**

A. The Treasurer shall, with the assistance of the Comptroller, implement this policy and shall notify the Executive Body, and when required to the Board, on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to adequate implementation of this policy.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on 9.5.2020 Revised and approved by the Board of Directors on: 9.5.2020

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## 623 - CREDIT CARD CHARGES POLICY

## **623.1 Policy**

- A. All staff members who are authorized, to carry an ICPC credit card, by the Board, will be held personally responsible in the event that any charge is deemed personal or unauthorized even if such unauthorized expense is incurred for ICPC work.
- B. Unauthorized use of the credit card includes personal expenditures of any kind; expenditures which have not been previously authorized; meals, entertainment, gifts, or other expenditures which are prohibited by ICPC Bylaws, ICPC Policies, budgets, Federal and Texas laws, and regulations.
- C. Email and Meeting Minutes are NOT considered adequate source of financial documents.
- D. Documents subject to permanent retention should be saved in a format that preserves the original attributes of the document..

#### 623.2 Procedure

- A. ICPC issued credit cards must be used wherever possible for all ICPC work-related office supplies and avoid using your personal cards for such purposes.
- B. If there is any extraordinary item that needs to be purchased and is beyond the limit of the card, an advance approval request must be submitted so that the appropriate amount limit can be uploaded on the card.
- C. Receipts with all approval documents and Expense Reimbursement Request Form for all Credit card/ prepaid card charges must be submitted to the Accounting & Finance Department within seven-(7) days after the month ends.
- D. The form used to submit all expense reimbursement requests to—must show the exact expense account allocation of the expenses.
- E. The Accounting & Finance Department will verify all credit/ prepaid card charges with the online account.

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## **623.3 Implementation:**

- A. The Treasurer shall implement this policy with the assistance of the Comptroller and shall notify the Executive Body, and when required report to the Board, on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to adequate implementation of this policy.
- B. The Comptroller shall notify the Treasurer of any additional document retention requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

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## 624 - CAPITALIZATION POLICY

## 624.1 Purpose

- 1. Establish and document capitalization policy for proper identification and consistent accounting treatment of qualifying costs and expenditures related to assets, and,
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to comply with applicable laws, rules, and the generally accepted accounting principles.

## **624.2 Policy**

- 1. For the purposes of this policy, "Capitalization" shall mean expensing acquisition costs of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset rather than in the period in which it is acquired and put into service. i.e., amortized or depreciated over its' useful economic life.
  - a. The following criteria shall be applied prior to capitalization of the acquisition costs: (a) the item must be an asset, i.e., must have an economic useful life of more than 12 months beginning when the asset is put into use, (b) the asset must be tangible i.e., seen and felt; [e.g., buildings, office equipment and furniture, etc.], (c) the item must be new or replacement in nature, (d) the item must not be part of inventory for resale or inventory of repair or spare parts, and (e) the item must be productive or have a function in business operations.
  - b. This policy prescribes that asset expenditure exceeding the capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for any single individual office furniture or equipment item shall be capitalized and depreciated.
  - c. Depreciation is provided on a straight line method over the estimated useful economic life of the assets on a consistent basis.

For the purposes of this policy, "Capitalization" shall also mean expensing improvement expenditures related to the asset over the useful economic life of that asset rather than in the period in which they are incurred when the future benefit for the expenditures exists. i.e. amortized or depreciated over its useful economic life.

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- a. It is ICPC policy to capitalize tangible asset improvement costs and expenditures, provided such costs materially increase the value or extend useful economic life of the asset.
- b. Costs and expenditures for improvement of office furniture, vehicles and equipment in excess of the capitalization threshold of \$5,000, prescribed by this policy, shall be capitalized and depreciated. Qualifying expenditures above this threshold shall be recorded in the books of account as fixed assets, and expenditures below the threshold shall be charged to expense as incurred.
- 3. Ordinary and necessary expenditures related to tangible assets, such as for use, operation, repairs and maintenance including materials and supplies are charged to expense as incurred.
- 4. Donations of property and equipment received shall be recorded at fair value as support, unless restricted by the donor for a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit instructions are recorded as restricted support.
- 5. Land and buildings purchased, constructed or any improvements thereto are granted, assigned, transferred and conveyed to North American Islamic Trust Inc. ("NAIT").

## **624.3 Implementation:**

The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and Finance staff at the Main Center. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

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## 625 - POLICY ON EMPLOYEE ADVANCES

## 625.1 Purpose

- 1. Establish and document Employee Advances policy and procedures to ensure proper authorization, identification, tracking, and recovery and protection of ICPC resources, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to accountability, financial transparency and good governance, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and ICPC Bylaws.

## **625.2 Policy**

- 1. ICPC discourages use of salary advances as a general rule. However, ICPC, will, as an exception, consider under 'rare or extraordinary circumstances' an employee's request written for salary advance. For the purposes of this policy, one or more of the following shall constitute 'rare or extraordinary circumstances':

  (a) Unexpected family health crisis not covered by insurance, (b) Damage to property from natural disaster, flood, fire or other accidents not covered by insurance, (c) Unexpected repair to personal transportation vehicle not covered by insurance, and (d) expenses as a result of death of an immediate family member.
- 2. All loans to ICPC employee shall henceforth be termed not as 'loans' but as "Employee Advances".
- 3. Employee Advances shall only be available to ICPC employees in benefitted positions (Full Time or Part Time).
- 4. Employees should be employed with ICPC for a minimum of 3 years.
- 5. No more than one advance will be given to an employee in a calendar year (1 January through 31 December).
- 6. Advance to an employee shall not exceed 50% of the net base earnings due to the employee in his or her next paycheck up to a maximum of \$10,000. Salary advances for an employee classified as 'non-exempt' under the Fair Labor Standards Act shall be limited to calculations based on the employee's regular schedule, exclusive of overtime, comp time or additional hours.

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- 7. All employee salary advances shall be interest free.
- 8. Limits of financial authority of different ICPC officers for salary advances to employees shall be the same as the limits of their general financial authority described in ICPC Policy # 610.

#### **625.3 Procedure**

- 1. All salary advances to employees who work full time or part time in ICPC General and Administrative areas shall be from General Funds. All salary advances to ICPC employees who work as teachers full time or part time shall be from Education Fund.
- 2. Salary advances shall be repaid at a rate of not less than \$100 per pay period and must be repaid within one calendar year.
- 3. All salary advances employees must be properly authorized, documented and witnessed as required by Shariah and properly recorded in the books of account.
- 4. No salary advances shall be disbursed prior to receiving a duly completed and signed promissory note for the advance in ICPC prescribed form. A copy of the ICPC form will be available from the Finance Department at the Main Center.
- 5. The original note of indebtedness must be provided to the Finance Department at the Main Center for safe keeping. Similarly Main Center must be notified when the note has been retired.
- 6. The Finance Department at Main Center shall track and update all active loans on a monthly basis.
- 7. Loan approval shall be in compliance with the approval limits specified in the policy #610 Financial Authorities and Duties of Elected Members.

### **625.4 Implementation:**

- 1. The Treasurer shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Comptroller and finance staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors at Islamic Centers.
- 2. To assist the Treasurer, the Comptroller is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.

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3. The Comptroller shall report to the Treasurer on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy and notify any additional requirements mandated by GAAP compliance.

700 - MEMBERSHIP

### **MEMBERSHIP**

## 701 - NATURE OF MEMBERSHIP

## **701.1 Policy**

1. ICPC is a NON profit organization serving Muslims community. To vote or hold an office, a person has to be paid eligible Active voting member and file a membership application. Persons who apply for ICPC membership do so strictly on a voluntary basis.

### 701.2 Procedure

- 1. Persons who apply for ICPC membership do so of their own free will. However, by applying for ICPC membership they indicate their commitment to abide by all ICPC rules and regulations.
- 2. All ICPC members have the right to withdraw from ICPC, at will, at any time, with or without cause; however, membership dues once paid will not be refunded.

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## 702 - ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

## **702.1 Policy**

1. ICPC Shura, at its sole discretion, may accept or reject any membership application, with or without cause.

### 702.2 Procedure

- 1. Application for membership does not guarantee acceptance and ICPC makes no promises of acceptance to any membership applicant.
- 2. Acceptance of initial membership application does not guarantee renewal or continued membership, including those on Life Membership.
- 3. ICPC provides no guarantees of any rights or services to any of its members.

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## 703 - MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

## **703.1 Policy**

1. All members of ICPC must comply with ICPC rules and regulations, including its Constitution & Bylaws as well as provisions of the Policy & Procedures Manual.

#### 703.2 Procedure

- 1. Shura, which consists of elected representatives of the community, is the legislative body of ICPC. Over the years, ICPC Shura has adopted a number of rules and regulations which deal with community related matters. All ICPC members must comply with existing and new rules and regulations as and when these rules become effective.
- 2. Shura may take disciplinary action(s) against any member who is found to have violated ICPC rules and regulations.
- 3. Disciplinary action against an ICPC member may include any of the following actions:
  - Reprimand
  - Penalties
  - Restriction(s) on participation in ICPC activities
  - Denial of access to ICPC facilities
  - Temporary or permanent revocation of ICPC membership or
  - Any combination of the above.

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

## 704 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

## 704.1 Purposes:

- 1. Establish an effective policy and related procedures for proper implementation of the requirements specified in ICPC Constitution and the Bylaws to become a Member and be eligible to vote, and to hold and/or nominate others to an elected office of the Society.
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to transparency and compliance with applicable Bylaws and enable members to exercise their rights and fulfill responsibility to voice on ICPC affairs.

### **704.2 Policy:**

- 1. In compliance with the eligibility requirements set forth in ICPC Constitution and the Bylaws, only 'members' are allowed to vote, to hold an elected office and nominate other members to an elected office of the Society. In making a determination as to the eligibility, the following shall be considered:
  - 1. For new membership requirements set forth in the Bylaws, Article I Section 2, Article I Section 3 Paragraph A, and Article I Section 7 read with Article II Section 1.
  - 2. For renewal of membership requirements specified in the Bylaws, Article I, Section 3 Paragraphs A and B.
  - 3. For Life Membership requirements set forth in the Bylaws, Article I, Section 4.
  - 4. The record date set forth in Bylaws, Article I, Section 3 C.
  - 5. Definition of 'Natural member' and 'Member' set forth in ICPC Constitution, Article III Section. 3 and 4 and the Bylaws, Article I Sec. 1.

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#### 704.3 Procedure

- 1. Applications for new membership may be submitted by Natural Members at any time during the year. Annual dues for the current calendar year, 1 Jan~31 Dec shall be payable by a Natural Member along with completed application in full and by using an online payment system designated by the BOARD. However, applicants who apply to become Members after 30 June shall be placed, for administrative purposes, on a separate 'Temporarily Inactive' Members list for the remainder of the current calendar year since such persons will not be able to vote, hold an elected office and nominate others for elected office for the current year (§ Bylaws, Art. I, Sec 2 Para C, and Sec 3 Para C).
- 2. To renew membership, annual dues must be paid in full using the online payment service designated by the BOARD or as provided in sub-paragraph 7 below. Non-acceptable payment forms include cash, money orders, pre-paid cards and gift cards (§ Bylaws, Art. I, Sec. 3 B). The restriction on payment formats will only apply for payment of membership annual dues and not to other contributions.
- 3. Membership will lapse at the end of each calendar year on 31 December of the current year, unless renewed prior to the end of the current year (§ Bylaw, Art. I Sec 3 A).
- 4. The names of members who fail to renew their membership by paying membership annual dues prior to the close of business on the date of membership lapse (i.e. 31 December of the current year) shall be placed on a 'Lapsed Membership List' until 30 June of the following year pending renewal.
- 5. The names of the persons who renew their membership by paying annual dues on or before 30 June shall be removed from the "Lapsed Membership List" and reinstated in the "Active Membership List".
- 6. The names of members who fail to renew their membership by paying annual dues on or before 30 June of the following year will remain in the "Lapsed Membership List". Such persons will not be able to vote or hold elected office or nominate others for elected office (§ Bylaws, Article I, Section 2 Paragraph B).
- 7. Members who are registered for payments by Check-o-matic or Personal Credit Card shall be deemed as having paid annual dues for renewal of membership for the following year if the total sum of their contributions by 12/31 of the current year are more than or equal to membership fee. Checks issued by Banks on behalf of members from their accounts will also be an acceptable format.

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- 8. Staff at ICPC Main Center dedicated to membership affairs shall send out periodic email reminders during the third and fourth quarter of the calendar year, urging members to pay annual dues to avoid membership lapse at the close of business on 31 December. Such reminders may be placed on the notice boards at the Islamic Centers and on the websites.
- 9. Associate Directors and Membership Secretaries are designated officials to receive membership applications (in hard copy format) at their respective Islamic Center and forward to the ICPC Main Center. Natural Members may also apply for membership online by visiting ICPC website or the websites of Islamic Centers.

## 704.4 Implementation:

- 1. The General Secretary shall implement this Policy with the assistance and participation of the Operations Manager and staff at the Main Center and Associate Directors and Membership Secretaries at Islamic Centers.
- 2. To assist the General Secretary, the Operations Manager is designated as the Administrator in charge of day to day administration of this Policy.
- 3. The Operations Manager shall report to the General Secretary on any issues, resource constraints, or concerns related to administration of the Policy.

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## 705 - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND LISTS

### 705.1 Purpose:

- 1. Establish and document policy and procedures regarding identifying and handling of ICPC Member Information and Lists, and
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to protect and secure confidential information, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and the Bylaws

## **705.02 Policy**

- 1. Personal information of all members and members lists are classified as a part of ICPC Confidential Information and the handling requirements described in #506 Policy on Confidential Information shall apply along with the supplementary requirements described herein this policy.
- 2. Pursuant to the requirements of ICPC Bylaws, Area Representatives and Membership Secretaries at the Islamic Centers shall be provided with access to limited Confidential Information, specifically, names of the members, their postal and email addresses, restricted to the Islamic Center area(s) of their respective representation in order to discharge their duties and responsibilities to associated with their position for ICPC business.
- 3. In accordance with the requirements of Texas law, ICPC will, after announcing the date of annual general or special meeting, prepare an alphabetical list of names and addresses of all voting members and make it available at ICPC Main Center from the second business day after the notice of the meeting until the conclusion of the meeting. A member, on a written request stating the purpose, may inspect and copy at member's expense the list at any reasonable time and for a proper purpose during the period list is available for inspection. Such list shall not contain any other information such as personal phone numbers, email addresses, family details, credit card or bank account information. He shall sign the confidentiality agreement prior to copying the list.
- 4. A list of all voting members, containing specifically, members' names and their addresses, for all Islamic Center areas shall be provided to the Election Commission by first Sunday of September each year in order to discharge its duty and responsibility of conducting elections as described in ICPC Bylaws. Such lists made available to the Election shall not contain any other information of the members such as personal phone numbers, email addresses, family details, credit card or bank account information.

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#### 705.3 Procedure

- 1. Access and distribution of Members Lists shall be restricted to those identified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 in view of their legitimate business need to know subject to signing the confidentiality agreement, as well as those members of staff at ICPC Main Center who are responsible to maintain them.
- 2. The attached specimen confidentiality agreement (Exhibit-1) shall be used after making changes applicable for each of those authorized in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, to ensure retention of only those provisions that apply in each respective case.
- 3. Area Representatives whenever communicating by email with the members residing in their area of representation shall abide the guidelines described in attached Exhibit-2 to be compliant with CAN-SPAM Act.
- 4. The Area Representatives of any zip code which has more than one elected Area Representative shall coordinate through the Associate Director to avoid sending multiple communications to members duplicating the same message.

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Exhibit-1 to # 705 Policy

## ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA

## Confidentiality Agreement

Masjid Representatives

- 1. In the performance of my duties as Area Representative of the ISLAMIC CENTER OF PROSPER AND CELINA (ICPC), I may gain access to members' lists and their contact information ("Confidential Information") that is protected by ICPC policies, or federal or state law. I understand that unauthorized and/or improper disclosure of such Confidential Information can adversely impact ICPC, and its' individual members.
- 2. I shall use the Confidential Information solely in performing duties of my position and for ICPC purposes only. I shall not use it, either in whole or in part, for any unlawful purpose.
- 3. Other than what is required in regular performance of my duties and responsibilities as Area Representative, I shall not copy, reproduce, create derivative works, alter or delete Confidential Information. I shall immediately report to ICPC officials designated in the policy any unauthorized use, duplication, or disclosure of Confidential Information by myself or others.
- 4. I shall not display, divulge, publish, distribute, transmit, broadcast, or circulate to anyone or for any purpose without the express written consent of designated ICPC officials.
- 5. I understand that any failure to adhere to one or more of the above listed conditions will subject me to disciplinary action that may result in my removal as Area Representative, expulsion from ICPC Membership, and civil and criminal legal sanctions.
- 6. I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement. These obligations shall survive the termination of the Agreement

Date:	Masjid Representative:		
		(Name & Signature)	
Date:	Witness:		
		(Name & Signature)	

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Exhibit-2 to # 705 Policy

### **Guidelines for CAN-SPAM Act compliant Emails**

- 1. Send e-mails from a legitimate, active e-mail address. Send emails from an official email address that identifies the organization. If the recipient hits "Reply" and responds to the message, the answer should go to an in-box that is monitored. [Entails issuing official email addresses from Islamic Centers to area reps. [Example: xxx@masjidalsalam.org]
- **2.** Provide accurate header information address for the sender. and postal The "From" section of the e-mail should clearly and accurately identify either the sender or ICPC (or Islamic Center) or both. The body of the message should contain a snail-mail address. The sender should make it clear to the recipients why they're being emailed — for example, "You are receiving this email because you are a donor", or "You are receiving this email/newsletter because you subscribed to receive email/newsletter from ..." Provide a valid **physical** postal address of the sender. [Example: ICPC or IC.]
- 3. Do not send out emails from a bulk list with everyone's e-addresses in the "To" line, so that they are public and therefore available to everyone. Use the "bcc" line, since recipients have not given the organization permission to share their email contact with others.
- **4.** Give the message an accurate subject line. Use a subject line that is not misleading as to what is contained in the email. It is unlawful to use subject lines that mislead the recipient about the contents or subject matter of the message. Ensure that the e-mail is related to the ICPC's mission (example: information for members, renewals, or news about current or upcoming programs) and is not of commercial in nature.
- 5. Provide recipients clear and conspicuous notice of the opportunity to opt-out of future mailings. The notice must be in every email message and must be provided to all individuals receiving the message. Include in every email either a link to a page where recipients can remove their addresses or provide an e-mail address where they can write to have their addresses removed. Do not require any information other than their email address to unsubscribe.
- 1. If some members opt out of future mailings, respect their wishes. The sender/IC/ICPC has 10 days to remove them from the mailing list(s). Do not send subsequent email after that. Furthermore, if the recipient has opted-out, the sender may not release the email address of the recipient to others. If the sender doesn't give the recipients a list of things to opt-out of, they are opting out of everything when they unsubscribe.

800 - FACILITY

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## **801 – MANAGEMENT**

## **801.1 Policy**

1. Islamic Center Administrative Body of an ICPC facility is responsible for managing the day to day affairs of the respective facility.

#### 801.2 Procedure

- 1. Administrative Body of each facility is appointed in the manner specified in the ICPC Bylaws.
- 2. The Administrative Body reports to the respective Associate Director.
- 3. For the purpose of streamlining work flow, respective Associate Director may, within their jurisdiction and fiscal authority, assign any managerial authority to the Administrative Body.

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## 802 – ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

### **802.1 Policy**

1. ICPC may acquire only those real estate properties that are recommended by Executive Body and approved by the Shura.

### 802.2 Procedure

- 1. No one is allowed to acquire any real estate property in the name of ICPC unless the proposal for such acquisition (by donation, purchase or lease) is approved by the Shura upon the recommendation of the Executive Body.
- 2. The Executive Body will conduct due diligence review of the proposal. This review will include but is not limited to:

<u>Financial analysis</u> (market value, terms of payment, existing liens including any taxes, penalties, encumbrances, trends of property value change etc.)

<u>Suitability for intended use</u> (deed restrictions, neighborhood, social attitudes of neighbors, accessibility, visibility etc.)

<u>Location analysis</u> (environmental and contamination laws, condemnation status, surface water impact laws, subsoil mineral rights, flood plane, ground fault lines etc.)

- 3. Executive Body may conduct such review through its own sources or rely on recommendations of any person or persons or company that is/are appointed for this purpose.
- 4. If satisfied with due diligence review results, Executive Body may approve the proposal for acquisition of a real estate property.
- 5. For leased properties, a copy of lease agreement must be provided to Executive Body for legal review before the agreement is signed on behalf of ICPC by the President.
- 6. For donated or purchased properties, the transaction may be carried out through a reputable title company or an attorney.

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- 7. The title company or attorney must be made responsible for providing ICPC original or, where applicable, copies of all relevant papers to the ICPC General Secretary. Such paperwork will include but is not limited to property title, title insurance, deed restrictions, settlement declaration, any estoppels letter(s) and documentation of any warranties, wavers or exemptions etc.
- 8. In addition to the above the title company or attorney must be made responsible for providing a schedule of all follow up actions that may be necessary to fulfill all legal and taxation requirements pertaining to the transaction.
- 9. All real properties shall be put in trust with NAIT after a suitable period following acquisition.

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## 803 - CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

## **803.1 Policy**

- 1. Construction of a new ICPC facility or structural remodeling of any existing ICPC facility that requires a construction permit for costs more than \$10,000 requires recommendation of the ICPC Central Construction Committee (CCC) prior to approval of the Shura. Construction Policy Guidelines have been developed by CCC to cover all aspects of construction operations and require full compliance.
- 2. All Construction contracts require signature of ICPC President or designee.
- 3. No local construction committee is authorized to unilaterally approve work contracts.
- 4. No release of ICPC funds by Treasurer for Construction projects unless & until project has been reviewed and approved by CCC.
- 5. Installment payment method be utilized with last check payment withheld and only released when all subcontractors provides non-lien confirmation or payment should be made directly to subcontractor.
- 6. Prior to any major construction at a new ICPC facility, a Special Capital Projects Review Committee, would review capital construction projects to ensure that each new facility has a Master Site Utilization Plan prior to construction.

#### 803.2 Procedure

- 1. Construction of a new ICPC facility or major structural remodeling of an existing facility, requiring construction permit or costing more than \$10,000, should not be started until recommended by the Central Construction Committee (CCC).
- 2. CCC has developed a comprehensive Construction Policy Guidelines document. All ICPC construction projects require full compliance with every aspect of this policy guideline. Violations of construction policies shall result in withholding of funds or non-payment of work conducted in violation of policy.
- 3. All Construction contracts that require a construction permit or project that costs more than \$10,000 require signature of ICPC President or designee.
- 4. No local construction committee is authorized to unilaterally approve or sign work contracts.
- 5. Construction drawings & plans for new ICPC facilities or major remodeling of any existing facility should be submitted to CCC for review & recommendation prior to submittal to Shura for approval.

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- 6. For new facilities, after reviewing construction drawings and plans, CCC will submit its report to Shura for approval of project.
- 7. For remodeling of any existing ICPC facility, CCC will convey its recommendation directly to the local Construction Committee.
- 8. Central Construction Committee may also provide advice and direction during RFP preparation, bid award process, permit and construction phase.
- 9. There shall be no release of ICPC funds by Treasurer for Construction projects unless & until that project has been reviewed and approval by CCC has been obtained in writing.
- 10. Installment payment method be utilized with last check payment withheld and only released when all subcontractors provides non-lien confirmation or payment should be made directly to subcontractor.
- 11. This policy does not apply to projects involving replacement of onsite appliances, maintenance of existing buildings and upgrading or remodeling that does not involve building structural changes or remodeling projects that do not require construction permit.
- 12. Prior to any major construction at a new ICPC facility, a Special Capital Projects Review Committee, reporting to ICPC Treasurer, would review ALL capital construction projects and validate the decisions of the local IC administration to ensure each new facility has a Master Site Utilization Plan prior to start of any major construction project.

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### **804 – MAINTENANCE**

### **804.1 Policy**

1. The Administration Body of each facility is responsible for maintenance of the property.

#### 804.2 Procedure

- 1. The Islamic Center Council of each facility may hire or award a service contract to an entity (individual or company) to perform routine maintenance of the property.
- 2. Islamic Center Council must abide by all applicable ICPC Employment Policies and Agreement policies, when entering into a service agreement with any entity, whether it is an individual or a company.
- 3. The monetary value of such arrangement must not exceed the financial authority limits of the authorizing person. No financial arrangements should be made unless approved by the person or entity (Associate Director, Zonal Director, Executive Body or Majlis Al-Shura) that is authorized to make such decisions.

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## 805 - FACILITY USE

### **805.1 Policy**

- 1. ICPC facilities may not be used for any activity that is against Shariah or is in conflict with the generally acceptable Islamic social and moral conduct.
- 2. Only authorized individuals or organizations are permitted to use ICPC facilities.
- 3. Non-ICPC persons and organizations that wish to address congregations or use any ICPC facility, for events that are not initiated by ICPC, must obtain permission for each event from the appropriate authority.
- 4. ICPC facilities may not be used for promotion of political agenda(s) of any specific political candidate or political party.
- 5. ICPC facilities may not be used for overnight stay except where specifically approved for Dawah or Tableegh.
- 6. ICPC Facilities may be used by non-ICPC organizations and parties for that charge a fee for attendance provided that they adhere to strict ICPC guidelines in this regard.
- 7. ICPC and IEIT have an Facilities Agreement for the use of ICPC facilities for fulltime Islamic schools
- 8. All ICPC activities shall be cancelled at Early Voting Location during voting hours and at Main Center during Election Day voting.

### 805.2 Procedure:

All activities and events held at any ICPC must be designed to comply with generally acceptable Islamic code of morality and behavior. Except for persons and entities that are prohibited from using ICPC facilities, all are welcome to participate in ICPC scheduled public activities that are held at any of its facilities.

Only the ICPC Executive Body has the authority to permit usage of ICPC facilities. For any event held at any ICPC facility, the Executive Body or the respective Islamic Center Council or facility administrative body, at their discretion, may charge a reasonable facility usage fee to the event sponsor.

2. If the non-ICPC entity organizes a seminar/workshop/educational event on ICPC property for which there is <u>no entry fee</u>, then that entity shall pay the respective ICPC Islamic Center or mussala a <u>use fee</u> that is approved by the respective IC Council for specific time usage of that facility.

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- 3. If the program is to be jointly sponsored with ICPC, this use fee may be waived by a joint decision of the ICPC Executive Body and the respective Zonal Executive Committee. Under all circumstances, there should be the ICPC logo prominently displayed on any publicity material include electronic delivery for that program/event.
- 4. If the non-ICPC entity organizes a seminar/workshop/educational event on ICPC property for which it charges an entry fee or cost charge, then 25% of the gross proceeds (i.e. 25% of all entry fees or charges prior to any deduction for expenses) shall be paid to that respective ICPC Islamic Center or Mussala.
- 5. If the percentage of gross proceeds that are payable to ICPC are below the use fee established for that Center, then the appropriate use fee shall apply as the payment to ICPC. Under all circumstances, there should be the ICPC logo prominently displayed on any publicity material including electronic delivery for that program/event.
- 6. In reserving an ICPC facility for possible use, the non-ICPC entity should first contact the respective Islamic Center administration (generally the Associate Director) to determine if the facility is available for use on the requested date/time. However this contact with the IC administration does not constitute approval to hold the program as that approval can only be provided by the Executive Body. The non-ICPC entity shall then contact the ICPC Executive Body for approval to hold that specific event on ICPC property.
- 7. Non-ICPC persons and organizations (that have not been pre-approved) and ICPC persons who wish to invite such persons or organizations to an ICPC facility, must notify ICPC Executive Body 2-3 weeks in advance for approval if they wish to address congregation or utilize any ICPC facility for any event.
- 8. As a non-profit religious organization ICPC is not allowed to involve activities that are meant to influence law making process or to promote specific political agendas. However, ICPC is allowed to educate the community members about the overall political process, matters and issues that may have an impact on the community and various available choices. Thus, while administrators of ICPC facilities are not allowed to endorse any political candidate they can provide EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES to ALL political candidates to educate the community about issues and their views for solving such issues.
- 9. To promote Islamic education on a professional basis, ICPC had established the Islamic Education Institute of Texas (IEIT) to operate fulltime schools. In order to ensure smooth operations while keeping the authorities of both ICPC and IEIT intact, a Facilities Use Agreement has been jointly approved and signed by both ICPC President and IEIT Board of Trustees Chairman. The contents and articles of this comprehensive document can only be modified by joint approval of ICPC Shura and

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IEIT BOT, and not by any ICPC Islamic Center Council or local school administration.

10. All ICPC and non-ICPC activities, including weekend school classes, scheduled during the hours of Early Voting at Early Voting locations and Election Day voting at Central Islamic Center (Main Center) for ICPC General Elections shall be canceled or re-scheduled.

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## 806 - DISPLAYS

## **806.1 Policy**

- 1. ICPC logo shall be displayed at all facilities.
- 2. ICPC Executive Body may permit non-ICPC entities to distribute and/or display event or appeal announcements/flyers at its facilities.
- 3. Installation or display of banner(s) of non-ICPC entities on any ICPC facilities is prohibited.

### 806.2 Procedure

- 1. ICPC logo shall be installed and displayed prominently at all ICPC facilities and on all ICPC publication, flyers, banners, or on any publicity material.
- 2. If approved by EB, non-ICPC entities may display and/or distribute fliers and posters at ICPC facilities, to appeal, announce or promote an activity or project. If a project or program is jointly organized with a non-ICPC entity, ICPC logo should be prominently displayed on any publicity material.
- 3. If approved, non-ICPC entities may set up a temporary table/booth at ICPC facility/ies to appeal, announce or promote an activity or project.
- 4. ICPC takes no responsibility for accuracy, authenticity or validity of any material that is distributed on ICPC facilities by any non-ICPC entity.

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## 807 - PROHIBITION OF ACCESS & USAGE

## **807.1 Policy**

1. A party in legal conflict with ICPC may not use any ICPC facility or property for any kind of activity or benefit, until the conflict has been resolved and ICPC Executive Body removes this restriction.

### 807.2 Procedure

- 1. To safeguard its interests and legal rights; ICPC does not permit any person or party that is in legal conflict with ICPC to utilize ICPC facilities for any kind of activities, including but not limited to announcements, appeals, meetings, solicitations, business and fundraising activities, until the conflict is resolved and ICPC Executive Body removes this restriction.
- 2. ICPC does not allow a party in litigation with ICPC to use any ICPC materials, equipment, documents, AV collection, electronic files, database or any other item for any purpose, until the conflict is resolved and ICPC Executive Body removes this restriction.
- 3. Unless authorized by a competent authority an entity in legal conflict with ICPC may not access, copy or transmit any ICPC documents, AV material, electronic files or database until approved by ICPC Executive Body.

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## 808 - COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

## **801.1 Policy**

1. Friday prayers at all ICPC facilities shall start with Khutbah at 1:30 PM. Individual facilities may amend Khutbah start time after recommendation of Islamic Center Council and Shura approval.

#### 808.2 Procedure

- 1. All ICPC facilities shall schedule Friday prayers with Khutbah start time at 1:30 PM. However, a facility may schedule a different Khutbah start time with the consent of the respective Islamic Center Council if such time change is approved by Shura.
- 2. If ICPC has announced Eid prayer at one central location, then no ICPC Center shall hold independent Eid prayers.
- 3. Generally Islamic Center Council of a facility will permit religious and social activities organized by members associated with the respective facility.
- 4. On occasions when there is a conflict of timing or interest among the activities, the Islamic Center Council by majority vote may prioritize or disallow any activity at their discretion.
- 5. Islamic Center Council may also disallow any activity if it is considered to cause disharmony among the membership, or if the organizers of the activity consistently fail to abide by facility usage rules. ICPC can override the decision of any Islamic Center Council.

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## 809 - DESIGNATED IMAM

### **809.1 Policy**

1. In the presence of the designated Religious Teacher (Imam) no other person is allowed to lead the prayers unless authorized by the designated Imam of the facility.

### 809.2 Procedure

- 1. Generally, the Religious Teacher assigned to the facility is the designated Imam of the facility.
- 2. The person assigned by ICPC for Friday (Juma) Khutbah is the designated Imam for the respective Friday prayers.
- 3. Islamic Center Council may temporarily assign a qualified person as the designated Imam for leading Taraweeh prayers.
- 4. In the absence of designated Religious Teacher or Khateeb, the Islamic Center Council of the facility will assign a person as the designated Imam.
- 5. In the absence of the designated Imam at any prayer time, the congregation may by consensus choose another person to lead the prayers.

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## 810 - KHUTBAH

## **810.1 Policy**

- 1. The purpose of the khutbah should be to improve the congregation's relationship to Allah and His deen, and it should be based on verifiable references from the Qur'an and Sunnah. The khutbah must not be related to controversial topics (including one-sided fiqhi opinions), and it must not discuss opinions related to US government policies, local political issues or support/oppose any political candidate.
- 2. The Khutbah Committee reports to the President of ICPC and is led by the Khutbah Committee Chairman. The Committee is responsible for the effective operation of the Friday khutbah system. Members of the Khutbah Committee are nominated by the Khutbah Chairman and approved by the EB.
- 3. Khateebs are expected to be familiar and abide by the ICPC policies and procedures regarding khutbahs. Any violation of the policies will result in a warning; further infractions may result in removing the khateeb from the approved roster.

#### 810.2 Procedures

- 1. The khutbah schedule is made by ICPC Main Center Office and reviewed and approved by the Khutbah Committee Chairman. After the monthly schedule is published, any requested schedule changes to the assigned khateeb can only be made 72 hours before Friday (i.e. Tuesday afternoon). Any exceptions must be approved by the ICPC President and / or Khateeb Committee Chairman.
- 2. Requests for khateebs not on the approved list (e.g. out of town visitors) must first be submitted to the Executive Body for approval at least two weeks prior to scheduling; final scheduling decisions reside with the Khutbah Committee Chairman. Under no circumstances shall representatives or affiliates of any organization designated by the U.S. Department of State as supporters of terrorism be allowed to deliver a khutbah on any ICPC facility.
- 3. Khateebs are expected to start the khutbah on time; as such they should strive to get to the Masjid 10-15 ahead of time to accommodate traffic delays or parking issues. Masjid administrators are asked to give a five minute grace period for delayed khateebs after which they can assign a local, back-up khateeb.

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- 4. Priority for the 1<sup>st</sup> khutbah of the month will be given to the local Religious Teacher for that Masjid as scheduling permits with rotation such that other Khateebs are also able to deliver Khutbah at that Masjid. In general, a khateeb will not be scheduled for more than one khutbah at the same location in the same month. All exceptions need to be referred first to the Executive Body and then ratified by the Khutbah Committee Chairman.
- 5. ICPC employees (Religious Teachers, Youth Coordinators, etc.) are expected to prioritize ICPC khutbah commitments over other khutbah requests. They are expected to deliver at least three khutbahs a month at an ICPC facility, unless they have been excused via pre-approval from the Executive Body.
- 6. The khutbah shall be delivered in English, except for the essential parts which are required to be in Arabic. In case the Executive Body or Khutbah Committee creates a common set of talking points to address a specific issue, the khateeb should respect and do their utmost to incorporate these points in their khutbah.
- 7. ADs should report back to the Khutbah Committee within 48 hours in case a scheduled khateeb does not show or does not abide by any of the aforementioned Khutbah Policies. ADs should ensure a viable back-up khutbah process with pre-assigned local khateebs and pre-printed khutbahs. In case of khateeb delays greater than five minutes, the back-up system should be put in place.
- 8. All Khateebs must attend the regular Khutbah Meeting whenever scheduled. Valid reason for non-attendance must be notified to Khutbah Committee ONE week ahead of the meeting.

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### 811 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **811.1 Policy**

1. Only authorized persons are allowed to make announcements at ICPC facilities and functions.

## 811.2 Procedure

1. Only designated persons may make announcements at ICPC facilities and functions. This includes announcements made before or after congregational prayers and Friday Khutbah, and announcements made at offsite ICPC functions. The persons who are allowed to make such announcements are:

ICPC Shura members, Associate Directors, or their designee(s) Khateebs Invited guests

- 2. Any Khateeb or invited guest who wishes to make non-ICPC related announcement(s) must inform the respective ICPC Shura member, Associate Director, or his designee about the nature and contents of proposed announcement. The concerned Shura member, Associate Director, or designee may not permit any such announcement if they consider the announcement to be unsuitable for the occasion or not in the best interest of ICPC.
- 3. Each Friday, Main office will prepare a list of announcements for publicity, to the Friday prayer congregation, at various ICPC facilities. Cut off time for submission of items for Friday Announcements List is 4:00 PM on Wednesday prior to the respective Friday. Late submission may not be included in the list.

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## 812 - SOLICITATIONS

## **812.1 Policy**

- 1. Only authorized persons are allowed to solicit; publicize or distribute any kind of information or material at ICPC facilities.
- 2. ICPC employees may not solicit or distribute literature concerning non-ICPC interests during working time.
- 3. Posting of written solicitation on ICPC bulletin boards is restricted. Employees and all other persons should obtain authorization from management before posting any non-ICPC announcements or solicitations.

### 812.2 Procedure

1. No one is allowed to solicit, publicize or distribute any information or material (appeals, announcements, handouts, flyers, AV material, etc.) at any ICPC facility, at any time, for any purpose (whether for business or non-business related), without prior permission from the ICPC Executive Body.