



# The Swedish Club of Chicago

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# BY-LAWS OF THE SWEDISH CLUB OF CHICAGO

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## 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:

To preserve through social, fraternal and educational activities 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 cooperation in their social, cultural and athletic life.

## ARTICLE III

### *Membership*

#### CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1. Memberships shall be of five classes:

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

### *Honorary Membership*

SECTION 2. Honorary memberships may be conferred by the Board of Directors upon such men of distinction as it may see fit to so recognize. The holders thereof shall be exempt from payment of 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, title or interest in the property of the Club. Such memberships shall not be transferable.

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

The Ambassador of Sweden to the United States.

The Governor of the State of Illinois.

The Mayor of the City of Chicago.

The Consul General of Sweden at Chicago.

### *Resident Membership*

SECTION 3 (a). Male persons of at least twenty-one years of age who are of Swedish descent and are of good moral character, interested in the objects and purposes of this Club, shall be eligible to Resident membership.

(b) The number of dues-paying Resident memberships shall be limited to five hundred. The admission fee for such membership shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. A Resident Member shall pay such dues or assessments 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.

(c) 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.

(d) Resident Members who have been such, and whose dues have been paid for a period of twenty-five years and who have reached the age of sixty-five years, shall then be exempt from payment of further assessments and annual dues. All veteran members of the Club at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall be reclassified as Resident Members, and shall be exempt from payment of further assessments and annual dues.

### *Associate Membership*

SECTION 4. (a) Male persons of at least twenty-one years of age who are not of Swedish descent but have the other qualifications required of Resident Members, may be admitted as Associate Members.

(b) 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. 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, title or interest in the property of the Club.

### *Non-Resident Membership*

SECTION 5. (a) Male persons of at least twenty-one years of age, whose residence and place of business are beyond the radius of 50 miles from the Club House and who have the other qualifications for Resident or Associate Membership, shall be eligible to Non-Resident Membership.

(b) The number of Non-Resident Memberships shall be limited to two hundred. The admission fee for Non-Resident membership may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. 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, title, or interest in the property of the Club. A transfer fee to be established by the Board of Directors shall be paid for the transfer of such membership.

(c) A Non-Resident Member moving 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 if he has the specified qualifications therefore, or an Associate Member if he is not of Swedish descent, by paying a fee equal to the difference between the current fee for Resident or Associate Membership and the amount paid by him for admission as a Non-Resident Member.

### *Courtesy Membership*

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors may

by unanimous vote confer a Courtesy Membership upon any person deemed by it to be eligible thereto by reason of his position in the community or his achievement in furthering the objects and welfare of the Club. A Courtesy Membership shall be non-transferable and shall continue at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and shall be exempt from payment of admission fees, dues and assessments, and shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of the Club except voting, holding office, or having any right, title or interest in the property of the Club.

### *Membership Transfers*

SECTION 7. (a) Resident memberships may be transferred by gift or by heritage to the holder's son, grandson or son-in-law, if of Swedish descent, or by sale, provided the transferee is 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 first option to purchase 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) A transfer fee to be established by the Board of Directors shall be paid for the

transfer of one membership to another other than by gift or by heritage to a son, grandson or son-in-law.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### *Election of Members*

SECTION 1. (a) Candidates for membership must be proposed in writing by two Resident Members of the Club. The application shall include the candidate's name, address, occupation, his own and his parents' nationality, the class of membership desired, the name of his proposers and such other information as may be requested by the Board of Directors. His application shall be posted on the Club's Bulletin Board for at least two weeks before it is voted upon by the Board of Directors. A majority vote of the members of the Board present at a regular meeting shall be necessary for election to membership.

(b) Notice shall be sent to each candidate upon his election by the Secretary 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.

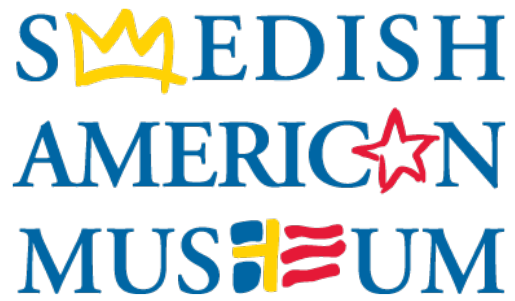
SECTION 2. No resignation shall be accepted from a member indebted to the Club.

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 that the truth of the charge or charges has been sustained, the Committee shall so re-



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