

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF

PHILIPPINE PIRATE MOVEMENT (PIRATE PARTYLIST)

PREAMBLE

We, representing the underprivileged Filipino Citizens and Netizens, by the will of the Almighty and Most Gracious God, and seeking him in the midst of our land, desirous that our voices be heard that we may enjoy the blessings of democracy and development, we hereby aspire and form the political party "**PHILIPPINE PIRATE MOVEMENT**" which shall be known as "**PPM**", for which we stand, protect and promote the interest, rights, and welfare of the working Filipino men and women who toil in our lands and around the globe, the contractual workers, the ambulant vendors, informal sector, unemployed, underemployed, temporary workers, the fishermen and farmers and other labor sectors of the Philippines society and seeking to find ways to unite and improve the quality and creating a regime of social justice and equal opportunity between classes of citizens who seeks to find ways to improve the quality of life.

Extending our solidarity and equal opportunity between classes of citizens thereby putting into productive use untapped human resources and innate Filipino intelligence, to serve the best way for instituting reforms that will empower the poor and liberate them from the clutches of foreign exploitations and interests thus create more middle class of citizens.

DO ORDAIN and promulgate this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article I

NAME OF THE PARTY

Section 1. The name of the Party shall be "**PHILIPPINE PIRATE MOVEMENT**", hereinafter referred as the Party, which shall otherwise be called by its acronym "**PPM**".

Article II

SIX INDIVISIBLE PILLARS OF THE PARTY

Section 1. The Party hereby adopts and promotes the SIX Pillars of the People's Patriotic Movement.

1. Fear of God!

Mamamayan na may takot sa Diyos.

2. A strong industrialized National economy.

Matibay, moderno't planadong pambansang ekonomiya;

3. A strong, just and democratic government.
Pamahalaang matatag, makatarungan at demokratiko;
4. A united and patriotic people strongly committed to the principles and practices of universally accepted human values, social justice and sustainable development.
Mamamayang nagkakaisa, nagmamahal sa bayan at kusang sumusunod sa mga prinsipiyo at kagawiang sangayon sa karapatang pangtao, lipunang pantay-pantay at kaunlarang mapanatili dahil tunay na makatao at makakalikasan.
5. A strong, professional armed and police force for national security; and
Matibay at propesyonal na armadong pwersa at polisiya na nangangalaga sa pambansang seguridad at kapayapaan; at
6. A free and independent foreign relations policy strongly committed to the principles of cooperation and reciprocity, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression and non-interference in internal affairs and peaceful co-existence in the relationship between and among nations.
Malayang pakikipag-ugnayan sa pagtutulungan at pagbibigayan sa paggalang sa pambansang kapangyarihan at sa kabuuan ng lupang tinubuan, ang hindi pang-aapi at panghihimasok sa mga problemang pangloob ng ibang bansa, at ang mapayapang pamumuhay at pakikipagkapwa sa lahat ng bansa.

Article III

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

Section 1. The Party adheres to the following guiding principles:

1. All officials and members of the Party affirm that they shall be guided by the principles and of the Peoples Patriotic Movement (PPM) in which the PARTY is the PPM's Political Arm.
2. He or she must be God-fearing, humane, patriotic and protector of the natural environment (*May takot sa Diyos, Makatao, Makabayan and, Makakalikasan*).
3. People Empowerment, which underscores that human development, is attainable for all through the people's active participation in and command of every aspect of human life.
4. Solidarity, which stresses that a common good and the national interest are paramount at all across and above individual, sectoral and parochial interests.
5. Promote dignity in labor.
6. Sustainable Development, which asserts that a bountiful natural habitat and environment for all generations to enjoy is achievable through the application of labor, capital, enterprise and technology that would preserve the habitat and promote a safe and productive environment.
7. Social Justice which, affirming that the Almighty's work is for good of all and that man is created as the steward for the common good, avows that a Humanistic society is attainable through man's continuous striving for the creation of and equitable distribution of wealth;
8. Subsidiarity, which recognizes the people's right to and capability for self-determination and emphasizes decentralization, deregulation and autonomy.

- Section 2. The Party respects the right of members in the free exercise and enjoyment of religious practice and worship, without discrimination and preference as mandated by the constitution.
- Section 3. The Party shall pursue a policy that adopts and promotes viable and effective solutions to poverty, unemployment and underemployment, and efficient delivery of services.

Article IV

OBJECTIVES

- Section 1. The general objectives of the Party are:
1. To unite and strengthen all UNDEREMPLOYED, TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED, OFW's (both sea based and land based); individuals, federations and associations both in the local and overseas, and extending development support to Filipino members and their families, and the informal labor sector empowering them towards a better employment, self employment and entrepreneurship to achieve a high quality of life thus create more middle class in the country for building a strong nation.
 2. To facilitate assistance of basic needs, such as housing, health services, social services, welfare benefits and other related programs and services;
 3. To participate in the policy making and formulate action plans for the enhancement for the economic and social well being of the members, their dependents and beneficiaries;
 4. To coordinate in planning economic development programs to enhance the economic and social well being of the unemployed, employed, temporarily employed, self-employed and the informal labor sector, the Filipino Overseas Migrant Workers and their families here and abroad.
- Section 2. The specific political objectives of the Party are:
1. To participate in the party list election in order to represent this marginalized underrepresented sector in the House of Representatives.
 2. To decentralize political power through devolution, de-concentration, and local autonomy for indigenous communities;
 3. To politically empower every citizen by promoting social consciousness and active involvement in governance, especially in the locality and community, and the formation of people's organizations as effective vehicles for political articulation and action in the society;
 4. To ensure that politics promotes national interest, thus transforming the politics of patronage and, personalities into one of service and ideology; and,
 5. To help ensure a responsible, accountable, and transparent of government and governance.
- Sections 3. The specific socio-economic objectives of the Party are:
1. To establish a socio-economic order based on distributive justice, manifested in the integration and re-integration of marginalized sectors into the mainstream of development and the equitable dispersal, ownership, opportunities, and control of the nation's wealth;

2. To implement democratic, participatory, and from bottom to top approaches in socio-economic growth planning toward achieving higher levels of income, productivity, employment, fiscal, monetary, welfare policies for the upliftment of the marginalized and underrepresented sectors;
3. To launch economic empowerment through total economic mobilization centered on cooperativism and solidarity for the benefit of small-scale entrepreneurs, marginalized and unrepresented informal sectors;
4. To promote the welfare of the industrial labor sector through appropriate and relevant human resource development programs and to exert efforts which shall ensure a just and
5. Productive work environment, which value human dignity and where they can receive fair benefits and fruits of their labor.
6. To adopt policies and programs that de-concentrate economic power and economic activities especially those that translate into political entrenchment; and,
7. To foster a mission and vision of national development that promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency, use of indigenous resources and natural growth of the economy in the context of fair market and level playing field in areas of global economic interdependence.

Article V

PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Party is a privilege and a responsibility.

Section 2. Any of the following can be a member of the Party:

1. All Filipino Workers whether employed, self employed, unemployed, temporarily employed and informal labor sector;
2. All individual Migrants Overseas Filipinos employed, unemployed, self employed abroad, returnees and Overseas Performing Artists (OPA's) who are committing themselves with the objectives of the Party;
3. Associations and Federations of employed, Guilds group, software Engineers and Scientists, unemployed, self employed, temporarily employed Filipinos and informal labor sector;
4. Organized and unorganized group of Overseas Filipinos local and abroad;
5. Dependents and beneficiaries of all types of workers;
6. Supporter of the unemployed, temporarily employed, informal labor sector and Overseas Filipinos (OFW's) Sector;
7. Identified sectoral groups such as Women. Youth, Urban Poor, Veterans and Elderly, Farmers, Fisher folks. Workers, Professionals and Indigenous Communities and other sector that is willing to support the Party.
8. Others who may be qualified by the Party as may from time to time be provided for under the membership rules.

Section 3. Other Labor Organization must declare their commitment to the party's ideology, objectives, policies, and willingness to submit to Party discipline.

- Section 4. No applicant shall be accepted if-he/she is:
1. A member of any organization whose ideology, objectives, policies, and programs are contrary with the Philippine Constitution and Laws and are inconsistent and are contrary with the principles of the Party;
 2. Those have been convicted of crime involving moral turpitude.
 3. Fugitive from justice.
 4. Member of other Partylist or political party that is considered by the Philippine Pirate Movement (PPM) its political rival or opponent.
- Section 5. Any application for membership must be acted upon in writing within thirty (30) days from the date of filing.
- Section 6. Consideration of a membership application must be endorsed by the membership Committee of the Chapter concerned. The approval of any membership application requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the bona fide members of the Chapter Directorate concerned.
- Section 7. An application that has been rejected by the Local Chapter Directorate may be appealed for reconsideration to the next Party body whose decision shall be final and binding.
- Section 8. Membership in the Party shall be terminated by resignation or expulsion.
- Section 9. The Regional Directorate shall prescribe the amount of membership fee and monthly dues.

Article VI

RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- Section 1. A Party Member in good standing shall have the following rights:
1. Participate in official; activities and functions of the Party;
 2. Be fully informed on official Party matters;
 3. Access to services, facilities, and other Party resources;
 4. A membership identification cart and certificates, and such other which attest to *bona fide* Party membership;
 5. Representation in and protection by the Party for cause, particularly when his civil and political rights are violated;
 6. Vote and be voted for in appropriate PARTY organizations and positions; and
 7. Initiate or petition the imposition of disciplinary measures on erring Party officers and members.
- Section 2. The Regional Directorate shall formulate and issue the appropriate implementing policy, administrative and operation all guidelines and procedures for the exercise of these rights.

Section 3. A Party Member in good standing shall:

1. Conduct himself, at all times, In accordance with ethical standards of personal behavior In government, business, the professions, livelihood activities, and community service;
2. Pay his membership fees, monthly dues and other special assessment as may be prescribed by the Regional Directorate;
3. Actively promote the Party ideals and programs;
4. Regularly attend official Party activities and functions;
5. Actively support and campaign for the official candidates of the Party; and,
6. Abide by the final decisions of the Party.

Article VII

PARTY DISCIPLINE

Section 1. No Party Member shall be suspended or expelled except for sufficient and valid cause.

Section 2. A Party Member may be reprimanded or suspended If he commits any of the following acts:

1. Failure to attend official Party activities or functions without justifiable reasons;
2. Non-payment of membership dues and other special assessments; and,
3. Refusal to undergo Party audit procedures.

Section 3. A Party Member shall be expelled if he commits any of the following acts:

1. Willful and malicious violation of the Constitution and By-Laws;
2. Patent disloyalty to the Party;
3. Abandonment of duties and responsibilities as a Party member for a prolonged period,
4. Frequent service suspension orders, without regard to any interregnum period such orders;
5. Final conviction by a competent court of a crime involving moral turpitude; and, other acts considered inimical to the Party, Including but not limited to the following:
 - a) Taking a stand contrary to the declared policies of the Party, in public gatherings, in radio, and television shows, and in the print media;
 - b) Making public confidential Party proceedings and documents or betraying them to political opponents;
 - c) Embezzling assets belonging to the Party or placed at the Party's disposal;
 - d) Maliciously and willfully sowing Intrigues against or engendering factionalism among members or officials of the Party; and,
 - e) Supporting and campaigning for candidates other than the official candidates of the Party in an electoral exercise.

Section 4. A Party member who is subject to disciplinary proceedings shall have the right to due process.

Section 5. The Regional Directorate shall formulate and issue appropriate implementing for imposing Party discipline. This, notwithstanding, no Party Member may be by the local the Regional Directorate, as the case maybe, except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members.

Article VIII

LOCAL ORGANS OF THE PARTY

Section 1. The local organs of the Party shall be organized by levels and structured in accordance with existing political and administrative subdivisions of the Philippine government.

Section 2. The basic policy-making and governing body of the local Party shall be the local assembly by level whose powers and functions, subject to the rules and guidelines as prescribed by the Regional Executive Committee, shall be as follows;

1. Adopt priority programs, projects, and activities in their respective areas for inclusion in the Party Regional Agenda;
2. Revise, alter, modify or repeal any resolution or policy decision approved by their respective directorates or by the lower assemblies;
3. Screen and nominate to the Regional Executive Committee, for the latter's consideration. Prospective Party candidates at their respective to the criteria, rules, and regulations prescribed by the Regional Directorate; and,
4. Implement the regional plans, policies, and programs of the Party and assisted in the delivery of government services and their respective areas.

Section 3. The members of the Party local organs shall be organized as Party Local Assemblies which shall then elect from among themselves a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, auditor and six (6) committee chairman, as succeeding sections.

Section 4. The Chairman shall be the presiding and chief executive officer of the local assembly and directorate.

Section 5. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the day-to-day performance of his duties; act as Chairman in case of the latter's absence or temporary incapacity; and succeed as Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term in case of vacancy therein.

Section 6. The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the assembly and the directorate and shall be the custodian of all its records. He shall also serve as the administrative officer of the directorate.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and other properties of the chapter and co-signatory of the Chairman relative to the disbursement of funds.

Section 8. The Chairman of the local committees shall be responsible for planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating programs, projects, and activities in their respective areas of concern, to wit:

1. Membership and Organization - the processing of membership application; maintaining membership roster; and active promotion of the Party Ideology, principles, and vision.

2. Education and Training - systematic execution of the PARTY'S educational and training programs.
3. Finance and Economic Affairs - the conceptualization and monitoring of the Implementation of projects for economic uplift of Party members and their respective communities.
4. Sectoral Affairs - the establishment, development, and maintenance of youth, women, labor both the formal and the informal labor sector, farmers and fisherfolk, overseas workers and other sectoral organizational arms of the PARTY and the coordination of sectoral efforts within the assembly In ensuring the effective promotion and participation of people's organization in the pursuit of the PARTY objectives.
5. Public Information Affairs - systematic and widespread Party Information dissemination.
6. Election - shall be responsible in conducting all election of officers.

Section 9. **Additional Officers.** The local assemblies may, in addition to the officers listed herein, create positions, as the need requires, subject to the approval of the next higher assembly.

Section 10. The execution of Party programs and local Party administration shall be vested in a local chapter directorate. In addition thereto, the directorate shall also:

1. Screen, process, approve, or reject applicants for membership In accordance with Party procedures and guidelines on membership admission, as prescribed by the Regional Directorate; and
2. Impose disciplinary measures on erring Party members In accordance with Article VI of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 11. Composition of the Regional Party Organ shall be composed of the Regional Assembly Governor, Vice-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, the six (6) Committee-Chairmen, the Chairman of the immediately preceding tower assemblies, and one (1) representative elected by and from the members of each sectoral group within the local chapter assembly.

Section 12. The basic Party unit shall be the Barangay Assembly. It shall be composed of all Party members in the barangay; provided, however, that there should be at least five (10) members in every **precinct/purok** comprising the barangay.

Section 13. **Composition of the Municipal/Component City Assembly.** The Municipal Component City Chapter Assembly shall be composed of the officers and members of the Barangay Chapter Directorates comprising the municipality/component city.

Section 14. Each Provincial and City Directorate may create an Advisory Board composed of distinguished local leaders and personalities who are held in great esteem in the territorial jurisdiction and are of known probity and integrity. The Advisory Board shall advise and counsel the local assembly and / or directorate in the exercise of their functions. The Advisory Board's chairman and members shall be designated by the Secretary-General upon the recommendation of the Provincial and City Directorate.

Article IX
THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

- Section 1. The Regional Assembly shall be the highest policy-making and governing body of the Party whose resolutions and policy decisions are final and binding upon the general membership of the Party. It shall convene once every two (2) years to:
1. Formulate and/or adopt policies, plans, and programs proposed by local assemblies;
 2. Ratify the Party Constitution and By Laws and subsequent amendments or revisions thereto;
 3. Review, revise, amend, alter, modify or repeal any resolution, decision, or accords approved by the Regional Directorate; and
 4. Elect the Regional Officers.
- Section 2. No amendment shall be authorized within two (2) years following the ratification of these Constitution and By-Laws nor more often than once every two (2) years thereafter.
- Section 3. Any amendment or revision of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be valid by a majority of the votes cast by all the members of the Regional Directorate present at a meeting called for the purpose. Such adoption, while executory for purposes of expediency, shall be subject to the validation and ratification of the majority of the votes cast by all Regional Assembly members in good standing and present at a regional congress called for the purpose not earlier than sixty (60) days and not later than one hundred (100) days from its adoption. In case the Regional Assembly, by a majority votes thereof, reject such amendments made by the Regional Directorate or propose other revisions and amendments to this By-Laws, the decision of the Regional Assembly shall prevail and the Regional Directorate shall execute the same constitution and By-Laws which shall be approved by:
1. The Regional Directorate upon a three-fourth (3/4) vote of all its members, present and voting; or
 2. The Regional Assembly upon a two-thirds (2/3) votes of all its members, and voting.

Article X
REGIONAL PARTY OFFICIALS

- Section 1. The members of the Regional Assembly shall elect from among themselves the following Regional PARTY officers:
1. Party President
 2. Secretary-General;
 3. Executive Vice President;
 4. Regional Treasurer;
 5. Vice-Presidents

- a) NCR
- b) Muslim Communities
- c) International Affairs
- d) Sectoral Affairs

- 6. Regional Governor elected by and from among the delegates of each region; and other additional regions that the Regional Assembly may create;
- 7. Regional Auditor shall be elected by the Regional Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Regional Party officials shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3. The President shall be the head of the Party, the chief of its and ideologies. He shall preside over meetings of the Regional Assembly. He shall likewise represent the Party in all and domestic functions, assemblies, and conferences which his participation. He shall call for the convening of special meeting of the Regional Assembly whenever the need arises.

Section 4. The Executive Vice-President shall assume the powers and duties of the President in the latter absence, disability, or temporary incapacity. He shall perform other functions as may be to him by the President and/or the Regional Directorate.

Section 5. The Regional Treasurer shall act as custodian of all Party finances and properties; collect dues prescribed by the Regional Directorate and/or the Regional Assembly; the of funds; disburse the necessary funds, upon the of the or his duly representative, for the party's activities, and programs, in with rules and regulations; and maintain accurate financial reports and records and the annual general budget for approval of the Regional Directorate.

Section 6. The Secretary-General shall be the chief administrator and operating officer of the Party and as such, he shall:

- 1. Direct and supervise the affairs of the Regional Secretariat and the areas of the concern Deputy Secretaries - General and such other regional committees as may be created by the Regional Directorate;
- 2. Be primarily responsible for the implementation of the directives of the Regional Directorate relative to all Party policies, rules, regulations, guidelines, and programs, as well as the overall growth, expansion, consolidation, and strengthening of Party organization at all levels;
- 3. Sign documents for and on behalf of the Party;
- 4. Be responsible for the custody and safety of all Party records, files, documents, and correspondences excluding those pertaining to the Treasurer;
- 5. Approve disbursement of the Party funds and disposition of its properties, in with the policies set by the Regional Directorate;
- 6. Appoint the Regional Executive Director and Deputy Directors of the Regional Secretariat, as stated in Section 2 and 3, Art XIII hereof;
- 7. Coordinate the activities and convene the meetings of the Regional Directorate and the Regional Executive Committee;
- 8. Preside over the meetings of the Regional Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Secretary-General shall appoint the deputy Secretaries-General as maybe deemed necessary to assist him in the discharge of his functions.

- Section 8. The function of the Vice-Presidents shall be:
1. To assist the President and the Secretary-General In the conceptualization, formulation, and recommendation of appropriate policies and programs to strengthen the organizational capability of the Party;
 2. To coordinate, supervise, monitor, and ensure the effective implementation of the Party policies, programs, and thrusts in their respective areas of responsibility;
 3. To assist the Party President and the Secretary-General in supervising, and monitoring the activities of the Regional Chairman and the Committee Chairman under their respective jurisdiction; and,
 4. Perform such other functions that may be prescribed by the Regional Directorate.
- Section 9. The Regional Auditor shall institute policies, rules, regulations, guidelines, and for the proper disbursement of the Party funds; examine and audit all accounts pertaining to finances as well as the proper disposition or usage of Party funds and property; define the scope of its audit examination procedures, establish the techniques and methods required therefore, and promulgate accounting and auditing rules and regulations; and submit to the Regional Directorate and the Regional Assembly and annual report covering the financial condition and operation of the Party.
- Section 10. The City/Municipal Chairman of the NCR's seventeen (17) administrative City/Municipal shall be primarily responsible for the coordinating PARTY activities between the Regional Party and their respective areas of responsibility; coordinating among the local Party Chapters in their City/Municipal; and monitoring developments therein. They shall be responsible to the Secretary-General and shall be under the direct supervision of their respective Vice-Presidents, as prescribed in Section 10 hereof.

Article XI

THE REGIONAL DIRECTORATE

- Section 1. There shall be a Regional Directorate, which shall be primarily responsible for the implementation of the policies adopted by the Regional Assembly and shall also:
1. Act as an appeal board for cases of suspension and expulsion initiated by the local directorates;
 2. Regulate the nomination and proclamation of the party's official candidates at the local levels;
 3. Determine the other members of the Regional Assembly;
 4. Recommend Revision, amendment, or modification of the Constitution and By-Laws; and,
 5. Formulate and adopt policy guidelines, implementing rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 2. The Regional Directorate shall be presided over by the Party President and shall be composed of the following party members;
1. The regional Party officers as provided under Section 1, Article IX;
 2. The Deputy Secretaries-General;
 3. The Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat;

4. The Chairman of the Regional Advisory Board;
5. Chairman of the Regional Sectoral, Service, and Policy Research and Development Committee as provided for under Article XII; and,
6. Such other members of regional stature as may be appointed by the Party President and the Secretary-General.

Article X11

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. There shall be a Regional Executive Committee, which shall be headed by the Secretary- General and vested with the following functions and authorities:
1. Administer and supervise day-to-day Party affairs and operations;
 2. Formulate, adopt, issue, and implement Party guidelines rules, and regulations of regional application;
 3. Develop, plan formulate, and implement Party programs, projects, and activities; and
 4. Create special committees to effectively carry out Party programs, projects, and activities on the sectoral level.
- Section 2. The Regional Executive Committee shall be presided over by the Secretary-General and shall be composed of:
1. The Secretary-General
 2. The Executive Vice-President;
 3. The Regional Treasurer;
 4. Four (4) Vice-President, each representing, Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and the Regional Capital Region (NCR);
 5. The Vice-president for the Muslim Affairs;
 6. The Vice-President for Sectoral Affairs;
 7. Two (2) Deputy Secretaries-General to be named by the Secretary-General;
 8. The Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat;
 9. Five (5) other members chosen by and from members of the Regional Directorate.
- Section 3. The Regional Directorate may create a Regional Advisory of distinguished leaders and personalities held in great esteem and are of known probity and integrity. The Advisory Board shall advise and counsel the Regional Directorate in the exercise of the latter's functions.

Article XIII

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The Regional Directorate shall create Regional Service, Sectoral, Policy Research and Development Committees and other regional committees as it may deem necessary, these committees shall be responsible to the Secretary-General and shall be under the direct administrative and operational supervision of their respective Vice-President as prescribed in Article IX.

- Section 2. The Regional Service Committee shall be the Committees for International Affairs, Legal Affairs, Education and Training, Public Affairs, and Information, Finance, Livelihood, Membership and Organization, and Arbitration.
- Section 3. The regional Sectoral Committees shall be composed of the Overseas Filipino Workers OFW's Sector, the Overseas Performing Artist's Sector, the Local Artist's Sector, the Youth Sector, the Maritime Sector, the Informal Labor Sector, the Underemployed Sector, the Women Sector, the Farmers Sector, the Fisher folks Sector, the Elderly Sector, the Professional Sector, their families and relatives and other Undefined Sectors who may join and participate in the activities of the PARTY.
- Section 4. The Regional Research and Development Committees shall be the Committees on Welfare and Social Services; Labor Development; Energy, Science and Technology; Education, Culture and Sports; Infrastructure and Housing; Justice and Human Rights.
- Section 5. The scope of responsibilities and functions of such regional committees shall be by the Regional Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The Chairman and members of these committees shall be appointed jointly by the Party President and the Secretary-General.

Article XIV

THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

- Section 1. The Regional Secretariat, under the control and direction of the Secretary-General, shall be the central and administrative and operations-support body of the Party, which shall ensure the efficient and effective performance of all operating Party Organs. It shall perform other specific functions, as may be prescribed by the Regional Assembly, Regional Directorate, and/or the Regional Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Regional Executive Director shall be responsible for the administration day-to-day affairs of the Regional Secretariat.
- Section 3. The Regional Executive Director and such Deputy Directors as may be deemed necessary to assist him in the discharge of his functions shall be appointed by the Secretary-General and confirmed by the Party President.

Article XIX

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- Section 1. The Secretary-General shall nominate five (5) names to represent the Party in the House of Representatives for submission to the Regional Assembly and COMELEC for Party List election purposes.

- Section 2. Until such time that the regular officers of local chapters shall have been elected and qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, the Secretary-General shall designate local chapter officers, in consultation with other Party leaders.
- Section 3. All provisions with asterisk (*) mark are to be done on the expansion activities of the Party.
- Section 4. The Regional Directorate shall determine the schedule and manner of organizing every local level.

Article XX
ADOPTION OF PIRATE PARTIES INTERNATIONAL STATUTES

- Section 1. The Philippine Pirate Movement hereby adopts the Pirate Parties International Statutes.

Article XXI
EFFECTIVITY

- Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws shall take effect upon the adoption by the members of the Regional Directorate in accordance with Article IX of the existing Constitution.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED on October 2, 2010

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