



**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE**

**International Alumni Network  
University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association**

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be the University of Southern Indiana International Alumni Network (IAN).

**Article II – Purpose**

The mission of the IAN is:

- To reach, serve and engage our international alumni in meaningful ways
- To foster a lifelong intellectual and emotional connection with the University
- To enhance professional development activities for international students and alumni
- To support USI’s internationalization, alumni, and international advancement efforts

**Article III – Membership**

An affinity group within the USI Alumni Association, the International Alumni Network is open to all USI international graduates as well as non-degree international students who have a strong affiliation with USI, living throughout the world (including the US).

**Article IV – International Alumni Advisory Council and Executive Board**

The International Alumni Advisory Council shall provide oversight of the IAN, in coordination with USI International Advancement Specialist. The IAAC will be comprised of up to 40 international alumni representing a diverse range of “USI generations”, geographic locations,

ethnicity, majors and experiences. The Council will serve in an advisory capacity to the International Advancement Specialist and will assist in defining the scope, structure and development of the IAN.

The officers of the USI International Alumni Advisory Council shall comprise the Executive Board, consisting of a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Communications Coordinator, External Marketing Coordinator, International Alumni Initiatives Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator, and 1-2 at-large officers (who serve as regional liaisons or committee co- chairs).

### **Article V – Amendments, Bylaws**

Amendments may be made to the Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the International Alumni Advisory Council members present (in person or virtually), provided that the proposed amendments shall have been distributed to the membership of the USI International Alumni Network thirty days prior to its consideration in order to solicit input from the IAN at large.

Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of those attending any regular meeting of the USI International Alumni Advisory Council. Said bylaws must be consistent with the Constitution of the USI International Alumni Network and the Constitution and Bylaws of the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

## **USI INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI NETWORK University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association**

### **CODE OF BYLAWS**

#### **Article I – IDENTIFICATION**

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization is the USI International Alumni Network (hereinafter referred to as “the IAN”). The IAN is a constituent society of the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

Section 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the IAN shall be in the city of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the IAN shall begin on the first day of July of each year and shall end on the last day of June the next succeeding year.

#### **Article II – PURPOSE**

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### **Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Alumni Qualifications. All USI international graduates as well as non-degree international students who have a strong affiliation with USI, living throughout the world (including the US) are eligible for membership in the IAN. All other friends of the University of Southern Indiana are welcome to participate in the activities of the IAN.

Section 2. Membership. There shall be two classes of membership in the IAN, consisting of regular member and affiliate member. International Alumni of the University of Southern Indiana may become regular members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and other applicable rules adopted from time to time by the IAN with the approval of the USI International Alumni Advisory Council and the USI Alumni Council.

Any person who is neither an international graduate nor a former nondegree international student at the University of Southern Indiana may become an affiliate member under the conditions as may be prescribed from time to time in these Bylaws or such other rules. No person shall be entitled to more than one membership, and no membership shall be transferable or assignable in any manner.

Only active regular members are eligible to serve on the International Alumni Advisory Committee and its Executive Board, and to vote in the International Alumni Network. Active affiliate members shall be those friends who may participate in activities sponsored by the IAN but who may not serve on the IAAC, hold office or vote in the IAN.

Section 3. Meetings. Members may participate in a meeting by an electronic method of communication as coordinated by the secretary. The secretary shall ensure that the electronic method of communication allows all participating members to simultaneously communicate with each other. The secretary shall ensure that the electronic method of communication allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the annual meeting. A member who participates in the meeting by an electronic method of communication shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum but may participate in any final action taken at the meeting only if the member can be seen and heard.

### **Article IV - OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the IAN Executive Board shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair (Co-chair of International Alumni Initiatives Committee), a Secretary, Communications Coordinator (Chair of Communications Committee), External Marketing Coordinator (Chair of External Marketing Committee), International Alumni Initiatives Coordinator (Co-chair of International Alumni Initiatives Committee) and Fundraising Coordinator (Chair of International Advancement Committee) and 1-2 at-large officers (regional liaisons or committee co- chairs). International Alumni Advisory Council members and Executive Board officers will be appointed by the International Advancement Specialist for an initial term of 2 years beginning with the adoption of the Bylaws (March/April 2022). Any officer may serve for 2 consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 2. Executive Board. The officers of the USI International Alumni Network and committee chairpersons shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 3. International Alumni Advisory Council. The IAAC serves the International Advancement Specialist and the International Alumni Network at large in an advisory capacity. Active members of the IAAC are eligible to serve as committee chairpersons, appointed by the International Advancement Specialist in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Vacancies. All vacancies during the year shall be filled by the Executive Board of the IAAC, such appointment to run until the next annual election of officers.

Section 5. Officer Duties. Each officer shall have such powers and duties as usually appertain to similar offices in other organizations and shall hold office until his/her successor is elected or appointed. The secretary shall prepare the minutes of all executive and general meetings, and, in collaboration with the International Advancement Specialist, routinely report all proceedings and other items of interest about the IAN or its members to the Center for International Programs and the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services at the University of Southern Indiana.

Section 6. Committees. The standing committees of the IAAC include the Communications Committee, the International Alumni Initiatives Committee, the External Marketing Committee, and the International Advancement Committee. Any member of the USI International Alumni Network may volunteer to serve on 1 or 2 committees<sup>1</sup>. The IAAC Executive Board may appoint additional committees as needed.

## Article V – BYLAWS

Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of those attending any regular meeting of the International Alumni Advisory Council. Said bylaws must be consistent with the Constitution of the IAN and the Constitution and Bylaws of the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

I, **Mauricio Paniagua**, IAAC Chair, confirm the unanimous adoption of the attached Constitution and Bylaws by the University of Southern Indiana International Alumni Network on the **2nd** day of **April, 2022**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: April 2, 2022

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A, “**International Alumni Advisory Council Standing Committees March 2022**” for details regarding the scope of each committee and how they align with the strategic goals of the IAN.