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THE MISSION STATEMENT

To Instill Harmony and Exceed All Expectations

THE CONSTITUTION OF KURO BUSHI INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE I

NAME, JURISDICTION:

- 1.1 This Organization shall be known as Kuro Bushi International.
- 1.2 This Organization will also at times be referred as KBI.
- 1.3 Acknowledge the following names of Kuro Bushi International's Executive Board.

President/Chairman/Treasurer: Kaicho Al Yisrael

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- 1.4 KBI jurisdiction shall comprise all registered members and affiliated Dojos, Temples, and Training Centers.

PURPOSE, OBJECTIVE, METHODOLOGY:

- 1.5 To promulgate the spirit of Warriorship among all disciplines fostering characteristics associated with confidence for the weak, honor, integrity, chivalry, accomplishment, power, and courage to do good in spite of the situation.
- 1.6 To develop a democratic approach in the unification of Warriorship within all the Martial Sciences.
- 1.7 To foster and maintain honorable competition among members on a high level of sportsmanship and fellowship while providing rules and procedures governing such tournaments and competitions.
- 1.8 To stimulate the interest of Martial Sciences within the general public as a way of self perfection, mental/physical development, an alternative sport, and an art form.
- 1.9 To unify and coordinate Martial Science activities with combined efforts once a year under one banner, representing all families within KBI. Ex. Promotion (Title/Rank) ceremonies, yearly gatherings (seminars), unified tournament once a year, Kuro Bushi International Hall of Warriors Commemoration Ceremony/Banquet held every 2 years.
- 1.10 To incorporate and promulgate historical African, Okinawan, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Korean, Philippine, Indonesian, Native American, and American Martial Science forms and techniques.
- 1.11 To establish and maintain strong relations with affiliated federations, organizations, schools and other Martial Sciences both foreign and domestic.
- 1.12 To improve the physical and mental competence of adherents by supporting and sponsoring open competition among all practitioners of the Martial Sciences.

- 1.13 When the opportunity presents itself KBI will collaborate and consult with National and International Organizations and Associations in an effort to establish the Martial Sciences as an intercollegiate and Olympic Sport.
- 1.14 To establish the Martial Sciences in physical education programs within schools and community recreation centers. KBI be will focusing its attention on implementing Martial Science programs within the high risk and poverty stricken communities.
- 1.15 To rediscover ancient forgotten forms and techniques within the Martial Sciences as well as accepting modifications that scientifically tend to improve the Martial Art form.
- 1.16 To those who have chosen the way of (Kuro Bushi International) the warrior to disregard personal glory and animosity by coordinating all Martial Disciplines into one strong International Warriorship.
- 1.17 To instill both internal and external discipline for without discipline one could not stay alive long enough to brandish the title of (Bushi) a Warrior.
- 1.18 To instill KBI members with a high level of moral standards, ethics, and Codes of Conduct all within their respective Martial Sciences.
- 1.19 To have unified training and seminar once a year for all members.
- 1.20 Let it be known a KBI “Warrior” in essence means to understand your principles and not compromise them.

MANAGEMENT

ARTICLE II

MANAGEMENT:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 2.1 The management of KBI shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors shall be Yudanshas the rank of 6th Dan or above.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to keep KBI Representatives and its affiliates well informed on codes of conduct, methods, policies, rules, and procedures within KBI.
- 2.3 Each Board member is responsible to make sure KBI is never used for a dishonest or immoral purpose, personal gain.
- 2.4 Members of the Board of Directors are as follow:
 - a. President/Founder
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Chairman
 - d. Vice Chairman
 - e. Secretary
 - f. Treasurer

DUTIES AND METHOD OF OFFICERS ELECTED:

2.5 The duties of the various officers are those duties promulgated by the Board of Directors as follows:

a. Chairman of the Board:

1. To determine board composition and organization;
2. Clarify board and management responsibilities;
3. Planning and managing board and board committee meetings;
4. Developing the effectiveness of the board.
5. Will delegate the any board member as Chairman of the Meeting.
6. Will replace the Vice President if office is vacant.

b. Vice Chairman of the Board:

1. Performs all the duties of the Chairman of the Board in his/her absence.
2. Will replace the Chairman of the Board or Vice President if office is vacated.

c. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall be appointed by the board. The Secretary shall maintain the records of KBI official meetings, and legal documents of KBI.

d. Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer shall receive all of KBI monies, and deposits those monies into the KBI account. Bills will be paid and organizational checks written by the Treasurer with the approval of the KBI President.

e. President:

The President shall be elected by the KBI Directors at the board meeting among the directors. (The President doesn't necessarily have to be the Founder) The President in addition to taking on matters authorized by KBI articles, shall be Responsible for carrying out all administrative and executive decisions concerning KBI. This position is for life.

f. Vice President:

The Vice President shall be elected by the board by the KBI directors. The Vice President shall be the representative of KBI at official ceremonies and shall Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or disability.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

2.6 The Council of the Elders will:

- a. Preside over officials found guilty of unworthy conduct tarnishing the spirit of Warriorship and the Code of Conduct.
- b. Stamp all titles and promotions during KBI ceremonies.
- c. Shall be present at yearly General Meetings of the KBI Board of Directors held once a year in person and or video conference.
- d. Shall observe all new Yudansha and equivalent thereof from all disciplines present at the KBI Organizational Promotion Official (Title/Rank) ceremonies to vote privately on whether KBI will grant the certificate and ring to the

member signifying their proficiency in technique and spirit before the KBI unified body.

- e. Shall review all appeals of disciplinary actions for pardoning or reinstatement.
- f. This position will be held indefinitely or until one can no longer carry out their duties as charged.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

2.7 The BOARD OF EXAMINERS will:

- a. Will be elected by the Council of the Elders privately to carry out the following duties.
- b. Set standards of conduct and practice of the Martial Science within the jurisdictional limit of KBI.
- c. Make recommendations for promotions as outlined in the procedures of KBI.
- d. Determine and interpret the rules and conditions for all KBI sponsored competition (Promotional)
- e. Offer technical advice and information with expressed permission by the Board of Directors to other authentic organizations.
- f. Develop a manual of technical instruction and promotional procedures for KBI.
- g. Composed of KBI Yudansha or advanced practitioners within other disciplines of the ranking of 6th degree and above (its equivalent within other Martial Science Systems)
- h. This position will be held indefinitely or until one can no longer carry out their duties as charged.

OTHER OFFICES

- 2.8 Other offices are as follow:
- a. International Representatives
 - b. Country Ambassadors
 - c. National State Representatives

All members holding the above mentioned offices in 2.8 must be San Dan & above

PASSPORT-KBI

- 2.9 All KBI Executive Board Members, Council of Elect, Board of Examiners, and National Representatives must have a US Passport by December 31, 2022. New KBI Executive Board Members, Council of Elect, Board of Examiners, and National Representatives must have a US Passport by their 1st anniversary date (year from their membership date).
- 2.10 No members of KBI shall have demonstrations, tournaments, or any activities in the name of KBI without the expressed written approval of the Board of Directors and the Country Ambassador.

TERM OF OFFICE:

- 2.11 The term of office for KBI shall be 3 years, with the exception of the President, the Board of Directors, and the Council of the Elect which shall be for life. At the conclusion of each term there shall be a internal review and vote by the Board of Directors.

VACANCIES:

- 2.12 In case of resignation or death of a KBI official, KBI Board of Directors shall elect a substitute whose term shall not exceed the remaining term of the vacated office.

UNWORTHY CONDUCT:

- 2.13 In case of any KBI official found guilty of unworthy conduct, he/she will be expelled from his/her office and thereby automatically loses his/her qualification for any other official position he/she may hold in KBI.

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENTS

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- 3.1 This constitution will only be amended by a majority of four votes of the KBI Board of Directors.
- 3.2 Amendments shall be proposed in writing to the Board of Directors. The Amendments are submitted to the Board of Directors and their recommendation to accept the amendments is essential.
- 3.3 Amendments once voted in shall take effect immediately.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

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- 4.1 The General Meetings of the KBI Board of Directors shall be held once every year, at a location where the Promotion (Title/Rank) ceremonies occur once a year.

PRESIDENT'S MEETING:

- 4.2 The President's meeting will be held once a year at a location designated by the KBI Board of Directors. Special Board meetings may be called by the President when necessary, or at the request of a (4 member) majority of the Board of Directors.
- 4.3 All KBI officials will be notified through e-mail and via phone at least 2 weeks (14 days) prior to date, along with a list of matters to be deliberated on at the meeting.
- 4.4 All official KBI members will be fine of \$50.00 for missing an official meeting with no reason or communication for accountability.
- a. First offense will result in a verbal reprimand.
 - b. Second offense will result in a fine of \$50.00.
 - c. Any further offenses will result in a serious reprimand from the Board of Directors.

CHAIRMAN:

- 4.5 The Chairman will preside over all official meetings. The Vice Chairman will assume Chairmanship if the Chairman is not available.

QUORUM:

- 4.6 All KBI Executive Board meetings shall in order to conduct business, require a simple Majority of 4 participating elected officials.

VOTING:

- 4.7 In KBI official meetings, an official in attendance has the right to one (1) vote. A Resolution, unless otherwise stipulated by the KBI Articles, is to be made by a simple majority vote of officials attending. Proxy vote will be permitted in the regular meetings, but will not be allowed in the Executive Board meetings.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT / ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- 5.1 KBI shall be independent, non-profit, and governed by its own Constitution. KBI shall abide by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States of America, in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.
- 5.2 KBI will cooperate with other governing bodies for the furtherance of the Martial Sciences, providing that such cooperation does not endanger the KBI essential Autonomy.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION:

- 6.1 Upon receiving an application for membership in the form stipulated by KBI, the President shall obtain the recommendation of the Board of Examiners followed by the decision of the Board of Directors.

ACCEPTANCE:

- 6.2 When the application is accepted from an organization which applied for membership shall become a member organization of KBI.

DUTIES:

- 6.3 Members organizations, must abide by the rules and regulations of KBI.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- 6.4 A member organization may lose its' status for the following reasons.
- a. Withdrawal (voluntarily)
 - b. Dissolution of the member organization
 - c. Expulsion by KBI
 - d. Article 2.12

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION:

- 6.5 The following situations will justify expulsion from KBI by the Board of Directors.
- a. Failure to pay fines
 - b. Violation or failure to perform the required duties of the member organization.
 - c. Acts defaming honor of KBI, or contrary to the Mission Statement of KBI

APPEALS, PARDONING, AND REINSTATEMENT:

- 6.6 An organization wishing to appeal suspension must present in writing such request to KBI. The Board of Directors decision is final.

DEACTIVATION:

- 6.7 Head instructors may deactivate his/her membership by writing a letter of resignation to the KBI Headquarters.

DOJO MEMBERSHIP:

- 6.8 Head Masters and Teacher may register their school by applying to KBI headquarters from their respective regions/countries. A school Charter will be issued as soon as the Head instructor has registered minimum of (10) students with KBI.
- a. Head Instructors must submit a copy of his/her Certificate/License/Diploma accompanied with the certification of his/her previous degrees.
 - b. The International Representatives, Country Ambassadors, and State Representatives will confirm and verify all registrations before submitting them to the Board of Examiners at KBI Headquarters.
 - c. Following the approval process by the Board of Examiners, KBI will issue diplomas of recognition, KBI patches, and KBI Yudansha rings (Rings are only given once a year at KBI Ceremonies).

ARTICLE VII

FEES / DUES / KBI FUNDS

FEES

- 7.1 The enrollment fee payable by each member organization, when applying for affiliation shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 7.2 The following are enrollment fees.
- a. State/Country Representatives \$120.00 USD
 - b. Membership Organizations \$150.00 USD
 - c. General Members \$50.00 USD
 - * Patch
 - * I.D. Card
 - d. Black Belt Members \$70.00 USD
 - * Patch
 - * I.D. Card
 - * Certificate of Recognition (Can be purchased with proper documentation)
 - * KBI Ring can be purchased at the ceremony (Article 1.9, 2.6-d)
 - e. School yearly registration \$60.00 USD (If under minimum of (10) are not registered yearly \$80.00 USD)
- 7.3 All dues shall be due and payable no later than the fifteenth of the 1st month of the fiscal year. Any member violating the provision of this Section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100.00 and / or expulsion from the Organization.

- a. Membership dues is based on an October 1 to September 30th fiscal year.
- b. KBI does not prorate dues for members joining outside the October 1st renewal.
- c. KBI membership dues are paid annually in regards to the status of membership.
- d. KBI accepts dues payments all year long, but membership is based on an October 1st - September 30th fiscal year.

UNPAID FEES:

- 7.4 Member organizations that have not honored their current dues/fees shall not be permitted to be present at any KBI meetings or functions until in good standing.
- a. Any member is automatically expelled from KBI if such member's dues remain unpaid in arrears for three (3) months from the expiration date of the period for which the member's dues were paid. If it's Bylaws so provide, expel a member whose dues have remained unpaid for a shorter period than three (3) months. Such remove from its roster the name of any member expelled as provided herein.
 - b. All claims, including appeals from decisions and /or determinations which are submitted to the International Executive Board in accordance with this (Article 2.12), shall be processed, heard and determined in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the International Executive Board, which the Board may amend from time to time as it deems necessary.
- 7.5 If a member submits a check to any officer in payment of an amount due and said check is unpaid or protested then they shall be subject to a fine of \$ 50.00 dollars, together with all the protest charges incurred.

ARTICLE VIII

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

- 8.1 Any breach of these rules by a member or organization shall render that member or organization liable to suspension by the Council of the Elect. The Council of the Elect shall have the power at any time to disqualify, fine, or suspend a member or organization.
(Article 2.12)

ARTICLE IX

PROMOTION OF RANK AND PRESENTING OF TITLES

- 9.1 In order to protect the Integrity, Honor, and Principles of KBI all new Yudansha (and equivalent rank in other systems and higher) will not receive rank certification from KBI until the initiate ceremony a day prior to the Kuro Bushi International Hall of Warriors Commemoration Ceremony. On that date the member will execute a form selected by the Council of Elect from which they should have mastered and techniques to demonstrate their proficiency. After which the members will receive their certificates of acknowledgement and their KBI initiate ring.
- 9.2 As a condition of rank promotion and title bestowing by KBI, Yudansha (and equivalent rank in other systems) who have proven worthy will sign an agreement stating that they acknowledge the year probationary period in which they will be held accountable for upholding the standards and honor. If for any reason said member withdrawals, gets expelled, or is under investigation of a major infraction they will be asked to turn in their patch, rank, and title certification over to the Board.
- 9.3 The Board has the right to waive the return of rank promotion; title, ring, and patch by a majority vote.

ARTICLE X

TOURNAMENT

- 10.1 All KBI tournaments will follow the rules voted and decided on by the Board of Directors.
- 10.2 All KBI tournament judges must be familiar with the rules. Center referees must be certified by attending accredited rule seminars and satisfactorily meet the KBI center referee requirements.
- 10.3 Non Black belt (and equivalent rank in other systems) will not be allowed to attend the Black belt meetings or judge any competitions.

TRADITIONAL ATTIRE:

- 10.4 In tournament KBI patches must be displayed and worn on the right shoulder of the uniform 2" from the shoulder seam.
- 10.5 KBI members will wear uniforms allowed by their respective disciplines.
- 10.6 KBI official judges and referees will wear the traditional attire of his/her Martial discipline unless a uniform is voted on by the Board to wear. ex.. Blazer jacket
- 10.7 KBI lapel pins will be worn on the left lapel if suit does not have a lapel it will be worn on the left above the heart.
- a. The KBI Officer/Representative lapel pin will be worn at all functions and will be placed directly above the KBI membership lapel pin.
 - b. The KBI membership lapel pin will be worn at all functions in the proper place designated in 10.7.
- 10.8 During KBI functions, gatherings, seminars etc. KBI patches must be displayed and worn over the heart on the practitioner's individual traditional attire. White tops are mandatory unless the custom of that discipline dictates otherwise. This will represent the solidarity of all disciplines under the banner of KBI.

THE KBI MOTTO

IN ALL THINGS PRESS ON AND DO GOOD