

Charter for Pak-NAFA

(Pakistan National Association of Fulbright Alumni)

*“Of all the joint ventures in which we might engage, the most productive, in my view, is educational exchange.” - Senator William J. Fulbright, *The Price of Empire**

1. Name and Nature of the Association:

- a) The **name** of the Association will be Pakistan National Association of Fulbright Alumni, abbreviated as **Pak-NAFA** (hereinafter referred to as NAFA). “Pak” in Urdu means “pure,” and it also abbreviates Pakistan. “NAFA” in Urdu means “profit.” Thus Fulbrighters are of course a pure profit for their country and the globe overall.
- b) NAFA will also decide on a **Logo**, may be writing the name Pak-NAFA in English, or in Urdu calligraphy.

2. General Objectives of NAFA:

- a) The general objectives of NAFA are to provide a platform for Fulbrighters of Pakistan to “**foster mutual understanding**” between the people of Pakistan and the United States. NAFA will disseminate materials that promote Fulbright ideals and will enhance the core values, strategies, and spirit of Fulbright program.
- b) NAFA will develop a **sharing spirit** among the Fulbright fellows on issues of intellectual and mutual interest and other exchange programs. It will provide opportunities to the Fulbright fellows to share their Fulbright experience with community at large, including students, colleagues, and departments. It will also invite the international Fulbright specialists to meet the local members whenever possible
- c) NAFA will assist the USEFP to hold seminars, workshops and orientation courses from time to time in order to provide help and guidance to researchers.
- d) Each year it will hold **one annual conference**, and will publish/ contribute to publish proceedings and a newsletter/journal
- e) NAFA will promote **mentoring facilities** for the prospective Fulbright fellows.
- f) NAFA will promote ongoing opportunities for Fulbrighters to network with each other and others.
- g) NAFA will help USEFP to encourage the widest range of good candidates possible and will assist in the selection process.

3. Membership:

- a) Membership will be composed of people who have received a Fulbright grant.
- b) Voting membership will consist of persons who have paid their annual dues by the time of the general meeting. This requirement may be waived by a vote of the Board majority.
- c) Friends of Fulbright will be non-voting members comprised of friends, spouses, volunteers and patrons.
- d) The afore mentioned memberships can be revoked and restored based on rules framed by the association
- e) Classes of membership: individual, institutional, associate, honorary, annual, bi-annual, 05yrs, life, honorary-life, national, and international may be considered. This covers **fees structure and entitlements** (to materials and resources), varying accordingly.
- f) **USEFP shall hold the database** for all the members to disseminate it to the Provincial or regional Chapters. Directory maintained.

4. Board:

a. Board Composition:

1. Each local Fulbright Alumni Chapter will elect one member of the board. Chapters with 20 or more paid members will select two.

b. Board Duties:

1. Enforcing provisions of constitution and rules
2. Making and proposing amendments in rules
3. Establishing committees
4. Recommending membership dues and other expenses
5. Negotiate and enter into agreements
6. Regulate funds and getting them audited
7. Holding meeting four times a year.

5. Office Bearers: Board members will elect the following office bearers of the National organization of NAFA. All elected office bearers will serve a term of two years. All office bearers must have demonstrated commitment to the Fulbright Program and the Fulbright Alumni Association. Office bearers must be members of the Board. **Roles and responsibilities** are mentioned as follows:

1. **President:** Will preside all meetings. He/she will be responsible for the achievement of objectives and goals, and will represent NAFA at all the meetings and functions. Will help organize National Conference and name Conference Coordinator.
2. **Vice-President:** Will assist the President and serve as President if the President is unable to serve.
3. **General Secretary:** Maintain correspondence, keep records and be responsible for an annual progress report and for contents for the website. Accounts maintained by USEFP.
4. **Assistant Secretary:** To assist the General Secretary in any duty assigned.
5. **Executive Director of USEFP** will serve as ex officio
6. **Alumni Coordinator USEFP** ex officio.

6. Executive Committee: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Executive Director of USEFP, and Alumni Coordinator USEFP ex officio, empowered to make decisions between meetings of the Board.

7. Funds: All the collected finances will be used for the promotion of NAFA's cause. Funds collected will be managed by USEFP and will be deposited in a separate fund.

8. Annual General Meeting:

- a. Requirement of 2months' notice for the annual meeting. It will be a regular feature of the Association, for which there will be elections.
- b. Other meetings of the general membership may be held within one month.

9. An Annual National Conference will be vital regular feature of NAFA, though the forum may be used for International Conference as well.

10. Preparation of an **Annual Report** will be an important function of NAFA, while it can ask for preparation of such reports and collect them from its provincial and regional chapters

In an age when some of the more prosaic means of communication seem to be breaking down in conflicts of opposing political and ideological opinion, artistic expression and communication become more important ...between people of diverse national and cultural backgrounds. - Senator William J. Fulbright

11. Values and Goals for the NAFA Members:

- a. To **take pride** in being a Fulbrighter by keeping the title upfront and by being proud of its laureates to make “Fulbright” a foundation of trust and a symbol of identity for the community as well as for one’s individual self
- b. To **promote** the value of “**Exchange**” and “**Outreach**” and to “**Do**” things
- c. To treat **Fulbright flagship educational program** as a future investment at grass root level by making “contact” as the greatest antidote to “conflict.”
- d. Respecting all persons and cultures.
- e. Welcome people from other countries to Pakistan
- f. Represent Pakistan well and promote Pakistan anywhere in the world.
- g. To promote Fulbright values throughout society.

Professors have an influence that is hard to identify or to measure. But I think it’s there, and eventually their students, or in some cases the professors themselves, are in positions to influence government policy...That’s the ultimate objective...to DO something, as people say, about peace.” - Senator William J. Fulbright, Voice of America, 40th Anniversary Program, 1986

12. Provisions for amendment of Charter :

- a. Board may suggest amendment which will be voted on by general body’s 2/3 of members present at a general meeting or respondents to a mail or e-mail both.
 - b. Twenty members may also initiate a question to be decided as above.
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