## BYLAWS <br> OF <br> DICE FOUNDATION INC

The name of the organization is DICE FOUNDATION INC. The organization shall have an office located at 8607 FORESTVIEW DR, CANTON, Michigan, 48187 and at such other places as shall be designated by the board of directors from time to time by resolution. The organization has not been formed for the making of any profit, or personal financial gain. The assets and income of the organization shall not be distributable to, or benefit the trustees, directors, or officers or other individuals. The assets and income shall only be used to promote corporate purposes as described below. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be deemed to prohibit the payment of reasonable compensation to employees and independent contractors for services provided for the benefit of the organization. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. This organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a organization exempt from federal income tax. The organization shall not participate in any political campaign in any manner. The organization shall not attempt to influence legislation. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes.

## ARTICLE I BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held once each calendar year for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings maybe be requested by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Notice. Written notice of all meetings shall be provided under this section or as otherwise required by law. The Notice shall state the place, date, and hour of meeting, and if for a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Such notice shall be emailed to all directors of record at the email address on record, at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed effective when sent via email.

Section 4. Place of Meeting. Meetings shall be held at the corporation's principal place of business unless otherwise stated in the notice.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the directors shall constitute at quorum at a meeting. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the directors may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice. If a quorum is represented at an adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally scheduled. The directors present at a meeting represented by a quorum may continue to transact business until
adjournment, even if the withdrawal of some directors results in representation of less than a quorum.

Section 6. Informal Action. Any action required to be taken, or which may be taken, at a meeting, may be taken without a meeting and without prior notice if a consent in writing (or via email), setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the directors with respect to the subject matter of the vote.

## ARTICLE II DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. The corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors (BOD), consisting of minimum 3 directors and a max of 15 directors.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office: The directors shall be elected at the annual meeting. Each director shall serve a term of 2 year(s), or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum.
Section 4. Adverse Interest. In the determination of a quorum of the directors, or in voting, the adverse interest of a director shall not disqualify the director or invalidate his or her vote.

Section 5. Organizational Meeting of Board. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately after the election for the purpose of electing its new officers, appointing new committee chairpersons and for transacting such other business as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 6. Regular Meeting. The Board of Directors shall have regular meetings every quarter, the schedule of which shall be established at the annual meeting, to accomplish the business of the organization. No notice of such meetings shall be required.

Section 7. Special Meeting. Special meetings may be requested by the President, VicePresident, or any two directors by providing five days' written notice by ordinary United States mail or email, effective when mailed or emailed. Minutes of the meeting shall be sent to the Board of Directors within two weeks after the meeting.

Section 8. Procedures. The vote of a majority of the directors present at a properly called meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the vote of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws for a particular resolution. A director of the organization who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless their dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting. The Board shall keep written minutes of its proceedings in its permanent records.

Section 9. Emergency Action. Should action be required when it is not possible to assemble the Board of Directors in a properly called meeting or when the Executive committee explicitly
cannot assume the powers of the full board, written or oral approval of the proposed action by a board majority may be obtained in a poll of the entire Board of Directors authorized by the President or majority of the Executive committee. Any action so taken shall be recorded in the minutes of the next properly called board meeting.

Section 10. Informal Action. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the directors or all of the members of the committee of directors, as the case may be.

Section 11. Removal / Vacancies. A director, shall be subject to removal, with or without cause, at a meeting called for that purpose, by anonymous voting, using a simple majority rule. Any vacancy that occurs on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation, removal or any other cause, may be filled by the remaining directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining term of his or her predecessor, or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 12. Standing Committees. There shall be three (3) standing committees of the organization: executive, nominating and fund-raising/public relations. The President shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees from the membership of the Board of Directors of the organization with the approval of the Board of Directors. All committee appointments shall terminate upon the election of a new President, unless specifically determined otherwise at the Annual meeting. All committees shall function within the guidelines and budgets established by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the organization, as specified herein, and shall have the full authority to undertake the duties and powers of the board except as these by-laws specifically state otherwise. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the board at its next meeting.

Section 14. Ad Hoc Committees. The President may establish ad hoc committees at any time. All ad hoc committees are subject to the same rules and operating procedures as standing committees.

Section 15. Budgets. The Board of Directors shall approve the annual budget of the organization during the first quarter of each calendar year upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Section 16. Personnel Responsibilities. The Board of Directors may employ and discharge employees of the organization and may prescribe their duties and compensation. The board shall discharge its duties with respect to personnel organizational matters without regard to age, sex, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, or the national origin of any person.

Section 17. Records. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the organization.

Section 18. Compensation. No board member or officer of or any member of a committee shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or profit from the operations of the organization or any compensation of any kind, for rendering their services to the organization.

Section 19. Dissolution of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee: The board of directors and/or executive committee can be dissolved by the Board of Trustess with a majority vote of Founding Members, at any time with or without cause.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. Number of Officers. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents (as determined by the Board of Directors), a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Two or more offices may be held by one person.
a. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.
b. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall assist that office in the discharge of its leadership duties.
c. Secretary. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, shall keep an accurate list of the directors, and shall have the authority to certify any records, or copies of records, as the official records of the organization. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings and all committee meetings.
d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for conducting the financial affairs of the organization as directed and authorized by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and shall make reports of corporate finances as required, but no less often than at each meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Section 2. Term of Office. The officers shall be elected every two years by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall serve a two year term or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 3. Elections. The nominating committee, a standing committee of the organization, shall nominate, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, a slate of qualified candidates for the director position whose terms are to expire or are vacant, and its slate of candidates shall be included with the notice of the annual meeting. Following the report of the nominating committee at the meeting, any director of the organization may nominate other candidates for the available director positions, provided that the nominees agree to serve if elected. At the conclusion of nominations, the Board of Directors shall vote for each position by secret written ballot.

Section 4. Removal or Vacancy. The Board of Directors shall have the power to remove an officer or agent of the corporation. Any vacancy that occurs for any reason may be filled by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV <br> BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

## Section 1. Scope of Board of Trustees:

a. To ensure continuity of organization mission on a long term basis.
b. To dissolve DICE Foundation Executive Committee, in case executive committee is not functioning as per by-laws of the organization.

Section 2. Number of Trustees. The number of members on Board of Trustees is limited a maximum of 7 .

Section 3. Selection and Term of Office: The candidate to serve on BOT can be nominated by any BOD. The candidate getting a $2 / 3$ vote of BOD will be selected to serve on BOT. The initial term of the BOT will be for a period of 5 years. The term can be renewed multiple times using the same process as initial selection.

Section 4. Chairperson of Board of Trustees: The candidate(s) for the Chairperson of BOT will be nominated by the BOD. The Trustee getting $2 / 3$ majority vote of BOD will be selected to serve as a Chairperson of BOT, for an initial period of 5 years.

## ARTICLE V <br> BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG)

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of establishing the Board of Governors is to help DICE Foundation by guiding, assisting, shaping and promoting the DICE program in the country.

## Section 2. Scope of BOG:

a. Mobilize academia, industry and public institutions to participate in, lead and support `DICE Program and its initiatives.
b. Assist in fund raising (domestic and international) organized by DICE Foundation to support DICE Programs and its activities.
c. Manage revenues particularly royalty revenues
d. Recommend projects to DICE BOD to undertake consistent with DICE mission, objectives and programs.

Section 3. Number and Mix of Board of Governors. The number of members on the BOG is limited to a maximum of 10 , with initial term of 2 years. The BOG needs to have representation from academia, industry, government and expatriate community.

Section 4. Selection and Term of Office: Potential candidates for the BOG can be nominated by any member currently serving on the BOD or the BOG. The candidate selected will need a $2 / 3$ vote of the BOG and need approval by BOD. The term for BOG members can be renewed multiple times using the same process as initial selection.

Section 5. Chairperson (Convener) of Board of Governors: The candidate(s) for the Chairperson of BOG will be nominated by the BOG. The candidate getting $2 / 3$ majority vote of the BOG will be selected to serve as a Chairperson of BOG, for a period of 2 years, subject to the approval by BOD.

Section 6. BOG Charter: All other details regarding operations of the BOG can be found in the BOG Charter, as prepared by the BOG and BOD through mutual agreement.

## ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS

## Section 1: Classes and Rights of Members

Any individual with a demonstrated interest in promoting the cause(s) of the DICE Foundation, may apply for membership in the Foundation.

The Foundation shall have four (4) classes of Members, designated as the Founding, Sustaining Supporting, and Associate.
(a) Rights of Founding Members -Founding Member membership shall be open to those individuals that engage in or support the cause of DICE Foundation upon payment of the Founding membership annual dues prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Each Founding Member shall be able to vote to dissolve the Foundation BOD.
(b) Rights of Sustaining, Supporting, and Associate Members - All of these membership groups have the same rights as of Founding Members EXCEPT voting to dissolve the Foundation BOD.

## ARTICLE VII DICE FOCUSED INITIATIVES

Section 1. Purpose: The mission of focused DICE initiative is to provide pragmatic and dedicated platform for each area of strategic importance to the country in order to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration among academia, industry, government, entrepreneurs and the expatriate community, in that particular sector, for the socio-economic development of the country.

Section 2. Focused Platform Identification and Lead Institution Selection: The focused areas of strategic importance to the country's economic growth will be identified and prioritized by the BOD in close consultation with BOG (if exists). The BOD and BOG will work together to identify academic institutions who will play a leading role in bringing all other academic
institutions, industry, government and expatriates under the same umbrella to grow that particular strategic area. It is important that the academic institution taking the lead has proven expertise and leadership in that area.

Section 3. Chapter Formation: Each focused initiative will be led by joint leadership of DICE Foundation and the lead academic institution and will include stakeholders from industry and government as part of the steering team.

DICE Foundation will form a dedicated Chapter for each focused area comprising of expatriates passionate to help and support the given area. The Chapter members will be nominated and selected by the BOD for an initial period of 2 years. Each member of the chapter will be eligible to be selected multiple times by the BOD. The chapter members will work closely with members of the lead academic institution, other academic institutions, industry and government to achieve the mission and objectives of the focused initiative.

The members from academic institutions, industry and government, who will work closely with Chapter members (expatriates), will be selected by the leadership of lead institution.

Section 4. Removal or Vacancy. The BOD shall have the power to remove any member of the chapter. Any vacancy that occurs for any reason may be filled by another member of expatriate community.

Section 5. Secretariat: Coordination of all activities pertaining to a particular focused initiative will be done by the Secretariat office established at and operated by the lead institution.

Section 6. DICE Focused Initiative Charter: A charter (MOU) must be mutually agreed upon and signed between the DICE Foundation BOD and the lead institution prior to launching a focused initiative. Any other matter regarding the focused initiative not covered by the Bylaws of DICE Foundation may be covered under the Charter.

## ARTICLE VIII DICE STUDENT CHAPTERS

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of establishing DICE Student chapters at the university level is to provide students with leadership opportunities in various DICE initiatives, to conduct DICE activities, to promote DICE mission and objectives at the regional level, and to assist in fund raising activities.

Section 2. Chapter Formation: The DICE student chapter can be created at any HEC recognized university. The operations of DICE Chapter will be governed by the Chapter charter and must not conflict with the DICE Foundation Bylaws and DICE Program in any manner.

Section 3. DICE Chapter Charter: The charter must be mutually agreed upon and signed between DICE Foundation BOD and the institution interested in establishing and operating DICE Chapter prior to launch.

## ARTICLE IX <br> DICE MEGA PROJECTS

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of DICE doing mega projects is to build capacity and undertake mega innovation based projects relating to United Nation 17 goals such as No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Industry Innovation and Infrastructure, and Climate Action; and make DICE mission and operations more sustainable by generating royalty revenues through these projects.

Section 2. Mega Project Selection: Mega projects can be recommended by any one or more BOD members. The mega project must have large social and economic impact. The projects related to UN goals will be given highest priority. The project must be approved by DICE BOD and executive committee.

Section 3. Project Execution: The mega project will be executed through collaboration of various stake holders such as academia, industry, public institutions and expatriates. The contribution by DICE expatriate members will be voluntary and DICE expatriate members will not be paid for their time and expertise.

Section 4. Revenue: The royalty revenue generated through these mega projects will be used to further DICE mission and to fund other mega projects. The fund will be managed by the Board of Governors with members from various stakeholders such as DICE BOD, BOT, academia and industry.

## ARTICLE $X$ <br> REVENUE

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of generating a steady revenue is to carryout DICE mission, program and its activities on a sustainable basis. All members of DICE BOD, DICE BOT and Executive Committee are volunteers and cannot draw any compensation for their time and expertize from generated revenue.

Section 2. Sources: Following are some of the major potential sources of revenue.
a. Donations from members and non-member donors
b. Fundraiser tickets, sponsorships, and donations,
c. Advertisements on DICE brochure, flyers, website and portal.
d. Services to industry by DICE volunteer professionals
e. Royalty revenues from innovation and mega projects

## ARTICLE X1 CORPORATE SEAL, EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

The corporation shall not have a corporate seal. All instruments that are executed on behalf of the corporation which are acknowledged and which affect an interest in real estate shall be executed by the President or any Vice-President and the Secretary or Chief Financial Officer. All
other instruments executed by the corporation, including a release of mortgage or lien, may be executed by the President or any Vice-President. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section, any written instrument may be executed by any officer(s) or agent(s) that are specifically designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by the Board of Directors by a majority of a quorum vote at any regular or special meeting, subjected to the final approval by Chairman of Board of Trustees. The text of the proposed change shall be distributed to all board members at least ten (10) days before the meeting.

## ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

Any director or officer who is involved in litigation by reason of his or her position as a director or officer of this corporation shall be indemnified and held harmless by the corporation to the fullest extent authorized by law as it now exists or may subsequently be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the corporation to provide broader indemnification rights).

## ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be applied and distributed as follows:

All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor. Assets not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance to any other organization or individual shall be distributed, transferred, or conveyed, in trust or otherwise, to charitable and educational organization, organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of a similar or like nature to this organization, as determined by the Board of Directors.

## Certification

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the bylaws of the above-named corporation, duly adopted by the initial Board of Directors on June 09, 2013 and amended by Board of Directors on August 31, 2019 (TBD).

Ubaid Ur Rehman
President \& Director

## Salman Basit

Secretary \& Director

