

# CONSTITUTION of THE PALESTINIAN ISRAELI PEACE INITIATIVE

## ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Palestinian Israeli Peace Initiative (PIPI).

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote an unbiased understanding of the historical and current development of the conflict and to promote awareness of nonviolent advancements towards coexistence.

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any WMU student or any member of the Kalamazoo Community shall be eligible for membership in this organization. This organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. Only WMU students may be officers of this organization.

Section 2. One shall become a member of this organization by signing the official membership register, kept by the organization's Vice President. *The activities outlined below are strictly prohibited.* A person remains in good standing by obeying the rules of conduct, and any member who violates these rules will be subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the organization.

- Abusive language towards any other person while representing the organization.
- Discourtesy or rudeness to any other person while representing the organization.
- Verbal, physical or visual harassment of another person while representing the organization.
- Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
- Conduct endangering the life, safety, health or well-being of others.
- Bullying or taking unfair advantage of any participant.
- Failing to cooperate with the organization.

## ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be four officers to this organization, a president, a vice president, a treasurer, and a secretary. Terms shall be from the start of the fall semester until the last day of the spring semester of the year in which the member is elected officer of this organization, or until removal from office, whichever occurs first.

Section 2. Only members in good standing may nominate, be nominated or vote for officers; elections shall be secret ballot and require a simple majority of members present.

Section 3. An officer failing to maintain membership in good standing may be removed at any meeting by two-thirds vote of the general membership.

#### ARTICLE IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

##### Section 1. Duties of the President

1. To act as liaison and spokesman to any and all outside organizations and elected officials.
2. Duty to appoint in the event of an absence of any Executive Board member.
3. To appoint sub-committees as needed.

##### Section 2. Duties of the Vice-President

1. Duty to appoint in the event of an absence of the President.
2. To complete assignments, within reason, given by the President.
3. To oversee all sub-committees.
4. To act as publicity chair.
5. To uphold the rules of conduct and decide upon disciplinary actions if necessary.
6. To complete assignments, within reason, given by the President.

##### Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

1. To keep accurate records of the proceedings at all PIPI meetings.
2. To maintain copies of all PIPI records.
3. To distribute copies of the previous meetings minutes.
4. To interpret the constitution as he or she sees fit.
5. To complete assignments, within reason, given by the President.

##### Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer

1. To serve as chief financial officer of the PIPI and maintain all financial records, contributions, transactions, receipts, and expenditures.
2. To comply and keep abreast with all WMU financial transaction policies
3. To present and submit accurate records of PIPI finances and to make copies of all receipts, checks, expenditures, and transactions.

#### ARTICLE V: OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Meetings shall occur frequently throughout the school year as necessary. Meetings shall be held on the campus of Western Michigan University whenever possible, and must be held within the state of Michigan. Quorum shall consist of all members of the organization in attendance at a public meeting of this organization, but shall be no less than five persons should the membership of this organization be greater than ten members.

Section 2. Committees shall be established as necessary by the membership of this organization. Membership of any committee shall consist of any voting member of this organization.

## ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1: PIPI will follow and be subject to all WMU policies, procedures, and practices regarding student organization accounts and finances.

Section 2: The board sets dues, if any.

Section 3: In the event of termination of PIPI, all remaining funds shall be relinquished to the Shurush Initiative.

## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member of this organization at any regular meeting.

Section 2. A formal motion, accompanied by the exact written wording of the amendment, shall be required to consider an amendment.

Section 3. Amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the general membership of this organization.

## ARTICLE VIII: STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The PIPI will comply with all SA&LP and WMU policies, procedures, and practices, and all local, state and federal laws.