Albuquerque International Association Student Group (AIAS)

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Albuquerque International Association Student Group, hereafter referred to as AIA Students.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To provide UNM undergrads and professional students their own community within the Albuquerque International Association (AIA) for which to direct their own projects, discussions and debates surrounding important global issues. AIA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the community by creating a vibrant intellectual environment dealing with foreign affairs, international business, culture and art. The Association’s mission is to increase public understanding of the world in which the US plays such an important role, as well as to contribute to the internationalization of the City of Albuquerque. This student group will expose UNM students to international leaders and leading experts as brought to us by AIA in the fields of international politics, law, business, foreign policy, art and academics; ambassadors, corporate executives, renowned writers and academics. Furthermore, it will facilitate networking within AIA’s outstanding membership through mentorships and contacts with AIA members who worked abroad and know the world. This fall, the main topic of discussion at AIA will be “Challenging Countries, Difficult Leaders”, which consists of four lectures on Iran, Venezuela, North Korea and Cuba given by some of our nation’s most knowledgeable experts (to be held at UNM Continuing Education). Students may also choose to involve themselves with AIA book club discussions regarding those same countries and AIA social events for networking amongst some of Albuquerque’s most active international professionals. Since most events are through AIA, social events and book clubs will most likely occur at the homes of AIA members.
ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP and DUES

Membership in the organization shall be open to any UNM undergraduate or graduate student. The UNM online membership list will be based on approved member applications through the Student Activities Center website. Unless the student group has been funded, there is a mandatory annual fee of $5 per student to cover the annual student membership cost at AIA. All AIA Lectures are free to UNM students, but membership includes access to member events like book clubs, mentors, and social events and is a requirement to be considered a member of the student group. Approval requires that the $5 annual fee is received first before any UNM student can be considered a member of AIA and the AIA UNM Student Group. The $5 payment must be mailed to the Albuquerque International Association administration directly.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Eligibility  (Undergraduate students serving as officers must be registered for a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester. Graduate and professional students serving as officers must be registered for a minimum of three (3) credit hours per semester.)

Officers must be paid members of the Albuquerque International Student Group and active participants in their events.

Section 2: Officer Duties

President and co-president positions of the student group are volunteer positions which need to be approved by the Albuquerque International Association Board of Directors. All other officers of the student group (also volunteers) are appointed by the President and Co-President of the student group to facilitate any duties that may arise.

The President and Co-President of the student group have the following duties:
President:

- **AIA Board Chair Duties**
  - Attend AIA board meetings to represent students.
  - Draft charter application each year and by-laws.
  - Manage new student members and coordinate dues with AIA admin.
  - Promote events to official student group member list.

- **Outreach and Promotion**
  - Promotion to graduate students and professors.
  - Facilitate coordination with law school.
  - Facilitate coordination with UNM Honors Department
  - Promotion also to Model UN community and High School Students.

- **Director of Student Funding**
  - Direct funding and budget and/or delegate funding/budget duties.

Co-President:

- **Undergraduate Outreach and Promotion**
  - Event promotion to the undergraduate student promotion email list as the event announcements come to you from the AIA admin, which you develop as you learn of interested people and organizations.
  - Hard copy flyers for events should be taken to the Honors department and any other relevant academic departments or professors 2 weeks in advance.
  - AIA admin may have particular professors that they want materials sent to.
  - Invite Facebook friends and expand Facebook page.

- **Undergraduate membership**
  - The goal is to bring UNM students into AIA community.

**Section 3: Terms of Office**

President and Co-President positions are volunteer positions that are approved by the Albuquerque International Association Board of Directors. Their terms last the entire academic year. All other officers’ terms are also for the academic year unless otherwise specified.

**Section 4: Elections**

Non-appointed positions that receive multiple applicants will be open for election at some point early in the academic year after re-chartering. An announcement for the election meeting will occur at least two weeks in advance, and will occur online through the UNM Student Activities Website.

**Section 5: Officer Removal**

Should an officer fail their duties or resign, the President and Co-President of the student group must both agree to remove that officer from their duties and appoint another member to perform those duties until the end of the term.
ARTICLE V: ADVISORS

Faculty advisors are chosen by the President of the Student Group upon re-chartering at the beginning of the academic year. Advisors may support the student group by helping promotion amongst UNM students, acting as an advisor to student group policies, and leading and facilitating discussions and events.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Meetings and events of the student group are based on the Calendar of Events of the Albuquerque International Association, most of which are off-campus events. Should the officers decide to hold a student group meeting aside from the Albuquerque International Association events, location and times will be announced at least one week prior to meetings.

ARTICLE VII: QUORUM

Any meetings where official business about student group policy is the matter, both the student group President and Co-President must be in attendance, and all officers must be present. This will be considered quorum. Non-officer student group members are not required to attend official meetings for the quorum state to be active, but their votes will be counted if present.

ARTICLE VIII: LEGISLATION

Quorum is required to adopt policies and resolutions into the student organization. Student group policies and resolutions only relate to the management issues of the student group. If certain policies conflict with the policies of the Albuquerque International Association administration or board of directors, then those policies can be over-ruled by the President of the Student Group.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution require majority vote in quorum.