



2024
PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS
TO THE
PTJLI BY-LAWS



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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Philippine Trial Judges League, Inc. ("the League") has evolved in terms of dynamics, structure and procedures since its establishment in 1993. Thus, more than three decades later, the National Officers and Directors of the League has made it a priority project to review the original 1994 By-Laws, and to introduce amendments that are reflective of our values as a judges' association, and our structure and procedures as a national organization, all towards the goal of improving our inclusivity, member representation and efficiency.

After a rigorous process of review and deliberations spearheaded by the Committee on Amendments to the By-Laws, the National Officers and Directors have drafted the **2024 Proposed Amendments to the PTJLI By-Laws** ("Proposed Amendments"). The Proposed Amendments includes updates on the following: qualifications for and termination of membership (including the eligibility for membership of Judges-at-Large); officer positions, qualifications and duties; and succession in cases of elective and appointive vacancies. Further and most notably, the Proposed Amendments codifies membership welfare benefits for cases of hospitalization and medical need, retirement, and death. With these proposals, the Board of Directors affirms the League's commitment to serving, advocating for, and amplifying the voice of our member-judges.

In light of the upcoming ratification vote on the Proposed Amendments at our 31st National Convention and Seminar in General Santos City on 16-18 October 2024, every member is highly encouraged to review the proposals, and to consult and raise their comments or questions to the Regional Directors, so that these may be given due attention.

Together, let us navigate the future of our beloved League through collaboration and innovation.

Maraming salamat po, at padayon!

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2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PTJLI BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I OFFICE

The Principal Office of the League shall be located at the Supreme Court of the Philippines at Manila, and branch or branches thereof may be established at such other place in the Philippines as the Board of Directors may fix.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition, Qualification and Election. – The general control, administration and management of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall be composed of sixteen (16) members, representing the thirteen (13) judicial regions (with the fourth judicial region divided into Regions IV-A and IV B), CARAGA, Shari'ah Courts and Judges-at-Large.

They shall be elected for a term of two (years) by a majority vote of their respective constituencies and shall serve until the election and qualification of their successors. No elected officer shall serve in the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms, except for the President, whose election is governed by Article IV, Section 2(b) of these By-Laws.

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled upon the recommendation of the Vice President concerned. Such recommendation shall be confirmed by the majority vote of the remaining directors. The director or directors so chosen shall serve for the unexpired term and shall be eligible for re-election at the pleasure of their respective constituencies.

Section 2. Quorum. – The directors shall act only as a Board and the individual directors shall have no power as such. A majority of the directors shall be necessary at all meetings to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and every decision of a majority of the quorum duly assembled as a Board shall be valid as a corporate act.

Section 3. Meetings. – The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting for organizational purposes, immediately after their election, at the annual

meeting of the members, and no notice therefore shall be necessary in order to legally constitute the said meeting; provided a majority of the entire number of the Board shall be present. Thereafter, the Board of Directors and Officers shall hold regular quarterly joint meetings at such particular hour or place as the Board may fix within the Philippines.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on two (2) days' notice to each Director, either personally, in writing or by electronic mail or such other means of communication, or upon the request in writing of at least two (2) directors.

Section 4. Powers. – The Board of Directors shall have the management of the business of the League and such powers and authorities as are herein provided by these By-Laws, or by statutes of the Republic of the Philippines, expressly conferred upon it.

Without prejudice to the general powers hereinabove conferred, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- a. To make and change rules and regulations, consistent with the By-Laws, for the management of the League's business and affairs;
- b. Within the limits set forth by the rules and existing laws, the Board shall be authorized to make major purchases, acquire and enter into contracts for the acquisition of the same, provided that it shall be at such price and on such terms and conditions that are acceptable and deemed as fit under existing circumstances, as determined by the Board, ruling on the motion by a majority vote during the meeting called specifically for the purpose of such acquisition;
- c. To pay for any property or rights acquired by the League or to discharge obligations of the League, either wholly or partly, in money or in stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities of the League;
- d. To borrow money for the League, and for such purpose, to create, make and issue mortgages, bonds, deeds of trust and negotiable instruments or securities, secured by mortgage or pledge or property belonging to the League, provided, that the President and the Treasurer of the League shall be authorized by the Board of Directors;

- e. To delegate any power of the Board which may lawfully be delegated in the course of the current business of the League, to any, standing or special committee of the League or to any officer or agent, and to appoint any person or persons to be an agent or agents of the League with such powers, and upon such terms as may be deemed fit; and
- f. To fix the membership fee and annual dues of the members.

Section 5. Minutes. – Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, either regular or special, shall be furnished upon each member of the Board, kept and carefully preserved, and shall contain such entries as may be taken up during such meeting and as may be required by law.

Section 6. Compensation. – Directors, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but may be entitled by Resolution of the members, a fixed sum of honorarium and expense of attendance, if any, for each regular or special meeting of the Board. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the League as officer, as hereinafter provided, or in any other capacity.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. General. – The officers of the League shall consist of the following:

- a. President;
- b. Executive Vice President;
- c. Vice President for Luzon;
- d. Vice President for Visayas;
- e. Vice President for Mindanao;
- f. Secretary General;
- g. Assistant Secretary General;
- h. Treasurer;
- i. Assistant Treasurer;
- j. Auditor; and
- k. Public Relations Officer.

The foregoing officers shall have powers and duties as hereinafter provided and as the Board of Directors may fix in conformity with the provisions of these By-Laws. All officers shall be elected to their offices

by a majority vote of the general membership during the National Convention every two years for the purpose, except for the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, the Assistant Treasurer, and the Public Relations Officer, who shall be appointed by the President. Two or more compatible offices may be vested in the same person whenever deemed convenient or expedient.

Section 2. President. – The President shall be directly elected pursuant to Article IV, Sections 2(a) and (b) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become a member of the Board and preside as Chairperson thereof.

The President have the following powers and duties:

- a. Preside at the annual meeting/general assembly of the members, and submit the annual report of the operations of the League to the general membership;
- b. Preside at quarterly and special meetings of the Board of Directors;
- c. Have direct and active management of the business and operations of the League, conducting the same according to the orders, resolutions and instructions of the Board of Directors and exercise general supervision over all other officers of the League;
- d. With the authority of the Board of Directors, to borrow for the League, by any legal means whatsoever, including the arrangement of letters of credit and overdraft and other credit facilities with any and all banking or lending institutions and to execute on behalf of the League, all Contracts and Agreements which the said League may enter into;
- e. To appoint and at their discretion, remove or suspend any or all of the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the League, prescribe their duties and fix or change, as necessary, their respective salaries or wages, and require certain guarantees or bonds in such amount as they may determine to secure the faithful discharge by certain employees or agents of their official trust, and to exercise general supervision and direction over all the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the League, and see to it that their respective duties are properly performed;

- f. Submit to the Board of Directors such statements, reports, memoranda and accounts, as the latter may require, and prepare such statements and reports as may be periodically required by law; and
- g. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may fix or delegate.

The President may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, delegate any of the foregoing powers and duties to any other officer, employee or agent of the League, except for those specified in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (f).

The immediate past president shall serve as a member of the national officers of the succeeding administration in an *ex officio* capacity, provided that they have not ceased to become a regular or special voting member, and are not otherwise disqualified to hold office.

Section 4. Executive Vice President and Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

- a. The Executive Vice President shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become a member of the Board.

The Executive Vice President shall be vested with such powers and authorities and perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the President may delegate or assign to them.

- b. The Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(c) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become members of the Board.

The Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be vested with such powers and authorities and perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the President may delegate or assign to them.

Section 5. Treasurer. – The Treasurer shall be elected pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of these By-Laws, and shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Have custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds, securities and bonds of the League, and keep a complete and accurate record of the receipts, disbursements and other commercial transactions in the corresponding books of account of the League and see to it that all disbursement and expenditures are evidenced by appropriate vouchers;
- b. Disburse League funds, or release League assets, as directed and authorized by the Board of Directors through a written resolution;
- c. Deposit in the name and to the credit of the League, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors, all the moneys, funds, securities, bonds, and similar valuable effects belonging to the League which may come under their control;
- d. Render an annual statement showing the financial condition of the League and such other financial reports as the Board of Directors or the President may require;
- e. Receive and give receipts for all ordinary moneys paid to the League;
- f. Receive and give receipts for all extraordinary moneys, gifts and other resources paid or donated to the League, as approved by the National Executive Officers and the Board of Directors in a written resolution; and
- g. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

The Treasurer may delegate to the Assistant Treasurer the routine duties of their office, with the approval of the President, except those specified in paragraphs (a) and (d). They shall be required by the Board of Directors or the President to give bond with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of their duties.

Section 6. Assistant Treasurer. - The Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of all their duties, or shall function as such in their absence or disability. The Assistant Treasurer, when acting as such, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions imposed upon, the Treasurer.

The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, or the Treasurer.

Section 7. Auditor. – The Auditor shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a) of these By-Laws, and shall perform the following duties:

- a. Countersign any and all financial transactions made and entered into by and with the League more particularly on disbursements and expenditures;
- b. Regularly check, inquire, investigate, inspect and examine the books of accounts of the League, and see to it that disbursement and expenditures are properly evidenced by vouchers and/or receipts;
- c. Report and disclose their findings to the Board of Directors and when necessary to the entire membership of the League as regards the financial condition of the League;
- d. Examine any and all the banks accounts of the League; and
- e. See to it that proper accounting of all properties and moneys are made in accordance with the standard accounting procedures known and recognized under the Philippine laws.

Section 8. Secretary General. – The Secretary General shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws and hold office at the pleasure of the President, and shall perform the following duties:

- a. Keep full minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors and of the general membership;
- b. Keep the membership book and the corporate seal, which they shall stamp on all documents requiring such seal of the League;
- c. Fill and countersign all the certificates of membership issued, making the corresponding annotations on the margin or stub of such certificates upon issuance; and
- d. Give, or cause to be given, all notices required by law or by the By-laws to the League, as well as notices of all

meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership.

The Secretary General shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 9. Assistant Secretary General. - The Assistant Secretary General shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of all their duties, or shall function as such in their absence or disability. The Assistant Secretary General, when acting as such, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions imposed upon, the Secretary General.

The Assistant Secretary General shall review policy matters referred to, or taken up by the Board of Directors, and draft position papers and/or other documents in relation thereto, in line with the League's By-Laws, other relevant laws, and applicable issuances of the Supreme Court and its offices.

The Assistant Secretary General shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary General.

Section 10. Public Relations Officer. - The Public Relations Officer shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall discharge the following powers and duties:

- a. Prepare and communicate official announcements, statements and materials;
- b. Respond to public events and inquiries;
- c. Manage social media accounts of the League; and
- d. Serve as spokesperson for the League at public-facing events and press conferences.

The Public Relations Officer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 11. Compensation. - Officers, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but may be entitled to a fixed sum of honorarium and expense of attendance, if any, for each regular or special meeting of the Board, either in person or virtual, as approved by the Board in a written resolution.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Committee on Elections. – The President shall create the Committee on Elections, and shall appoint the members thereof representing the three (3) island groups, at least thirty (30) calendar days before the conduct of the national elections. The Committee on Elections shall perform the following duties and functions:

- a. Administer and supervise the conduct of the biennial and special elections in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the By-Laws and the election guidelines as approved by the Board in a written resolution;
- b. Authenticate voter eligibility, and manage the electoral roll to determine the list of eligible voters for any given election;
- c. Issue and receive certificates of candidacy from members or their duly authorized representatives;
- d. Authenticate candidate eligibility and qualification, and release the official list of qualified candidates;
- e. Resolve matters regarding the eligibility and qualifications of voters and candidates;
- f. Announce the election results, and proclaim the winning candidates; and
- g. Determine the winning candidate in case of a tie through a drawing of lots.

The Committee on Elections shall perform such other functions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the elections.

Section 2. National Elections. – Biennial elections shall be held every other year during the National Convention of the League.

- a. The President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Auditor shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League who are not otherwise disqualified from voting.

- b. The election of the President shall be on a rotation basis from among the three island groups. In the event that no qualified individual has filed for candidacy from the eligible island group, the President shall come from among the candidates of the next eligible island group in the order of rotation.
- c. The Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League from their respective island groups who are not otherwise disqualified from voting.
- d. The Regional Directors shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League from their respective judicial regions who are not otherwise disqualified from voting.

Section 3. Qualified voters. - The members of the League shall be qualified to vote in biennial and special elections, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- a. They are registered delegates or participants of the National Convention and Biennial Elections;
- b. They personally appear and exercise their right to vote at the National Convention and Biennial Elections;
- c. Their eligibility to vote is duly authenticated by the Committee on Elections, and their name is included in the electoral roll;
- d. They are qualified to vote per Article V, Section 1 of these By-Laws;
- e. They are members in good standing; and
- f. They are not otherwise disqualified under these By-Laws and the pertinent issuances of the League.

Section 4. Vacancies for elective positions. - If the Office of the President becomes vacant, the Executive Vice President shall automatically hold office for the unexpired term. The said Executive Vice President, if eligible under Article III, Section 2 of these By-Laws, shall not be disqualified to run for election as President in the succeeding term.

If the Office of the Executive Vice President becomes vacant, the Vice President of the same island group as the island group of the Executive Vice President shall automatically hold office for the unexpired term. The said Vice President, if eligible under Article III, Section 4(a) of these By-Laws, shall not be disqualified to run for election as Executive Vice President in the succeeding term, subject to the application of the rotation basis provided for in Article IV, Section 2(b).

If any of the Offices of the Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao becomes vacant, the Regional Directors of the concerned island group shall, by a majority vote, choose a successor from among themselves who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

If the Office of the Treasurer, or of the Auditor becomes vacant, the Board of Directors may choose, by a majority vote, a successor(s) from the existing directors and national officers, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

If any of the Offices of the Regional Directors becomes vacant, the President, with the concurrence of the Board, shall appoint a successor from the same judicial region, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Section 5. Appointments. - The Assistant Treasurer, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General and Public Relations Officer shall be appointed by President. Their appointment shall not be deemed effective unless the same is confirmed through a majority vote of the Board. They shall not hold concurrent directorship positions.

Section 6. Vacancies for appointive positions. - If the Office of the Assistant Treasurer, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General and Public Relations Officer becomes vacant, the President may appoint a successor(s), subject to the confirmation of the Board through a majority vote.

Section 7. Temporary Absence. - An officer or Director shall be deemed temporarily absent if they are unable to perform their duties within a period of three (3) months.

- a. In case of the temporary absence of any officer the League or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers and duties of such officer to any other officer or to a Director pro tempore, provided that a majority of the Board concurs therein and such delegation is not covered by any express provision of these By-Laws.

b. In case of the temporary absence of any Director of the League or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers and duties of such officer to a qualified member from the same judicial region *pro tempore*, provided that a majority of the Board concurs therein and such delegation is not covered by any express provision of these By-Laws.

If the absence of the officer or Director persists for more than three (3) months, the position shall be deemed permanently vacant. The vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Sections 4 and 6 of this Article.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Qualifications. - Judges who have been appointed to a first level court shall be eligible for membership of the League as follows:

- a. Regular Membership - Judges of first level courts designated as Municipal Trial Courts, Municipal Circuit Trial Court, Shari'ah Circuit Courts, and Judges-at-Large shall automatically become regular members of the League, and such membership shall commence upon actual assumption of office;
- b. Special Membership (Voting) - Judges of first level city courts (i.e., Metropolitan Trial Courts and Municipal Trial Courts in Cities) shall become special voting members of the League upon payment of membership dues; and
- c. Special Membership (Non-Voting) - Members of the League who have been promoted to the second level courts or the appellate courts shall be eligible to continue their membership upon compliance with certain requirements, including but not limited to the payment of the annual membership dues and the submission of an Authority to Deduct the same from their payroll account. They shall not, however, have the power to vote in any election or matter brought before the general membership, or be qualified to hold any elective or appointive office in the League.

Section 2. Membership Dues. - There shall be assessed and collected monthly membership dues from regular and special members, in an amount to be fixed by the Board through a written resolution.

Section 3. Termination of Membership. - Membership shall be terminated for the following causes:

- a. Death;
- b. Separation from service, including resignation, removal, and retirement, except claiming benefits under the next succeeding article; and
- c. Promotion, unless continuing as a special non-voting member.

ARTICLE VI **MEMBERSHIP WELFARE**

Section 1. Committee on Membership Welfare. - The formulation and implementation of all programs and policies pertaining to health, medical and hospitalization assistance and other financial benefits that may be granted to the regular and special voting members, shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Membership Welfare. The Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and two (2) members, designated as such from the Board of Directors by the President. The members of the Committee shall serve as such until the termination of their term, or the due revocation of their designation.

The Committee on Membership Welfare shall perform the following duties and functions:

- a. To promote and establish programs for the welfare and development of the general membership;
- b. To foster and endorse programs and initiatives that will cater to the health and well-being of the general membership;
- c. To process all requests for financial assistance for hospitalization and medical needs as well as financial benefits for retiring members of the League, upon submission of all requirements, as endorsed by the Regional Director or the Vice President concerned, and subject to the approval of the President; and

- d. To process and release death benefits to the heirs of deceased member judges, upon request/claim of the next of kin of the deceased member upon confirmation that the latter is a PTJLI member in good standing prior to their death.

Section 2. Medical and Hospitalization Benefits. - Members in good standing shall be entitled to receive once every three (3) years Medical and Hospitalization Benefits, except due to child delivery and/or executive check-up, upon submission of the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of discharge from the hospital:

- a. Notarized Medical Certificate issued by the attending physician/hospital;
- b. Official Receipt of medical treatment and/or check-up;
- c. Certificate of Incumbency issued by the Clerk of Court (that they are still in the service at the time of their confinement); and
- d. Completed Form-2022-02 with indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned.

The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall, within ten (10) days from receipt of the documentary requirements, submit the same to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President.

The amount of Medical and Hospitalization Benefit to be received by the member, as fixed by the Board of Directors, shall be deposited by the Treasurer to their judiciary payroll account.

Section 3. Retirement Benefit. - A member in good standing shall be entitled to receive the Retirement Benefit upon their retirement from the service, upon submission of the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of approval of retirement/retirement:

- a. Certificate from Clerk of Court as to the last day of service of the Judge or date of approval or effectiveness of their retirement;
- b. Copy of *en banc* resolution approving optional retirement; and

- c. Completed Form 2022-03 with the indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned.

The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall forward all the requirements to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President within ten (10) days from receipt thereof.

The amount of Retirement Benefit to be received by the member, as fixed by the Board of Directors, shall be deposited by the Treasurer to their judiciary payroll account.

Section 4. Death Benefit. – The next of kin of the deceased member judge, or their duly authorized representative, may claim the Death Benefit in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors, upon submission of the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of death:

- a. Certified Copy of the Death Certificate;
- b. Affidavit of Claimant that they are the next of kin of the deceased member judge;
- c. If acting as duly authorized representative of the next of kin, Special Power of Attorney indicating their authority;
- d. Certificate of Incumbency of the Presiding Judge at the time of their death issued by the Clerk of Court; and
- e. Completed Form 2022-04 with indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned.

The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall submit all the requirements to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President within ten (10) days from receipt thereof.

The Death Benefit shall be released to the claimant next of kin through their preferred means, provided that the same is among the legal and usual means for the transfer of funds.

ARTICLE VII **SEAL AND FISCAL YEAR**

Section 1. Official Seal. - The seal of this League shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. - The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

The Annual General Membership meeting and general assembly shall be held on the month of October. Provided that, election of officers shall be held biennially.

ARTICLE VIII TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Section 1. It is understood that these By-Laws shall be an entirely new enactment, abrogating previous By-Laws and any amendments thereto.

Section 2. Upon approval/ratification by the general membership, the Board of Directors shall initiate and adopt measures as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this new By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the By-Laws of the League shall be presented for discussion and ratification of the general membership during the National Convention and/or Biennial Election. A two-thirds majority vote of approval by the Board, and a two-thirds majority vote of ratification of the general membership present during the Assembly, shall be required for any amendment to be adopted.

ARTICLE X EFFECTIVITY

These By-Laws, as amended, shall take effect prospectively and immediately upon ratification.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE OF THE 1994 PTJLI BY-LAWS AND THE 2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Note: Articles II and V of the 1994 PTJLI By-Laws are both entitled, "Board of Directors." The provisions under these articles are presented together successively, and appear in the table below across the related provisions in the 2024 Proposed Amendments.

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Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president on two days (sic) notice to each director, either personally or by mail or by telephone; or on the request in writing of two directors, such special meeting may be called by the president or secretary.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. Powers. – The Board of Directors shall have the management of the business of the Corporation and such powers and authorities as are herein provided by these By-Laws, or by statutes of the Republic of the Philippines, expressly conferred upon it.

Without prejudice to the general powers hereinabove conferred, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- a. From time to time, to make and change rules and regulations not inconsistent with these By-Laws for the management of the Corporation's business and affairs;
- b. To purchase, or otherwise acquire, for the corporation rights and privileges which the corporation is authorized to acquire, as such price and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration as it shall,

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Without prejudice to the general powers hereinabove conferred, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- a. To make and change rules and regulations, consistent with the By-Laws, for the management of the League's business and affairs;
- b. Within the limits set forth by the rules and existing laws, the Board shall be authorized to make major purchases, acquire and enter into contracts for the acquisition of the same, provided that it shall be at such price and

<p>from time to time, see fit;</p> <p>c. To pay for any property or rights acquired by the corporation or to discharge obligations of the corporation, either wholly or partly, in money or in stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities of the corporation;</p> <p>d. To borrow money for the corporation, and for such purpose, to create, make and issue mortgages, bonds, deeds of trust, negotiable instruments or securities, secured by mortgage or pledge or property belonging to the corporation, provided, that as hereinafter provided, the proper officers of the corporation shall have these powers, unless expressly limited by the Board of Directors;</p> <p>e. To delegate, from time to time, any powers of the Board which lawfully may be delegated, in the course of the current</p>	<p>on such terms and conditions that are acceptable and deemed as fit under existing circumstances, as determined by the Board, ruling on the motion by a majority vote during the meeting called specifically for the purpose of such acquisition;</p> <p>c. To pay for any property or rights acquired by the League or to discharge obligations of the League, either wholly or partly, in money or in stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities of the League;</p> <p>d. To borrow money for the League, and for such purpose, to create, make and issue mortgages, bonds, deeds of trust and negotiable instruments or securities, secured by mortgage or pledge or property belonging to the League, provided, that the President and the Treasurer of the League shall be authorized by the Board of Directors;</p> <p>e. To delegate any power of the Board which may lawfully be delegated in the course of the current business of the League,</p>
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<p>business of the Corporation, to any, standing or special committee of the Corporation or to any officer or agent, and to appoint any person or person to be an agent or agents of the Corporation with such powers, and upon such terms as maybe deemed fit; and</p>	<p>to any, standing or special committee of the League or to any officer or agent, and to appoint any person or persons to be an agent or agents of the League with such powers, and upon such terms as may be deemed fit; and</p>
<p>f. To fix the membership fees and annual dues of the members.</p>	<p>f. To fix the membership fee and annual dues of the members.</p>
<p>ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>	
<p>Section 6. Minutes. – Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be kept and carefully preserved as a record of the business transacted at such meetings. The minute shall contain such entries as may be required by law.</p>	<p>Section 5. Minutes. – Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, either regular or special, shall be furnished upon each member of the Board, kept and carefully preserved, and shall contain such entries as may be taken up during such meeting and as may be required by law.</p>
<p>ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>	
<p>Section 6. Minutes. – Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, either regular or special shall be kept and carefully preserved, and shall contain such entries as may be taken up during such meeting and as may be required by law.</p>	
<p>ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>	
<p>Section 5. Compensation. – Directors, as such, shall not receive such compensation for their services but shall be entitled to honorarium from time to time to be fixed by the members of the Association.</p>	<p>Section 6. Compensation. – Directors, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but may be entitled by Resolution of the members, a fixed sum of honorarium and expense of attendance, if any, for each regular or special meeting of</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 7. Compensation. – Directors, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but by resolution of the members, a fixed sum and expense of attendance, if any, may be allowed at each regular or special meeting of the board, provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation as officer, as hereinafter provided, or in any other capacity, and receiving compensation therefore.</p>	<p>the Board; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the League as officer, as hereinafter provided, or in any other capacity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III OFFICERS</p> <p>Section 1. General. – The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the Chairman of the Board, a President, an Executive Vice-President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and one or more Assistant Secretaries, an Auditor, and a Press Relations Officer (PRO) whose powers and duties shall be as hereinafter provided and as the Board of Directors may fix in conformity with the provisions of these By-Laws except for the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President and Auditor. All officers shall be elected to their offices by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Two or more compatible offices may be vested in the same person whenever deemed convenient or expedient.</p> <p>Section 2. The Chairman of the Board. – The Chairman of the Board, whenever there shall be one in the office shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He shall perform such other duties as shall,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III OFFICERS</p> <p>Section 1. General. – The officers of the League shall consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President; b. Executive Vice President; c. Vice President for Luzon; d. Vice President for Visayas; e. Vice President for Mindanao; f. Secretary General; g. Assistant Secretary General; h. Treasurer; i. Assistant Treasurer; j. Auditor; and k. Public Relations Officer. <p>The foregoing officers shall have powers and duties as hereinafter provided and as the Board of Directors may fix in conformity with the provisions of these By-Laws. All officers shall be elected to their offices by a majority vote of the general membership during the National Convention every two years for the purpose, except for the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, the</p>

<p>from time to time, be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Assistant Treasurer, and the Public Relations Officer, who shall be appointed by the President. Two or more compatible offices may be vested in the same person whenever deemed convenient or expedient.</p>
<p>Section 3. President. – The President shall be directly elected by the majority vote of all the members of the league and shall automatically become a member of the Board and preside as chairman thereof. He shall have the following powers and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preside at all meetings of the members and directors and submit reports of the operations of the league to the Board of Directors and an annual report thereof to the members at the annual meeting; b. Have direct and active management of the business and operations of the league conducting the same according to the orders, resolutions and instructions of the Board of Directors and exercise general supervision over all the other officers of the Corporation; c. With the approval of the Board of Directors, to borrow for the corporation 	<p>Section 2. President. – The President shall be directly elected pursuant to Article IV, Sections 2(a) and (b) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become a member of the Board and preside as Chairperson thereof.</p> <p>The President have the following powers and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preside at the annual meeting/ general assembly of the members, and submit the annual report of the operations of the League to the general membership; b. Preside at quarterly and special meetings of the Board of Directors; c. Have direct and active management of the business and operations of the League, conducting the same according to the orders, resolutions and instructions of the Board of Directors and exercise general supervision over all other officers of the League; d. With the authority of the Board of Directors, to borrow for the League, by

<p>any legal means whatsoever, including the arrangement of letters of credit and overdraft and other credit facilities with any and all banking or lending institutions and to execute on behalf of the Corporation all Contracts and Agreements which the said Corporation may enter into;</p> <p>d. To appoint and at his discretion, remove or suspend any or all of the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the Corporation, prescribe their duties and fix or change, from time to time their respective salaries or wages, and require certain guarantees or bonds in such amount as he may determine to secure the faithful discharge by certain employees or agents of their official trust, and to exercise general superintendence and direction over all the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the Corporation, and see to it that their respective duties are properly performed;</p> <p>e. Submit to the Board of Directors such statements, reports,</p>	<p>any legal means whatsoever, including the arrangement of letters of credit and overdraft and other credit facilities with any and all banking or lending institutions and to execute on behalf of the League, all Contracts and Agreements which the said League may enter into;</p> <p>e. To appoint and at their discretion, remove or suspend any or all of the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the League, prescribe their duties and fix or change, as necessary, their respective salaries or wages, and require certain guarantees or bonds in such amount as they may determine to secure the faithful discharge by certain employees or agents of their official trust, and to exercise general supervision and direction over all the agents, employees and other subordinate personnel of the League, and see to it that their respective duties are properly performed;</p> <p>f. Submit to the Board of Directors such statements, reports,</p>
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<p>memoranda and accounts, as the latter may require and prepare such statements and reports as may be periodically required from time to time by law with respect to the corporation organized according to the laws of the Republic of the Philippines; and</p> <p>f. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, fix or delegate.</p> <p>The President may, with the approval of Board of Directors, delegate any of the foregoing powers and duties to any other officer, employee or agent of the corporation.</p>	<p>memoranda and accounts, as the latter may require, and prepare such statements and reports as may be periodically required by law; and</p> <p>g. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may fix or delegate.</p> <p>The President may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, delegate any of the foregoing powers and duties to any other officer, employee or agent of the League, except for those specified in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (f).</p> <p>The immediate past president shall serve as a member of the national officers of the succeeding administration in an <i>ex officio</i> capacity, provided that they have not ceased to become a regular or special voting member, and are not otherwise disqualified to hold office.</p> <p>Section 4. Executive Vice President and other Vice President. – The Executive Vice-President and other Vice-President shall be vested with such powers and authorities and perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the President may from time to time delegate or assign to them.</p> <p>Section 4. Executive Vice President and Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.</p> <p>a. The Executive Vice President shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become a member of the Board.</p>
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	<p>The Executive Vice President shall be vested with such powers and authorities and perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the President may delegate or assign to them.</p> <p>c. The Vice-Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(c) of these By-Laws, and shall automatically become members of the Board.</p> <p>The Vice-Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be vested with such powers and authorities and perform such duties as the Board of Directors and the President may delegate or assign to them.</p>
<p>Section 5. <u>Treasurer.</u> – The President shall submit three (3) nominees for the position of Treasurer to the Board of Directors who select one from said nominees. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors and he may not be a director of the Corporation. He shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and he shall have the following powers and duties:</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Treasurer.</u> – The Treasurer shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a) of these By-Laws, and shall have the following powers and duties:</p>

- a. Have custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds, securities and bonds of the Corporation, and keep a complete and accurate record of the receipts, disbursements

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<p>and other commercial transactions in the corresponding books of account of the Corporation and see to it that all disbursements and expenditures are evidenced appropriate vouchers;</p> <p>b. Deposit in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, all the moneys, funds, securities, bonds, and similar valuable effects belonging to the Corporation which may come under his control;</p> <p>c. Render an annual statement showing the financial condition of the Corporation and such other financial reports as the Board of Directors or the President may from time to time, require; and</p> <p>d. Receive and give receipts for all moneys paid to the Corporation from any source whatsoever, and generally to perform such other duties as maybe</p>	<p>and other commercial transactions in the corresponding books of account of the League and see to it that all disbursement and expenditures are evidenced by appropriate vouchers;</p> <p>b. Disburse League funds, or release League assets, as directed and authorized by the Board of Directors through a written resolution;</p> <p>c. Deposit in the name and to the credit of the League, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors, all the moneys, funds, securities, bonds, and similar valuable effects belonging to the League which may come under their control;</p> <p>d. Render an annual statement showing the financial condition of the League and such other financial reports as the Board of Directors or the President may require;</p> <p>e. Receive and give receipts for all ordinary moneys paid to the League;</p>
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<p>required by law or prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.</p> <p>The Treasurer may delegate the routine duties on his office to one or more employees of the Corporation with the approval of the President. He shall be required by the Board of Directors or the President to give bond with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of his duties.</p> <p>Section 6. <u>Auditor.</u> – [The Auditor] [s]hall be elected directly by the league membership during its annual meeting</p>	<p>f. Receive and give receipts for all extraordinary moneys, gifts and other resources paid or donated to the League, as approved by the National Executive Officers and the Board of Directors in a written resolution; and</p> <p>g. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.</p> <p>The Treasurer may delegate to the Assistant Treasurer the routine duties of their office, with the approval of the President, except those specified in paragraphs (a) and (d). They shall be required by the Board of Directors or the President to give bond with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of their duties.</p> <p>Section 6. <u>Assistant Treasurer.</u> – The Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of all their duties, or shall function as such in their absence or disability. The Assistant Treasurer, when acting as such, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions imposed upon, the Treasurer.</p> <p>The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, or the Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 7. <u>Auditor.</u> – The Auditor shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(a)</p>
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and election. He shall countersign any and all financial transactions made and entered with by the league more particularly on disbursements and expenditures. He shall regularly check, inquire, investigate, inspect and examine the books of accounts of the league, and see it that disbursement and expenditures are properly evidenced by vouchers and/or receipts. He shall report and disclose his finding to the Board of Directors and when necessary to the entire membership of the league as regards the financial condition of the league. He shall have the power to examine any and all the banks accounts of the league. Finally, he shall see to it that proper accounting of all properties and moneys are made accordance with the standard accounting procedures known and recognized under the Phil[ippine] Laws.

of these By-Laws, and shall perform the following duties:

- a. Countersign any and all financial transactions made and entered into by and with the League more particularly on disbursements and expenditures;
- b. Regularly check, inquire, investigate, inspect and examine the books of accounts of the League, and see to it that disbursement and expenditures are properly evidenced by vouchers and/or receipts;
- c. Report and disclose their findings to the Board of Directors and when necessary to the entire membership of the League as regards the financial condition of the League;
- d. Examine any and all the banks accounts of the League; and
- e. See to it that proper accounting of all properties and moneys are made in accordance with the standard accounting procedures known and recognized under the Philippine laws.

Section 7. Secretary. – The Secretary, who must be a citizen and resident

Section 8. Secretary General. – The Secretary General shall be appointed

<p>Philippines, shall be designated by the President and he may or may not be a director of the Corporation. He shall hold office at the pleasure the President and he shall perform the following duties;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep full minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors and of the members; b. Keep the membership book and the corporate seal, which he shall stamp on all documents requiring such seal of the Corporation; c. Fill and countersign all the certificates of membership issued, making the corresponding annotations on the margin or stub of such certificate upon issuance; d. Give, or cause to be given, all notices required by law or by the By-Laws of the Corporation as well as notices of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members; [and] e. Performs (sic) such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President. <p>Section 8. <u>Assistant Secretaries.</u> The Secretary may delegate an Assistant Secretary to perform at his request or on his absence or disability, all his duties, and</p>	<p>pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws and hold office at the pleasure of the President, and shall perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep full minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors and of the general membership; b. Keep the membership book and the corporate seal, which they shall stamp on all documents requiring such seal of the League; c. Fill and countersign all the certificates of membership issued, making the corresponding annotations on the margin or stub of such certificates upon issuance; and d. Give, or cause to be given, all notices required by law or by the By-laws to the League, as well as notices of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership. <p>The Secretary General shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.</p> <p>Section 9. <u>Assistant Secretary General.</u> – The Assistant Secretary General shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall assist the</p>
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<p>an Assistant Secretary when acting under such a delegation shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions imposed upon the Secretary. The Assistant Secretaries shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice-Presidents or the Secretary.</p>	<p>Secretary General in the performance of all their duties, or shall function as such in their absence or disability. The Assistant Secretary General, when acting as such, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions imposed upon, the Secretary General.</p> <p>The Assistant Secretary General shall review policy matters referred to, or taken up by the Board of Directors, and draft position papers and/or other documents in relation thereto, in line with the League's By-Laws, other relevant laws, and applicable issuances of the Supreme Court and its offices.</p> <p>The Assistant Secretary General shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary General.</p>
<p>Section 9. <u>Press Relation Officer.</u> – [The Press Relation Officer] shall be elected by majority vote of the membership during the bi-annual meeting. Shall be charge of powers and duties due to a press relation officer and such other duties as from time to time assigned by the President.</p>	<p>Section 10. <u>Public Relations Officer.</u> – The Public Relations Officer shall be appointed pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of these By-Laws, and shall discharge the following powers and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and communicate official announcements, statements and materials; b. Respond to public events and inquiries; c. Manage social media accounts of the League; and d. Serve as spokesperson for the League at public-facing events and press conferences.

	<p>The Public Relations Officer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.</p> <p>Section 10. Compensation. – All officers shall not receive such salaries or compensation but may be qualified to per diems and honorarium as may be fixed by the Board of Directors</p> <p>Section 11. Compensation. – Officers, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but may be entitled to a fixed sum of honorarium and expense of attendance, if any, for each regular or special meeting of the Board, either in person or virtual, as approved by the Board in a written resolution.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IV CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Each member shall be issued a certificate upon full payment of his membership fee.</p> <p>Members of the branch (MTC, MCTC, MTCC) shall automatically become a member of the league and such membership shall commence upon his/her appointment by the president and actual assumption of office.</p>	
	<p>ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES</p> <p>Section 1. Committee on Elections. – The President shall create the Committee on Elections, and shall appoint the members thereof representing the three (3) island groups, at least thirty (30) calendar days before the conduct of the national elections. The Committee on Elections shall perform the following duties and functions:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">a. Administer and supervise the conduct of the biennial and special</p>

	<p>elections in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the By-Laws and the election guidelines as approved by the Board in a written resolution;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Authenticate voter eligibility, and manage the electoral roll to determine the list of eligible voters for any given election; c. Issue and receive certificates of candidacy from members or their duly authorized representatives; d. Authenticate candidate eligibility and qualification, and release the official list of qualified candidates; e. Resolve matters regarding the eligibility and qualifications of voters and candidates; f. Announce the election results, and proclaim the winning candidates; and g. Determine the winning candidate in case of a tie through a drawing of lots. <p>The Committee on Elections shall perform such other functions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the elections.</p> <p>Section 2. <u>National Elections.</u> – Biennial elections shall be held every other year</p>
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<p>Section 1. <u>Qualification and Election.</u> – The general control, administration and management of the Association shall be vested in a board of directors composed of 15 members who shall be members and elected annually by the members and who</p>	<p>during the National Convention of the League.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Auditor shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League who are not otherwise disqualified from voting. b. The election of the President shall be on a rotation basis from among the three island groups. In the event that no qualified individual has filed for candidacy from the eligible island group, the President shall come from among the candidates of the next eligible island group in the order of rotation. c. The Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League from their respective island groups who are not otherwise disqualified from voting. d. The Regional Directors shall be directly elected by a majority vote of all the members of the League from their respective judicial
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<p>shall serve as such until the election and qualification of their successors.</p> <p>There shall be a chairman of the board to be elected by the members among themselves who shall preside at all meetings of the Board and who shall act as adviser to the executive officers of the company. In the absence of the chairman, the members of the Board shall elect from among themselves an acting chairman.</p>	<p>regions who are not otherwise disqualified from voting.</p> <p>Section 3. <u>Qualified voters.</u> — The members of the League shall be qualified to vote in biennial and special elections, provided that all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. They are registered delegates or participants of the National Convention and Biennial Elections; b. They personally appear and exercise their right to vote at the National Convention and Biennial Elections; c. Their eligibility to vote is duly authenticated by the Committee on Elections, and their name is included in the electoral roll; d. They are qualified to vote per Article V, Section 1 of these By-Laws; e. They are members in good standing; and f. They are not otherwise disqualified under these
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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III Officers</p> <p>Section 11. <u>Vacancies in and Delegation of Officers.</u> – If the Office of the President, Executive Vice President(s), Treasurer, Auditor and PRO becomes vacant, the Board of Directors by a majority vote, may choose a successor or successors who shall hold office for the unexpired term.</p> <p>In case of the temporary absence of any officer of the company or for any other reason that the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers and duties of such officer to any other officer or to any director for the time being, provided a majority of the Board concur therein and such delegation is not covered by any express provision of these By-Laws.</p>	<p>By-Laws and the pertinent issuances of the League.</p> <p>Section 4. <u>Vacancies for elective positions.</u> – If the Office of the President becomes vacant, the Executive Vice President shall automatically hold office for the unexpired term. The said Executive Vice President, if eligible under Article III, Section 2 of these By-Laws, shall not be disqualified to run for election as President in the succeeding term.</p> <p>If the Office of the Executive Vice President becomes vacant, the Vice President of the same island group as the island group of the Executive Vice President shall automatically hold office for the unexpired term. The said Vice President, if eligible under Article III, Section 4(a) of these By-Laws, shall not be disqualified to run for election as Executive Vice President in the succeeding term, subject to the application of the rotation basis provided for in Article IV, Section 2(b).</p> <p>If any of the Offices of the Vice Presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao becomes vacant, the Regional Directors of the concerned island group shall, by a majority vote, choose a successor from among themselves who shall hold office for the unexpired term.</p> <p>If the Office of the Treasurer, or of the Auditor becomes vacant, the Board of Directors may choose, by a majority vote, a successor(s) from the existing directors and national officers, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.</p>
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ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Vacancies. – Vacancies in the board of directors, except removal and expiration of term occurring during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term, by the majority vote of the remaining directors, if still constituting a majority, at an (sic) special meeting called for the purpose, or at any regular meeting of the board.

If any of the Offices of the Regional Directors becomes vacant, the President, with the concurrence of the Board, shall appoint a successor from the same judicial region, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Section 5. Appointments. – The Assistant Treasurer, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General and Public Relations Officer shall be appointed by President. Their appointment shall not be deemed effective unless the same is confirmed through a majority vote of the Board. They shall not hold concurrent directorship positions.

Section 6. Vacancies for appointive positions. – If the Office of the Assistant Treasurer, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General and Public Relations Officer becomes vacant, the President may appoint a successor(s), subject to the confirmation of the Board through a majority vote.

Section 7. Temporary Absence. – An officer or Director shall be deemed temporarily absent if they are unable to perform their duties within a period of three (3) months.

- a. In case of the temporary absence of any officer the League or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate

	<p>the powers and duties of such officer to any other officer or to a Director <i>pro tempore</i>, provided that a majority of the Board concurs therein and such delegation is not covered by any express provision of these By-Laws.</p> <p>b. In case of the temporary absence of any Director of the League or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers and duties of such officer to a qualified member from the same judicial region <i>pro tempore</i>, provided that a majority of the Board concurs therein and such delegation is not covered by any express provision of these By-Laws.</p> <p>If the absence of the officer or Director persists for more than three (3) months, the position shall be deemed permanently vacant. The vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Sections 4 and 6 of this Article.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1. <u>Membership Qualifications.</u> – Judges who have been appointed to a first level court shall be eligible for membership of the League as follows:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">a. Regular Membership – Judges of first level</p>

	<p>courts designated as Municipal Trial Courts, Municipal Circuit Trial Court, Shari'ah Circuit Courts, and Judges-at-Large shall automatically become regular members of the League, and such membership shall commence upon actual assumption of office;</p> <p>b. Special Membership (Voting) – Judges of first level city courts (i.e., Metropolitan Trial Courts and Municipal Trial Courts in Cities) shall become special voting members of the League upon payment of membership dues; and</p> <p>c. Special Membership (Non-Voting) – Members of the League who have been promoted to the second level courts or the appellate courts shall be eligible to continue their membership upon compliance with certain requirements, including but not limited to the payment of the annual membership dues and the submission of an Authority to Deduct the same from their payroll account. They shall not, however, have the power to vote in any election or matter brought before the general membership, or be qualified to hold any</p>
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	<p>elective or appointive office in the League.</p> <p>Section 2. <u>Membership Dues.</u> – There shall be assessed and collected monthly membership dues from regular and special members, in an amount to be fixed by the Board through a written resolution.</p> <p>Section 3. <u>Termination of Membership.</u> – Membership shall be terminated for the following causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Death; b. Separation from service, including resignation, removal, and retirement, except claiming benefits under the next succeeding article; and c. Promotion, unless continuing as a special non-voting member.
	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP WELFARE</p> <p>Section 1. <u>Committee on Membership Welfare.</u> – The formulation and implementation of all programs and policies pertaining to health, medical and hospitalization assistance and other financial benefits that may be granted to the regular and special voting members, shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Membership Welfare. The Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and two (2) members, designated as such from the Board of Directors by the President. The members of the Committee shall serve as such until the</p>

	<p>Committee shall serve as such until the termination of their term, or the due revocation of their designation.</p> <p>The Committee on Membership Welfare shall perform the following duties and functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To promote and establish programs for the welfare and development of the general membership; b. To foster and endorse programs and initiatives that will cater to the health and well-being of the general membership; c. To process all requests for financial assistance for hospitalization and medical needs as well as financial benefits for retiring members of the League, upon submission of all requirements, as endorsed by the Regional Director or the Vice President concerned, and subject to the approval of the President; and d. To process and release death benefits to the heirs of deceased member judges, upon request/claim of the next of kin of the deceased member upon confirmation that the latter is a PTJLI member
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	<p>in good standing prior to their death.</p> <p>Section 2. <u>Medical and Hospitalization Benefits.</u> – Members in good standing shall be entitled to receive once every three (3) years Medical and Hospitalization Benefits, except due to child delivery and/or executive check-up, upon submission of the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of discharge from the hospital:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notarized Medical Certificate issued by the attending physician/ hospital; b. Official Receipt of medical treatment and/or check-up; c. Certificate of Incumbency issued by the Clerk of Court (that they are still in the service at the time of their confinement); and d. Completed Form-2022-02 with indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned. <p>The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall, within ten (10) days from receipt of the documentary requirements, submit the same to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President.</p> <p>The amount of Medical and Hospitalization Benefit to be received by the member, as fixed by the Board of Directors, shall be deposited by the</p>
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	<p>Treasurer to their judiciary payroll account.</p> <p>Section 3. <u>Retirement Benefit</u>. – A member in good standing shall be entitled to receive the Retirement Benefit upon their retirement from the service, upon submission of the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of approval of retirement/retirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Certificate from Clerk of Court as to the last day of service of the Judge or date of approval or effectivity of their retirement; b. Copy of <i>en banc</i> resolution approving optional retirement; and c. Completed Form 2022-03 with the indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned. <p>The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall forward all the requirements to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President within ten (10) days from receipt thereof.</p> <p>The amount of Retirement Benefit to be received by the member, as fixed by the Board of Directors, shall be deposited by the Treasurer to their judiciary payroll account.</p> <p>Section 4. <u>Death Benefit</u>. – The next of kin of the deceased member judge, or their duly authorized representative, may claim the Death Benefit in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors, upon submission of</p>
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	<p>the following requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Certified Copy of the Death Certificate; b. Affidavit of Claimant that they are the next of kin of the deceased member judge; c. If acting as duly authorized representative of the next of kin, Special Power of Attorney indicating their authority; d. Certificate of Incumbency of the Presiding Judge at the time of their death issued by the Clerk of Court; and e. Completed Form 2022-04 with indorsement from the Regional Director or Vice President concerned. <p>The Regional Director or Vice President concerned shall submit all the requirements to the Chairperson of the Committee on Membership Welfare for processing and approval of the President within ten (10) days from receipt thereof.</p> <p>The Death Benefit shall be released to the claimant next of kin through their preferred means, provided that the same is among the legal and usual means for the transfer of funds.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI SEAL AND FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>The seal of this Corporation shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.</p> <p>The bi-annual general membership meeting shall be held on the month of September and every two (2) years thereafter to commence on the year 1995.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VII SEAL AND FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>Section 1. Official Seal. – The seal of this League shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Section 2. Fiscal Year. – The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.</p> <p>The Annual General Membership meeting and general assembly shall be held on the month of October. Provided that, election of officers shall be held biennially.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VIII TRANSITORY PROVISIONS</p> <p>Section 1. It is understood that this By-Laws shall be an entirely new enactment, abrogating previous By-Laws and any amendments thereto.</p> <p>Section 2. Upon approval/ratification by the general membership, the Board of Directors shall initiate and adopt measures as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this new By-Laws.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VII</p> <p>The members, by the affirmative vote of a majority and with majority vote of the directors, amend this By-Laws at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS</p> <p>All amendments to the By-Laws of the League shall be presented for discussion and ratification of the general membership during the National Convention and/or Biennial Election. A two-thirds majority vote of approval by the Board, and a two-thirds majority vote of ratification of the</p>

	general membership present during the Assembly, shall be required for any amendment to be adopted.
	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE X</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EFFECTIVITY</p> <p>This By-Laws, as amended, shall take effect prospectively and immediately upon ratification.</p>

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MEMBERSHIP WELFARE FORMS



Supreme Court of the Philippines Philippine Trial Judges League, Inc. Manila



CLAIM FOR MEDICAL and HOSPITALIZATION BENEFIT (Form 2022-02, ver. 2024)

Date Filed _____ LBP Acct. No. _____
Name _____
(*Surname, First Name, M.I.*) _____
Court Station _____ Age _____
Mobile Number _____ E-mail address _____
Date of confinement _____ Date of discharge _____

Signature over printed name

INDORSEMENT

Upon verification that the foregoing claim is in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the PTJLI By-Laws, as amended, I hereby respectfully indorse the same to the Committee on Membership Welfare, and favorably recommend the approval of the amount of Pesos (P _____).

Vice President for _____
Director, Region _____

APPROVAL / RELEASE SLIP

Date approved _____ Amount released _____
Check No./Date _____ Voucher No./Date _____
Issued by: _____ Approved by: _____

CRISLYN C. PANGINDIAN-SANCHO
Treasurer

ANA LESA S. SARSOZA-RADAZA
President

Recorded by: _____

ALWEN M. PAQUEO
Secretary General

Attachments:



Notarized Medical Certificate issued by the attending physician/hospital
Official Receipt of medical treatment and/or check-up
Certificate of Incumbency issued by the Clerk of Court

Form 2022-03, ver. 2024/livdv

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE FORMS



Supreme Court of the Philippines Philippine Trial Judges League, Inc. Manila



CLAIM FOR RETIREMENT BENEFIT (Form 2022-03, ver. 2024)

Date Filed _____ LBP Account No. _____
Name _____
(*Surname, First Name, M.I.*) _____
Court Station _____ Age _____
E-mail address _____ Mobile Number _____
Date of Effectivity _____ Date of Resolution _____

Signature over printed name

INDORSEMENT

Upon verification that the foregoing claim is in accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the PTJLI By-Laws, as amended, I hereby respectfully indorse the same to the Committee on Membership Welfare, and favorably recommend the approval of the amount of _____ Pesos (P _____).

Vice President for _____
Director, Region _____

APPROVAL / RELEASE SLIP

Date approved _____ Amount released _____
Check No./Date _____ Voucher No./Date _____
Issued by: Approved by:

CRISLYN C. PANGINDIAN-SANCHO
Treasurer

ANA LESA S. SARSOZA-RADAZA
President

Recorded by:

ALWEN M. PAQUEO
Secretary General

Attachments:

Certificate from Clerk of Court as to the date of effectivity of retirement
 Copy of *en banc* resolution approving optional retirement

Form 2022-03, ver. 2024/livdv

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE FORMS



Supreme Court of the Philippines Philippine Trial Judges League, Inc. Manila



CLAIM FOR DEATH BENEFIT

(Form 2022-04, ver. 2024)

Date Filed _____ Date of Death _____
Name of Judge _____ Court Station _____
(*Surname, First Name, M.I.*) _____
Name of Claimant _____ Relationship _____
(*Surname, First Name, M.I.*) _____
Mobile Number _____ E-mail address _____
Transfer Details (*Mode of transfer/ Bank Name and Branch/ Account Name/ Account Number*)

Signature over printed name

INDORSEMENT

Upon verification that the foregoing claim is in accordance with Article VI, Section 4 of the PTJLI By-Laws, as amended, I hereby respectfully indorse the same to the Committee on Membership Welfare, and favorably recommend the approval of the amount of Pesos (P _____).

Vice President for _____
Director, Region _____

APPROVAL / RELEASE SLIP

Date approved _____ Amount released _____
Check No./Date _____ Voucher No./Date _____
Issued by: Approved by:

CRISLYN C. PANGINDIAN-SANCHO
Treasurer

ANA LESA S. SARSOZA-RADAZA
President

Recorded by:

ALWEN M. PAQUEO
Secretary General

Attachments:

Certified copy of Certificate of Death
Affidavit of Next of Kin / Special Power of Attorney of authorized representative
Certificate of Incumbency of Judge at the time of their death issued by the Clerk of Court

Form 2022-03, ver. 2024/livdv