

Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina, Inc.

Short Introduction

Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina (ICSNC) was established in 1987 by a group of individuals with the following Purposes;

- A. Establishment and enhancement of communication among members and their families to promote goodwill and cooperation among its members by way of meetings, gathering, outings, and other recreational and social events.
- B. Preservation of the Persian language and culture among members and their families in the greater Triangle area of North Carolina by way of:
 - Offering courses in the Persian language (Farsi).
 - Developing programs on Persian poetry, literature, music, history, art and culture.
 - Participating in in-state international fairs and community events as well as creating such activities and presentations.
- C. To establish and promote communication among members in the greater Triangle region of North Carolina and elsewhere in North Carolina to promote membership through websites, emails, newsletters and sponsored events (meeting, gathering, outing, and other recreational and social events).
- D. To mobilize the financial, material and human resources of the membership community in the greater Triangle region of North Carolina for charitable benefit of member individuals and families and in certain instances to provide support to nonmembers affected by natural disasters and/or unforeseen events.

The activities of the ICSNC are in no way affiliated with any union, political parties or religious groups.

The organization has been registered with the state of North Carolina as a non-profit organization and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Board of Directors manages the affairs of the Cultural Society. The board consists of 9 members and are elected by the society's membership in their annual general assembly. The Board of Directors serve without compensation. The officers of the Cultural Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition to the Board of Directors, many functional committees assist in managing variety of activities within the society. These Committees are run by society members and are (in alphabetical order) but not limited to:

- Audit of books
- Bylaws and Procedures
- Communication: ICSNC Website, Communications, Public Relations/Media, Peyvand Magazine
- Cultural: Art, Music, Lectures, and Cultural Events (Sadeh, Tirgan, Mehregan, Yalda)

- Education: Farsi classes, Poetry recital/education
- Entertainment: Gatherings, Parties and Picnics
- Festivals: Persian Festival, International Festival
- Iranian Community Center
- Iranian New Year: Charshanbeh Soori, Norouz and Sizdahbedar
- Membership, Nominating and Election
- Outreach: Fundraising , Helping Hand, Race for the Cure, Food Bank
- Youth & University Relations

Since its inception in 1987, the Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina has served its membership and the greater community in organizing cultural events, gatherings, and classes to help grow and celebrate Persian culture in the state of North Carolina, USA.

ICSNC Persian school held its first classes for Children and Adults on October 31, 1987 and continues to educate our children and adults in this area to this day. Depending on the demand each year, Persian school offers variety of classes to its students. Five classes were offered at the last school year, 3 were for children between ages of 4 to 12, one was for non-Persian Speaking adults and one was for those interested to learn more about Massnavi. The school curriculum is designed to cover reading, writing and conversation. Students are also encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities that are performed during various ICSNC cultural events and activities. Classes are held every Sunday afternoon. Cultural events are also celebrated at the school with active involvement of parents and children. All of our teachers are volunteers and do not get compensated. Over the years, many people have contributed greatly to the language and cultural education of the next generation of Iranian Americans.

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