

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the **American Culinary Federation – South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association**, hereafter referred as **ACF-South Bend**.

Article II – Membership

The ACF-South Bend is a culinary association of professional chefs, cooks, bakers, and other culinary professionals engaged in the planning, preparation, service and supervision of foods, pastries and beverages, in commercial kitchens, hotels, clubs, restaurants, institutions, schools, as well as serving as culinary research and development consultants, experimental chefs, food service directors and culinary educators.

There shall be no discrimination regarding race, color, sex, religion, age or national origin.

Article III – Purpose

The ongoing purpose of the ACF-South Bend is:

1. To promote the culinary profession to the food industry, general public and government agencies; and to promote and acknowledge professionalism in all Culinarians.
2. To develop an educational program, through the American Culinary Federation Educational Institute and other organizations, to improve the culinary knowledge of each of our members.
3. To promote fellowship in the culinary community in our area and to encourage a cooperative effort in the food service industry.
4. To encourage and assist our members and members of the culinary profession in our area to get certified and to maintain their certification, and to promote the certification program in our area.
5. To develop apprenticeship programs, and to support post secondary culinary education programs, through the American Culinary Federation Educational Institute, to insure the apprentices and students are adequately trained for the industry.
6. To inform its members of government regulations that effect the culinary profession and to provide a professional information service to the government.
7. To promote healthy, sanitary and quality food production to the food industry and the general public.

Article IV – Incorporation

The ACF-south Bend is incorporated in the State of Indiana and is registered with the US Internal Revenue Service as a not-for-profit corporation under chapter 501(c)3. Our corporate office shall reside with our chapter president.

Article V – Culinaris Code

I pledge my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement of our profession and to pass it on to those who are to follow.

I shall foster a spirit of courteous consideration and fraternal cooperation within our profession.

I shall place honor and the standing of our profession before personal advancement.

I shall not use unfair means to effect my professional advancement or to injure the chances of another colleague to secure and hold employment.

I shall be fair, courteous and considerate in my dealings with fellow colleagues.

I shall conduct any necessary comment on, or criticism of, the work of a fellow colleague with careful regard of the good name and dignity of the culinary profession, and will scrupulously refrain from criticism to gain personal advantage.

I shall never expect anyone to subject themselves to risks which I would not be willing to assume myself.

I shall help to protect all members against one another from within our profession.

I shall be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as I am about my own.

I shall be too big for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit pressure of business to hurt anyone, within or without the profession.

Adopted by the American Culinary Federation, Inc. at its Convention in Chicago, August, 1957.

Article VI – Officers and Board

Section 1

The chief executive officer of the ACF-South Bend shall be the President who shall be elected in accordance with our bylaws.

Section 2

The other officers of the ACF-South Bend are:

Chair of the Board

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Sergeant at Arms

(2) Junior Member Representatives

They shall be elected or appointed in accordance to our bylaws.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and the standing committee chairs.

Section 4

The ACF-South Bend Board of Directors shall prepare an annual budget for the membership's approval; shall oversee the operation of the Chapter; shall prepare financial statements to be sent to members; shall prepare minutes of all meetings of the ACF-South Bend to be sent to members; shall supervise the investments, real and personal property of the ACF-South Bend; shall develop projects and programs for approval by the members.

Section 5

The membership shall pass resolutions to direct the ACF-South Bend Board of Directors in the operation of the ACF-South Bend, shall approve the annual budget of the ACF-South Bend; shall elect the officers of the chapter, and shall approve any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article VII – Quorum

Section 1

The quorum for a membership meeting shall be 33.3 percent of the combined Active and Active-Retired Membership as defined by the bylaws.

Section 2

The quorum for the Board of Directors meeting shall be a majority of the voting members.

Section 3

There shall be no business conducted or votes taken if a quorum is not present.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section 1

Any Active or Active Retired Member may suggest an amendment to this Constitution. The Board of Directors will research to proposed change and will develop a formal proposal to be voted on by the voting membership of the ACF-South Bend.

Section 2

The written notice shall be sent to all members of ACF-South Bend not less than 30 days and not more than 90 days before the proposed amendment is to be voted.

Section 3

The proposed amendment requires a 3/4ths vote of the members present to pass.