Middle Eastern Law Students Association Constitution

Preamble:
We, the members of the Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA), hereby associate ourselves to connect students that are either of Middle Eastern heritage or have an interest in Middle Eastern culture, hold events to educate the University of Miami community about legal issues involving the Middle East, and create networking opportunities for members.

Article I: Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA)
The name of this organization shall be the Middle Eastern Law Students Association at the University of Miami.

Article II: Membership
Section A: The membership of this organization shall be University of Miami students, staff, administrators, and alumni who unite to promote their common interests.

Section B: The advisor of this organization shall be a full-time faculty, administrator, or staff.

Section C: Membership fees will be determined on an annual basis during the first semester of each academic year.

Article III: Officers
Section A: The officers of this organization shall be:
President: Marya Farah
Vice President: Rahman Hammad
Secretary: Feras Ikhwan
Treasurer: Burak Ahmed
Community Service Chair: Beshoy Rizk
Social Chair: Miral Naguib

Section B: All officers shall be full time undergraduate or graduate students who have paid the activity fee and are in good academic standing.

Section C: The length of the term of officers shall be from April to April or until their successors are elected.

Section D: Nomination for officers shall be from the floor or presented to the group by a nominating committee.

Section E: The vacancy of President is filled by the Vice-President and other vacancies are filled by nomination from the floor at the time the vacancy occurs.
Article IV: Duties of officers
The officers shall perform the duties prescribed below:
A: President: -plan /provide support for all MESLA events
    -schedule meetings and set agenda
    -liaise with Dean of Students office
    -serve as contact person for organization with UM, law school, and
    outside organizations
    -help develop semester budget
    -represent MELSA at community events
    -work with Alumni Office for potential event sponsors
B: Vice President: -assist in planning MELSA events
    -represent MELSA at community events
    -assist with contact UM and community organizations for
    partnerships
    -help develop semester budget
C: Secretary: -assist in planning MELSA events
    -take minutes for all meetings
    -make room reservations for meetings
    -submit meeting announcements for Hearsay schedule
    -maintain updated membership list
D: Treasurer: -develop semester budget
    -manage membership dues
    -liaise with budget office
    -assist in planning MELSA events
    -work with Alumni Office for potential event sponsors
E: Community Service Chair: -create an annual community service project
    -assist in planning MELSA events
F: Social Chair- coordinate with other student organizations for UM events
    -plan MELSA social and networking events

Article V: Election of Officers
Section A: Officers shall be elected by all members at the annual election
meeting.

Article VI: Meetings
Section A: Regular meetings are held once a month during the school year.

Section B: Special meetings will be called by the Executive Board or on an as-
needed basis.

Article VII: Parliamentary Authority
Roberts Rules of Order shall be used in all situations not covered by provisions of
this constitution.

Article VIII: Amendments
Section A: Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted to the President in writing for submission to the members for a vote.

Section B: A 2/3 or majority vote of organizational members or members at a specific meeting shall suffice for adoption.

Section C: New amendments are to be presented to the Committee on Student Organization (COSO) for final approval.

Article IX: Discipline
Section A: Any violation of this constitution by this organization or any member of it will be presented to the Committee on Student Organizations (COSO) for a hearing.

Section B: Any member may be expelled for the following reason: 1) failure to pay dues 2) failure to attend monthly meeting, etc.

Article X: Dissolution
Section A: This organization may be dissolved after dissolution is approved by the officers and by a 2/3 vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote on dissolution will be taken, is furnished to the members at least sixty (60) days before the vote is taken.

Section B: Upon dissolution, the officers shall utilize the assets of the organization to pay all obligations and expenses of the organization, including those arising from dissolution and distribution. The balance, if any, shall insofar as possible, be distributed equitably among contributing organizations.