



The Swedish Club of Chicago

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BY-LAWS OF THE SWEDISH CLUB OF CHICAGO



ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1. The corporate name of this organization shall be "The Swedish Club of Chicago."

ARTICLE II

Objects

SECTION 1. The objects of this Club shall be as follows:

The preservation through social and fraternal activities of the Swedish language, customs, song, music, art and industry, to encourage manly sports and to promote good fellowship and generally to secure to its members and their families the benefits of co-operation in their social, cultural and athletic life.

ARTICLE III

Membership

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1. Memberships shall be of six classes:

(1) Honorary, (2) Resident. (3) Associate, (4) Non-Resident, (5) Veteran, (6) Courtesy.

Eligibility

SECTION 2. Male persons, twenty-one years or over, descendants of Swedish parents, who are of respectable standing in society and of good moral character, interested in the objects and purposes of this Club, shall be eligible to membership.

Male persons, not descendants of Swedish parents but having the other qualifications contained in the preceding paragraph, may be admitted as Associate and Non-Resident Members.

Honorary Membership

SECTION 3. Honorary Memberships may be conferred by the Board of Directors on such persons as they may wish to so recognize. The holder thereof shall be exempt from membership fees, dues and assessments and shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club for life except voting, holding office, or having any right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club. Such memberships shall be non-transferable.

In addition to the above, the following shall be Honorary members during their incumbency in office:

The Swedish Minister at Washington.
The Governor of the State of Illinois.
The Mayor of the City of Chicago.
The Swedish Consul at Chicago.

Resident Membership

SECTION 4. The number of Resident Memberships shall be limited to five hundred. The fee for such membership may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

A Resident Member shall pay such dues as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club. Until the Club membership list is closed, a fee of one hundred dollars shall be paid for the transfer of such membership other than by heritage; thereafter the transfer fee may be established by the Board of Directors.

A Resident Member removing his residence and place of business beyond a radius of fifty miles from the Club House, upon application, payment of Resident Membership dues for the current Club year, and approval by the Board of Directors, may become a Non-Resident Member.

Associate Membership

SECTION 5. The number of Associate Memberships shall be limited to one hundred. The fee for such membership shall be the same as that for Resident Membership as established from time to time by the Board of Directors. An Associate Member shall be exempt from assessment, but shall pay such annual dues as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club, except voting, holding office, or having any right to, title to or interest in the property of the Club. Such membership shall be non-transferable, non-salable and non-heritable.

Non-Resident Membership

SECTION 6. (a) The number of Non-Resident Memberships shall be limited to two hundred. The fee for such membership may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. A man whose residence and place

of business are beyond a radius of fifty miles from the Club House shall be eligible to such membership. A Non-Resident Member shall pay such dues as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club, except voting, holding office, or having any right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club. A transfer fee of fifty dollars shall be paid for the transfer of such membership other than by heritage.

(b) A Non-Resident Member removing his residence or place of business within a radius of fifty miles from the Club House shall cease to be a Non-Resident Member, but may become a Resident Member by paying a fee equal to the difference between the current fee for Resident Memberships and the amount the Club received for his Non-Resident Membership, and the current Resident Membership dues.

Veteran Membership

SECTION 7. Resident Members of this Club who have been such and whose dues have been paid for a period of twenty-eight years and who have reached the age of sixty-five years may, upon application to the Board of Directors, be transferred to Veteran Membership. A Veteran Member shall be exempt from assessment and annual dues. He shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except having a right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club. The Membership shall be non-transferable, non-salable and non-heritable.

Courtesy Membership

SECTION 8. Any person who is doing work gratuitously for the Club may be elected a

Courtesy Member by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The holder thereof shall be exempt from dues, fees and assessments and shall enjoy all the privileges of Resident Membership except to vote or hold office or have any right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club. Such membership shall be non-transferable, and shall continue only at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be terminated by the Board at any time.

Membership Transfers

SECTION 9. (a) Resident and Non-Resident Memberships shall be transferable by heritage, by gift, or by sale to an eligible candidate, approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) Whenever a membership is to be transferred by sale, the Board of Directors shall have the option of purchasing such membership for the Club upon paying the owner thereof the price offered therefor by an approved eligible candidate.

(c) All dues and indebtedness to the Club shall be paid prior to the transfer of a membership.

(d) In order to transfer a membership, the certificate of membership properly endorsed shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Club.

(e) There shall be no transfer fee for transfers from one class of membership to another.

ARTICLE IV

Election of Members

SECTION 1. Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded, respectively, by members of the Club. Each written application

shall include the candidate's name, address, nationality, occupation, the class of membership desired, the name of the proposer and seconder, and such other information as may be requested by the Board of Directors. A record containing this information shall be kept and be accessible to members on request.

Thereafter this data shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Club House for at least two weeks before the meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on the candidacy is to be taken. A majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting shall be necessary to elect a candidate to membership.

Notice shall be sent to each candidate upon his election with a request for payment of membership fees, transfer fees and the monthly or quarterly dues then due for the year in which he was elected. Payment thereof shall be held as an acceptance of membership and an agreement to be bound by the By-Laws and Rules of the Club. The election of any candidate shall be void if he shall fail to make such payments within fifteen days after notice of his election is mailed to him at the address stated in his application.

ARTICLE V

Addresses of Members

SECTION 1. Every member shall notify the Secretary of any change of address and by failure to do so shall be deemed to have waived any right of notice under the By-Laws and Rules of the Club.

ARTICLE VI

Termination of Membership

SECTION 1. Membership in this Club may be terminated by the Board of Directors:

(a) By acceptance of a voluntary written resignation accompanied by his certificate of membership properly endorsed,

(b) By expulsion for non-payment of indebtedness,

(c) By expulsion for cause.

SECTION 2. No resignation shall be accepted from a member indebted to the Club.

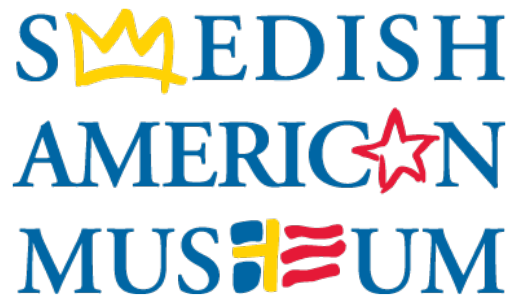
SECTION 3. Termination of membership shall operate as a release to the Club of all right to, title to, or interest in the property of the Club, or rebate of membership fee.

ARTICLE VII

Suspensions and Expulsions

SECTION 1. Any member of the Club charged with conduct injurious to the good order, peace or interest of the Club or with infraction of its By-Laws or Rules shall be given at least five days' notice in writing, citing him to appear for hearing before the Membership Committee in answer to the charges made against him; and if, upon examination and hearing, a majority of the Membership Committee shall be satisfied of the truth of the charge or charges, the Committee shall so report to the Board of Directors, who may censure, suspend or expel said member, or request his resignation.

SECTION 2. Any member who shall advertise his membership for sale or permit same to be advertised, shall be deemed guilty of conduct



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