

**BYLAWS & STANDING RULES OF IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER NO. 1, INC.**

**CHAPTER CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I: Name**

The name of this Chapter shall be Ikebana International Washington, D.C. Chapter No. 1, Inc. a cultural, nonprofit, Chapter of Ikebana International with Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan.

**ARTICLE II: Objective**

The objective of this Chapter shall be to promote mutual understanding and friendship between countries through ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arrangement) and other related arts.

**ARTICLE III: Membership**

Membership shall be open to all persons whose objectives are in accordance with Article II.

**ARTICLE IV: Dues**

The yearly dues of this Chapter shall be based on the business year, July 1 through June 30. Each Member shall pay annual dues as stated in the International Bylaws.

**ARTICLE V: Government**

The governing body of this Chapter shall be known as the Chapter Board. It shall be under the general management of the International Board of Directors, with the Chapter's Directors and Chairpersons of Standing Committees responsible for local Chapter government.

**ARTICLE VI: Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting of this Chapter shall be held in May. Regular and special meetings shall be held as defined in the Chapter Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII: Amendments**

The Constitution may be amended, provided those amendments have first been approved by the Chapter Board and then by the International Board of Directors. The proposed amendments shall then be mailed to the entire Chapter membership at least two weeks in advance of a regular Chapter meeting. Adoption of amendments shall be by two-thirds affirmative vote of Members present.