

**The Constitution of  
Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region 27  
of the Grand Order of  
the Aleph Zadik Aleph**

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## **I. Preamble**

- A. We, brothers of this great fraternity, the Aleph Zadik Aleph, confirm and ratify this Constitution of Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region 27 in our earnest attempts to enrich the lives of every jewish teen in the world, create a better world for our children through the seeking of justice, and serve this great order. We promise by way of this document that we will hold each other accountable to the cardinal principles of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and strive to be the best Alephs possible.

## **II. Name and Identity**

- A. This region's name shall be "Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Region #27 of the Aleph Zadik Aleph," (KIO). It shall be a regional association of the International Order of the Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) of BBYO.
- B. This region shall identify itself with the colors of purple and yellow, as well as the official colors of BBYO.
- C. This region shall be represented, if not through official BBYO, AZA, or BBG branding, by a duck.

## **III. Jurisdiction**

- A. KIO shall consist of all the AZA chapters in Kentucky, Indiana, and central and southern Ohio.
- B. This constitution is in all cases superior to the constitutions and bylaws of the region's constituent chapters. Except where otherwise expressly provided by this constitution, only chapter constitutions and bylaws shall govern individual chapters.
- C. This constitution, resolutions duly adopted, and parliamentary procedure are in all cases superior to tradition.

## **IV. Membership**

- A.** A “member” is anyone who is eligible for membership in AZA, has registered as a member with BBYO, and has paid the BBYO membership dues.
- B.** A “member in good standing” is a member who is registered with a registered chapter of KIO, has paid KIO and chapter membership dues, and has been inducted into an AZA chapter, an AZA region, or the AZA.
- C.** An “Aleph in Training” (“AIT”) is a member who is registered with KIO, has paid KIO and chapter membership dues, and has not been inducted into an AZA chapter, an AZA region, or the AZA.

## **V. Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Board**

**A.** The duties of the Regional Board and its officers shall be the following:

1. To work for and with members of the KIO AZA community;
2. To coordinate the objectives of the constituent chapters and any potential councils, aiding them in their work;
3. To promote BBYO international programs and attend them;
4. To work closely with their B’nai B’rith Girls counterparts;
5. To communicate with AZA’s international executive board;
6. To deliver state-of-the-region addresses or officer reports at Regional Convention and business meetings;
7. To keep and maintain records relevant to each office;
8. To plan, attend, and oversee Regional programs at the direction of convention coordinators;
9. To set policies regarding each regional board member’s office for chapters and the region;
10. To spread BBYO, its missions, its beauty, and the importance that it serves and;
11. To fight for the preservation of KIO AZA.

**B.** The Regional Board shall consist of the following;

1. A Regional Aleph Godol, Regional Aleph S’gan, Regional Aleph Moreh, Regional Aleph Shaliach, Regional Aleph Mazkir, and Regional Aleph Kohane Godol.
  - a) The regional board may be held to answer to the RAG, but no hierarchy or order exists among the other regional board officers.

- b) Chapter and subsidiary officers such as committee members may be held to answer to regional board officers but are not members of the regional board.

**C.** The duties of each Regional Board officer are listed as follows;

1. Regional Aleph Godol (RAG)
  - a) Is President of the region, and as such leads the region; guides, manages, sets goals with, and helps the other regional and chapter executives; and represents the region inside and outside BBYO.
  - b) Sends contact information of the new regional board to International executives immediately upon election.
  - c) Attends meetings of the international executive committee.
  - d) Ensures that KIO AZA spirit for International Convention be coordinated.
  - e) Presides over all regional business meetings and regional board meetings, is the chairman of the regional board, and calls regional board and regional meetings.
  - f) May require in writing certain information from the regional board, committee members, or chapter Godolim.
  - g) May appoint delegates to represent the region in his place or with him.
  - h) May appoint committees.
  - i) May use regional resources to reward or punish regional board members, members, and chapters, including the power to suspend regional board members or chapters, with the prior knowledge of the regional director, but may not remove anyone from a convention without the advice and consent of the coordinator.
2. Regional Aleph S'gan (RAS)
  - a) Is Vice-President of Programming, and as such, oversees and guides programming within the region on a regional and chapter level, including regional and international simultaneous programming.
  - b) Promotes the Henry Monsky Award and other programming awards.
  - c) Plans, in coordination with the rest of Regional Board, separates for each convention.
  - d) Takes over the duties, but not the title or position, of the previously stated position if the aleph who fills that position is unable to fulfill them for business meetings.
3. Regional Aleph Moreh (RAM)

- a) Is the Vice-President of Membership and as such promotes and implements Regional recruitment, retention and education, and aides chapters in the same; and promotes the fraternal aspects of AZA.
  - b) Communicates the strength of the regions' membership numbers with other members of Regional and chapter boards.
  - c) Coordinates regional programming among the chapters in order to encourage recruitment, fraternity, traditions, and knowledge of Jewish, AZA, KIO and chapter history, etc.
  - d) Promotes all international programming including but not limited to CLTC, ILTC, Kallah, ILSI, and StandUp.
  - e) Takes over the duties, but not the title or position, of the previously stated position if the aleph who fills that position is unable to fulfill them for business meetings.
4. Regional Aleph Shaliach (RASH)
- a) Is the Vice-President of Judaism, Community Service, and Social Action, and as such promotes all aspects of Judaism in the region and chapters; and promotes Judaic, charitable, social action, and community service programming and knowledge.
  - b) Is the spiritual leader of KIO.
  - c) Promotes opportunities to visit Israel, whether through BBYO or not.
  - d) Supports programs related to Judaism and/or Israel.
  - e) Takes over the duties, but not the title or position, of the previously stated position if the aleph who fills that position is unable to fulfill them for business meetings.
5. Regional Aleph Mazkir (RAMaz)
- a) Is the Secretary and Vice-President of Communications, and as such, shall promote communication among chapters, between KIO and other regions, among the regional board, within chapters and chapter boards, and within the region. Is the Vice-President of Treasury and Fundraising, and as such, shall carry out fundraising duties for specific reasons or causes as well as the KIO general fund.
  - b) Takes minutes at all general business meetings and makes publicly available the records of the region.
  - c) Records the history of KIO as well as the constitution and its amendments, being sure to update this document as needed.
  - d) Coordinates chapter and regional fundraising primarily for International Service Fund (ISF) pursuant to the international constitution, secondarily for Regional Service Fund (RSF) pursuant to this constitution

- e) Takes over the duties, but not the title or position, of the previously stated position if the aleph who fills that position is unable to fulfill them for business meetings.
- 6. Regional Aleph Kohane Godol (RAKG)
  - a) Advises the Regional Aleph Godol.
  - b) Does not vote except as a member in good-standing in his chapter.

## **VI. Election and Installation of Regional Board**

- A.** To be eligible to run for the regional board, an Aleph must
  - 1. A member in good standing and be able to remain a member in good standing throughout his term.
  - 2. Be present at his election (unless has a reason to be absent that has been passed by the Regional Godol and Regional Director).
  - 3. Obtain and keep parental consent in writing.
  - 4. Receive the approval of the Regional Aleph Godol or Regional Director.
  - 5. Meet all deadlines found in the aspiration packet handed out by the RAG.
  - 6. Not hold any other position on Regional Board at the time he plans on serving.
  - 7. Not serve as chapter president or as his own chapter counterpart during his term on regional board without permission by a majority vote from the regional board and his chapter board combined, and the combined boards may act through long-distance communication for this purpose.
  - 8. The Regional Kohane Godol is exempt from eligibility requirements.
- B.** The elections of the Regional Board must take place at Regionals Convention in the winter.
  - 1. If KIO wishes to move elections to another time during the year, both AZA and BBG must pass an amendment by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote and receive approval from the Regional Director.
  - 2. All members of the Regional Board must be installed at the convention in which they are elected.
- C.** All election conditions shall be set by the Regional Aleph Godol (RAG) and his regional BBG counterpart, unless otherwise stated below:
  - 1. The voting body at regional elections shall be capped at 6 members per chapter. (Does not include members of regional board.)
    - a) One vote will be awarded to each member of the chapter board, however, as mentioned above, no chapter will be awarded more than six. Members of a chapter board will be known as voting delegates. Members not part of a chapter board will be known as non-voting delegates.

- (1) In the case of a block, in which two chapter members hold the same position, their regional board counterpart will decide who receives the vote.
  - (2) Chapter Madrichot and Kohane Godolim are not considered members of a chapter board.
    - b) If there are less than six total members hailing from the same chapter at elections, each present member from said chapter will be awarded one vote.
2. In the case of a chapter having six or more members present at elections, the chapter president *may not* delegate votes to non-voting delegates without the consent of the voting delegate whose vote is being passed from. All changes in voting delegates must be reported to the Regional Aleph Mazkir and approved by the RAG or her BBG counterparts before the first speech of a position election is given.
  - a) The consent of the chapter president is not required for a voting delegate to pass their vote to a non-voting delegate, however, the delegate who wishes to pass a vote must still seek the consent of the acting RAG or her BBG counterpart.
  - b) Under no circumstances shall a vote be passed between delegates during an election.
  - c) Under no circumstances shall a vote be passed to a non-member of BBYO, non-convention attendee, or guest.
3. If a voting delegate leaves an election for any reason, they must approach the Regional Aleph Mazkir or her regional BBG counterpart prior to leaving the room. Upon their return, the delegate must report back to the Regional Aleph Mazkir or her regional BBG counterpart.
  - a) If a voting delegate misses *any section* of the election (including, but not limited to: question and answers, pro-con sessions, or a speech) or fails to report back to the Regional Aleph Mazkir before the start of an election, their vote shall be forfeited for that position.
  - b) It shall be asked after every other election to motion into a break to eliminate losing a voting delegate.
  - c) If a non-voting delegate leaves the election, there shall be no penalty to their home chapter.
4. If there is a candidate for regional board who is NOT currently residing on chapter board, they will not be able to have a vote passed to them, unless they have been approved as a replacement delegate as described above.
5. Under no circumstance shall a vote be passed between chapters.
  - a) If a chapter has less than six present delegates and a voting delegate must leave the election, said delegate's vote shall be considered forfeited.

6. A majority shall be sufficient to elect an officer.
  7. Officers will be elected in the order in which they appear in Article III.
  8. Rules and procedure for elections must be published at least one week before the applications are due for the convention at which the elections are to take place.
- D.** After all officers have been elected to the Regional Board, the outgoing Regional Board shall be deinstalled and the next Regional Board shall be installed within the same convention that elections take place.
- E.** The term of office for an Officer on the Regional Board shall be from the convention in which they are elected to the convention in which they are discharged, equalling roughly one year.

## **VII. Replacement and Impeachment of Regional Board**

- A.** If any officer is derelict in his duties, becomes ineligible, or is behaving in a way that is unbecoming of a leader of KIO or the Aleph Zadik Aleph, he may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of the regional board. The officer in mention shall receive no vote.
- B.** The RAG may fill vacancies on the regional board temporarily, until the next convention at which a regional meeting may be held.
- C.** The RAG, having given prior notice to the region before applications are due for the convention at which the meeting is to be held, shall call a meeting at the convention and hold an election for that office. A replacement regional board member is subject to the usual eligibility requirements.
- D.** The Regional Director shall receive no vote in the impeachment of a Regional Officer except in the case that an Officer breaks BBYO Code of Conduct.
- E.**

## **VIII. General Business Regulations**

- A.** Only members in good standing shall participate in regional business meetings.
- B.** In joint meetings of the AZA and BBG, the RAG shall have discretion to work with the Regional N'siah to decide points of order.
- C.** Joint motions must be moved jointly by an aleph and a BBG, and passed either separately by the BBG meeting and the AZA meeting, or by a joint meeting.



- D.** The presiding officer's agenda, published at least one week before applications are due for the convention at which the meeting is to be held, shall stand as the orders of the day, but may be repealed or amended by a majority.
- E.** Specific rules regarding punishments for disorderly behavior must be included with the published agenda, and are subject to the same rules as the agenda; however, an enumeration of punishments shall not be construed to disparage the presiding officer's or the meeting's power to eject a disorderly member.
- F.** Quorum is a majority of the regional board and twenty percent of the members in good standing of the region.
- G.** Meetings may be held at any convention where attendance is open to all members in good standing.

## **IX. Life Membership**

- A.** Life membership to KIO is a privilege given to any Aleph who has served on the regional board for at least one term.
- B.** Life membership may be presented by a graduating senior at a regional event at the discretion of the RAG and coordinator, or regional board.
- C.** Life members have no privileges associated with membership except when they are otherwise members.

## **X. Amendments**

- A.** Amendments must be passed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the voting body at any given convention.
- B.** The Regional Board must preside over an official business meeting to pass an amendment.
- C.** All amendments must be published for public reading via KIO Facebook at least twenty-four hours before the start of the convention at which it shall be voted on.
  - 1. The Regional Aleph Godol will determine if these conditions have been met and will reserve the power to override this rule.
- D.** Amendments are required to pass through both AZA and BBG ratification to be enacted, except in cases that AZA is attempting to amend part of its constitution that does not pertain to BBG.
- E.** All amendments to this document shall be listed below, along with the date of ratification.

