

## **FLAMENCO DE LA ISLA SOCIETY** <https://www.flamencodelaisla.org/>

The Flamenco de la Isla Society was formed in June 1998 and was incorporated under the *Society Act* [RSBC 1996] Chapter 433, on 8 July 1998 under number S-38568. Societies in BC are governed by the current legislation, the *Societies Act* [SBC 2015] Chapter 18 and Regulations.

The society was formed to promote the art of flamenco in greater Victoria and on Vancouver Island, more particularly, to act as a resource for information about flamenco, to support aspiring flamenco students and to encourage the art of flamenco through public performances. Our activities include producing tablaos and fundraising shows. Our main event is the Victoria Flamenco Festival that began in 2013. We also support students of flamenco with an annual scholarship. We currently have a membership of 46 members.

A Society in BC must have at least 3 directors, one who is ordinarily a resident in BC. At present, we have 7. The officers are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We also have a Membership Coordinator.

The general business of the FDLI Society is done by the Board of Directors at a minimum of 4 meetings (or more if needed) scheduled throughout the year at the convenience of members, currently on zoom. The Board is responsible for setting goals, obtaining resources and funding and monitoring achievements. Members are expected to attend board meetings, participate in the development of planning processes, build and maintain contacts with the community, present a positive public image and maintain an active role in the Society's fund raising activities.

An Annual General Meeting must be held at least once in each calendar year. At the AGM, financial statements are presented, resignation and election of all board members take place and a report of the directors is made. An Annual Report must be filed with the BC Registry Services within 30 days after each AGM.

A quorum for both the AGM and general meetings is 3 persons (some exceptions s. 82).

Our fiscal year end is December 31. Our last Annual General Meeting was 11 March 2023.

### **Effect of Incorporation**

An incorporated society has the powers and capacity of a natural person to, among other things, issue negotiable instruments, receive and make gifts, enter into contracts and leases, employ persons and sue and be sued. A member of a society is not liable for a debt or liability of the society.

### **Societies Act**

[https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/15018\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/15018_01)

The *Societies Act* governs a society's requirements for incorporation, changes in its Constitution and By-laws, duties and responsibilities of directors, financial reports, members and meetings, and dissolution of the society.

### **Societies Act Regulations** (available on line)

The Regulations govern the requirements for the financial statements placed before an AGM and the inspection of the Books of Accounts and Records of a society.

### **Flamenco de la Isla Society Constitution**

The constitution describes the purposes of the society and the terms for its dissolution. Basically, the society's purpose is to promote the art of flamenco in Victoria and on the Island, without the financial gain of its members. If the society is dissolved, the assets, after paying any debts of the society, will be given to a charitable organization.

### **Flamenco de la Isla Society By-Laws**

The society's by-laws cover Membership Fees, Fiscal Year End, Officers and Directors, Meetings, Revenue and Expenditures, Auditors, Inspection of Books and Accounts, Amendments and Borrowing Money. According to our by-laws, the officers of FDLI Society are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

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