

# ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS FOR FREEDOM

## BY-LAWS

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### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this organization shall be ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS FOR FREEDOM.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

The organization has the sole purpose of facilitating cooperative effort among the groups included in its membership, with the limitation that such cooperative efforts will be in the area of common concern about the promotion and extension of freedom in the face of any type of totalitarianism, and will be primarily educational in nature.

### ARTICLE III

#### Organizational Structure

A Planning Council shall be composed of one representative from each member organization, and such other members as are provided for in ARTICLE IV.

The Planning Council shall review suggestions submitted by member groups or individual Planning Council members, and shall be responsible for the implementation of suggestions approved.

Each group representative shall report back to the organization which he/she represents all actions taken or being considered by the Council to the end that every member organization will be fully informed on a current basis regarding the activities or intentions of the Planning Council.

The Council may establish an operating board and/or executive committee to function more effectively when it may be impractical to call together the entire Council. Whenever either such body shall meet, the minutes of such meeting shall be promptly distributed to the total Council membership, who in turn will relay the information to the group he/she represents, if any. If practical considerations make difficult the distribution of the minutes as promptly as might be desired, oral communication may relay the major items of business.

Decisions by such a board or executive committee must be relayed in a time frame which, so far as possible, will permit Council members to approve or make recommendations with respect to such decisions.

A quorum shall be a majority of the members in good standing.

The Planning Council shall elect from among its members a chairman for one year. The chairman shall also function as chairman of the operating board and executive committee, if either of these two bodies is formed.

Other officers may be elected and their duties assigned as determined by the Council from time to time.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Membership

Regular membership shall be open only to non-profit voluntary groups whose ideals include the defense and extension of freedom everywhere, who recognize

Soviet expansionism as a major threat to the realization of this ideal, who espouse neither domestic violence nor bigotry in any form, and whose application for membership is favorably acted upon by the Council.

Individual members (as distinct from group representatives) may be accepted as members with status the same as that of group representatives, including the right to vote on matters that come before the Council.

Other categories of membership may be created by the Planning Council as the occasion arises.

Members speaking as representatives of Allied Organizations for Freedom are required to restrict their comments to subject matter within the limited area of common interest as specified in ARTICLE II above. Using the name of Allied Organizations for Freedom in the oral or written espousal of other issues or objectives, may disqualify an individual from representing his group in the Planning Council. Repeated indiscretions of this sort coming from a given source would be cause for discontinuing the membership of the group or individual, as the case might be.

### ARTICLE V

#### Acceptance of New Members

Invitations to additional groups or individuals to join, or acceptance of applications for membership from a group or an individual, must receive a majority vote of the Planning Council.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Dues

Dues of \$50 per year for group representatives and \$15 for individual members are established but may be changed whenever deemed advisable by a three-quarters vote of the Planning Council.

### ARTICLE VII

#### Amendments

Any amendment to these By-Laws may be proposed by any Council member at any meeting of the Council. If at least four-fifths of the Council members are present, the amendment may be put to a vote. A two-thirds vote of those present will be required to adopt the amendment.

If at least four-fifths of the members are not present, the proposed amendment may be acted upon at the next regular or special meeting at which a majority of members is present in person or by proxy, provided notice of the amendment to be considered is given in writing to every Council member. If the notice is given by mail, it must be put in the mail at least two weeks before the meeting is to be held. If the notice is delivered personally, it must be delivered at least twelve days prior to the meeting. At such a meeting, a majority vote by those present, either in person or by proxy, will suffice for approval of the amendment.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Dissolution of the Organization

Should the organization disband, all monies in its possession after paying outstanding obligations shall be refunded to the Council members in the same percentage as their contributions during the current plus the previous fiscal periods, but in no case shall any member receive an amount in excess of the dues assessment for one year. Any surplus will be turned over to the Heritage Foundation of Washington, DC.