

## REGULATIONS

of the

### Iraq Academy

No. 62, for the Year 1947.

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Pursuant to paragraph 6 of article 1 of the Public Education Law No. 57, for the year 1940, and as submitted by the Minister of Education and approved by the Council of Ministers, we hereby order the promulgation of the following Regulations:—

#### Article 1.

An Iraq Academy shall be established, attached to the Minister of Education, with a juristic personality and financial independence within the limits of the budget.

#### Article 2.

The functions of the Academy shall be:—

- (a) To maintain the purity of the Arabic Language and attempt to make it adequate to meet the demands of the arts and sciences, and of the affairs of modern life.
- (b) To undertake research and writing in the fields of Arabic Literature, the History of the Arabs, the history of the peoples of Iraq, their languages, sciences, and civilization.
- (c) To study the part played by the peoples of Islam in the propagation of Arabic Culture.
- (d) To maintain in safe-keeping rare Arabic manuscripts and documents, and revive them by publishing them according to the latest scientific methods.
- (e) To undertake research in the modern arts and sciences, encourage original writing and translation in these fields, and promote the spirit of scientific inquiry in the country.

#### Article 3.

The Academy shall pursue its aims by the following means:—

- (a) Offering financial aid to research workers, authors, and translators in amounts decided upon by the Academy.

- (b) Holding competitions in scientific, literary, and social subjects and granting monetary prizes to winners.
- (c) Establishing contact with universities, and scientific, linguistic and cultural academies.
- (d) Setting up a printing-press.
- (e) Publishing a periodical.
- (f) Establishing a library.

*Article 4.*

The Academy may, with the approval of the Council of Ministers, hold ceremonies and scientific and literary conferences, as defined by these Regulations. In the pursuit of its aims the Academy may, with the approval of the Council of Ministers, delegate some of its members to represent it at learned conferences.

*Article 5.*

Members of the Academy shall be of four kinds:—

- (a) Active members whose number shall not exceed fifteen.
- (b) Associate members.
- (c) Honorary members, of Iraqi or other nationality.
- (d) Corresponding members, of Iraqi or other nationality.

*Article 6.*

In electing an active member the following shall be observed:—

- (a) That he be of Iraqi nationality, enjoying his civil rights, and of not less than thirty-five years of age.
- (b) That he meet one of the following conditions:—
  - (1) A wide knowledge of the Arabic Language and Literature, and reputation for research work and authorship therein.
  - (2) Specialization in a field of art or science, and ability to compare modern scientific or technical terminology with similar old Arabic terminology.
  - (3) Specialization and authorship in the History of the Arabs, the History of Iraq, or the History of the peoples of Islam, their culture and civilization.

*Article 7.*

(1) In electing an associate member the following shall be observed:

- (a) That he be of Iraqi nationality, enjoying his civil rights, and of not less than thirty years of age.
- (b) That he meet one of the following conditions:—
  - (i) Specialization in the Arabic Language and Literature, and a reputation for research work and authorship therein.
  - (ii) Specialization in a field of art or science and ability for research work and authorship.
  - (iii) Wide knowledge of one foreign language and ability to translate from it into Arabic and *vice versa*.

(2) In electing an honorary member, the following shall be observed:

That he be of good repute, and well-known for his readiness to offer valuable material aid in the encouragement of literature and science.

(3) In electing a corresponding member the following shall be observed:

That he fulfill the conditions prescribed in the provisions of paragraph (b) of Article 6.

*Article 8.*

(a) The Minister of Education shall choose four active members from among those who fulfill the conditions for membership stated in Article 6, provided that each shall represent one of the following branches of learning:—

- (1) The Arabic Language and literature.
- (2) The history of the Arabs, the history of Iraq, or the history of the peoples of Islam.
- (3) The modern sciences.

(b) These members shall elect three other members. Similarly the seven members shall elect three others, taking into account the variety of specialisation. With this the Academy shall be deemed to have been constituted.

The Academy shall elect the remaining members as necessity arises.

Results of the elections shall be submitted to the Minister of Education so that he may take steps for the issuing of a *Royal Iradah*. This rule shall be observed at each new election. Membership of the Academy shall be permanent. If a member resign or die, the election of a new member shall be conducted as prescribed in these Regulations.

*Article 9.*

Active members shall meet to elect by secret ballot and a simple majority, a President and two Vice-presidents, who constitute the President's Office.

*Article 10.*

The election of the members of the President's Office shall be renewed annually in the first week of October. Emergent members may be re-elected.

*Article 11.*

Active, associate, honorary and corresponding members shall be elected by secret ballot and a simple majority after nomination by two active members.

*Article 12.*

The Academy shall when necessary form committees to plan its researches and studies, or to undertake the activities related to its functions. These committees shall submit their reports to the Academy.

*Article 13.*

The Academy shall, upon the invitation of the President, or in his absence, of a Vice-president, hold at least two meetings a month in order to conduct its own business.

*Article 14.*

An active member shall be deemed to have resigned if he absent himself from six consecutive meetings without an acceptable reason.

*Article 15.*

The Academy shall have a summer recess beginning with the first day of June and ending with the last day of September.

*Article 16.*

The President of the Academy is a head of department who shall have the power to appoint officials and employees according to the cadre approved by the Academy in conformity with the Laws in force; he shall have power to order payment, and to make all purchases necessary for the internal activities of the Academy; and he shall have power to order the purchase of books required for the library of the Academy.

*Article 17.*

The Vice-president shall act for the President when the latter absents or excuses himself.

*Article 18.*

The Academy shall appoint a Secretary nominated from among its members or from outside its membership. The appointment shall be subject to a *Royal Iradah*.

*Article 19.*

The Secretary of the Academy shall be responsible for issuing announcements of the meetings to the members of the Academy, for keeping the minutes of the Academy's meetings and decisions, and for carrying on all its correspondence.

*Article 20.*

The Academy may assess the rewards and prizes to be given to winners in competitions, to publishers, translators and authors, and to any member to whom it entrusts the performance of some work.

*Article 21.*

The Academy may give free of charge up to ten per cent of its publications to its members, scientific institutions, welfare societies, and leading newspapers and periodicals.

*Article 22.*

The Academy shall have a budget which after being prepared by

the President's Office and approved by the Academy, shall be submitted to the Minister of Education for inclusion in the budget of the Ministry of Education.

*Article 23.*

The Academy may receive donations of various kinds of movable or immovable property.

*Article 24.*

The President shall receive a fixed monthly allowance decided upon by the Council of Ministers, provided that, should the President be a Government Official, the provisions of the Civil Service Law be observed.

*Article 25.*

An active member shall receive a fixed monthly allowance decided upon by the Council of Ministers, provided that, should the member be a Government Official, the provisions of the Civil Service Law be observed.

*Article 26.*

A quorum shall be attained by the presence of more than half of the members, and decisions shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. A copy of the decisions shall be sent to the Minister of Education for information.

*Article 27.*

Regulations No. 24, for the year 1945, of the Committee on Publication, Translation, and Authorship are hereby repealed.

*Article 28.*

These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

*Article 29.*

The Minister of Education is charged with the execution of these Regulations.

Made at Baghdad, this 12th day of Muharram, 1367, and the 26th day of November, 1947.

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