BY-LAWS of the

PACIFIC ISLANDS BILINGUAL-BICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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### I. NAME:

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The name of this organization shall be the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association (PIBRA).

#### II. PURPOSE:

It shall be the purposes of the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association:

- To represent people involved in bilingual-bicultural education in the Pacific for the purposes of:
  - (a) lobbying for policies which promote bilingualbicultural activities at the regional and national level.
  - (b) promoting the unity of the Pacific in matters relating to bilingual bigultural activities.
- 2. To establish channels of communication for disseminating information relevant to bilingual-bicultural activities in the Pacific.
- 3. To promote bilingualism and biculturalism in the Pacific.
- 4. To foster community involvement in the development and implementation of bilingual-bicultural policies in the Pacific.
- To serve as a forum for the development of a bilingual-bicultural philosophy in the Pacific.
- 6. To encourage the implementation of quality programs of bilingual-bicultural instruction.

## ARTICLE I Location and Address

Section 1: The current mailing address of this association shall be:

Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association Bilingual-Bicultural Training Program University of Guam P.O.Box EK Agaña, Guam 96910

Section 2: This association will have no permanent location. Each succeeding President shall be responsible for developing a letterhead for this particular office for purposes of the Pacific Island Bilingual-Bicultural Association.

# ARTICLE II Membership and Dues

- Section 1: Membership shall be open to all individuals interested in purposes of bilingual-bicultural education in the Pacific Islands areas:
  - A. Guam
  - B. Northern Marianas
  - C. Federated States of Micronesia
  - D. Palau
  - E. Marshall Islands
  - F. American Samoa
  - G. Hawaii
- Section 2: Membership will be of two types:
  - A. Primary membership will include those individuals who live on any of the Pacific Islands listed in Article II, Section 1. Primary members shall be the only voting members of the organization.
  - B. Associate membership will include individuals who are supportive of the purposes of the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association and who do not live on any of the Pacific Islands listed in Article II, Section 1.
- Section 3: All members are required to annually maintain good standing membership by paying a five-dollar (\$5.00) fee. Students may hold primary membership by paying a \$2.00 annual fee.
- Section 4: A vote can only be cast by a primary member in good standing.

## ARTICLE III Meetings

- Section 1: An annual meeting shall convene once a year for the purposes of an election of officers and association business.
- Section 2: The annual meeting will take place at the annual Pan Pacific Bilingual-Bicultural Educators' Conference.
- Section 3: Membership attending meetings will be recorded and listed in the minutes.
- Section 4: The President may call an emergency Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association meeting for the purposes of advocating or supporting immediate Pacific Islands bilingual-bicultural issues and concerns.
- Section 5: A quorum shall consist of members present when reasonable notice of a meeting has been communicated to the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association membership.

### ARTICLE IV

- Section 1: The general officers shall be a President, President-elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually from and by the voting members at the annual Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association meeting.
- Section 2: All officers shall hold their respective offices for one (1) year or until their respective successors are elected. All officers shall cease to be officers when they can no longer be members.
- Section 3: The Governing Board of the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association shall be the general membership.
- Section 4: The principle duties of the general officers shall be as follows:

### A. President:

The President shall promote the purposes of the association, have general supervision, direction, and active management of the affairs and businesses of the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association and the power in general to obligate the association; shall preside at all meetings of the association; shall perform all duties empowered upon the President of the association by the general membership; shall be empowered to sign all documents and checks of the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association; and appoint all committees as deemed necessary to cary out the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association activities.

### B. President-Elect:

The President-elect shall maintain communication with the President for purposes of learning to direct and manage bilingual-bicultural affairs and businesses. The President-elect Shall assume the duties of the President one year after his/her election at the annual Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association meeting.

### C. Secretary-Treasurer:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain records of all proceedings of such meetings; shall have custody of all the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association books, documents, and papers; and assist the President in all the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association activities. Additionally, the Secretary-Treasurer shall keep true and accurate books of accounts; and shall exhibit books of accounts at all Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association meeting.

# ARTICLE V Amendments of BY-LAWS

Section 1: By-laws can be amended only by a majority vote by voting members at the annual Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association meeting. Section 2: All amendments shall be added to the By-Laws and distributed to all the Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association members. This document was approved and adopted in the present form on the <u>llth</u> day of February, 1980, and certified true by the following signatures: ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD 02/11/80 DATE President MASA-AKI N. EMESIOCHL President-Elect Secretary-Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February , 1980. Marily D. A. Manikewan MARILYN D.A. MANIBUSAN March 14, 1984 COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE