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Bylaws of the Dine Language Association

Article 1 Name

Section 1 The organization shall be The Dine Language Association.

Section 1 The Dine Language Association shall also be called DLA.

Article 11 Purpose

Section 1 To promote and revitalize the learning, speaking, reading and writing as well as the appreciation of the Dine language.

Section 2 To provide for a forum for discussions and learning of the Dine language. This shall include, but not limited to;

a. Workshops; presented both at meetings and at other times which inform Participants of issues about Dine language and successful strategies for language learning and teaching.

b. Institutes/Conferences which inform participants of issues about Dine language and successful strategies for language learning and teaching.

Section 3 To approve plans, resolutions, and proposals that promote and revitalize the Dine language; and support/assist in the carrying out of the Dine Language program and curriculum.

Article 111 Membership

Section 1 Membership shall consist of all persons who share an interest in the teaching and learning of Dine language.

Section 2. Members may include but not be limited to:

Students

School employees (classified and certified staff of public, private, religious, BIA and contract schools).

Faculty and staff of colleges and universities.

Professionals employed in all other areas.

Community members

Political leaders

Business people

Parents and grandparents.

Section 3. All dues paying members shall be voting members.

Section 4. Any member who has not paid dues after having become due is subject to termination without action by the executive committee.

Section 5. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for cause by majority vote of the executive committee.

Section 6. Any member may be reinstated upon payment of dues or by a majority vote of the executive committee at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 7. A complete membership book shall be kept by the secretary and all members shall have the right to inspect the records of the organization at the office of the secretary at any time upon reasonable notice to the secretary.

Article IV Membership Dues

Section 1. Membership dues shall be \$20 for all professional individuals and certified staff and \$10 for all students, parents, community members and classified staff.

Section 2. The membership year shall be from spring to spring.

Section 3.

Section 4. Membership dues shall be used to accomplish the purposes of the organization as stated in Article 11 of the constitution.

Section 5.

Article V General Meetings

Section 1. Meeting dates and times shall be determined by the executive committee.

Section 2. There will be at least two (2) meetings every year. When possible, there will be four (4) meetings each year at different locations.

Section 3. General meetings are conducted informally and all decisions affecting the general membership are voted upon by the members attending.

Section 4. A quorum will consist of the members attending the general meeting.

Section 5. A voting member is a member in good standing.

Article VI Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the bylaws must be presented in writing at a general meeting.

Section 2. Amendments must be read at the general meeting and approved by a majority of those present and voting.

Article VII Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be president, vice president, secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of office shall be for two (2) years. All officers may be re elected and serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make any necessary decisions on behalf of the organization in the interim between general meetings.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall have meetings as needed. These may be conducted by mail, fax or phone. These meetings may be called by any member of the Executive Committee as needed.