

GASC By Laws Revisions

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ARTICLE III	
MEMBERSHIP	
OLD	NEW
D. Each applicant for membership shall be sponsored by a member who has been a member for at least one (1) year, knows applicant to be of good character and interested in the purposes of the Club. Application for membership must be accompanied by required initiation fee and given to the New Membership Secretary by the sponsor. If application is rejected or denied for any reason, initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant.	D. Each applicant for membership shall be sponsored by a member who has been a member for at least one (1) year, knows applicant to be of good character and interested in the purposes of the Club. Application for membership must be accompanied by required initiation fee and given to the New Membership Secretary by the sponsor. If application is rejected or denied for any reason, initiation fee shall be returned to the applicant. <u>A temporary membership identification card will be issued for entry to the club until approved by the board.</u> <u>No social membership fee required.</u>
E. Upon presentation of a valid membership card, member(s) of other chartered German-American Club(s) shall be accorded social membership privileges of this Club.	E. Upon presentation of a valid membership card, member(s) of other chartered <u>Florida</u> German-American Club(s) shall be accorded social membership privileges <u>for any event inside the club house.</u>
H. Social Membership may be issued to any person (sponsored by a member), who meets age requirements of the State of Florida for purchase of alcoholic beverages, for limited purposes, for a fee as determined by the Board from time to time. This membership shall be for a specific event. Each person who meets the foregoing requirements and desires to attend German-American Social Club functions is required to obtain a Social Membership. Applicant must be of good character, need not be German or of German descent but should have an interest in German language, music and culture. The Social Membership Chairperson or Board Member may refuse this membership for non-compliance of the Club Rules and Regulations. This membership may be revoked by a majority of the Board for good cause or good of the Club, without refund of fees paid. Upon revocation, future applications will be denied. This membership is non-transferable. All social members are required to sign a register.	H. Social Membership may be issued to any person (sponsored by a member), who meets age requirements of the State of Florida for purchase of alcoholic beverages, for limited purposes, for a fee as determined by the Board from time to time. This membership shall be for a specific event. Each person who meets the foregoing requirements and desires to attend German-American Social Club functions is required to apply for and obtain a Social Membership. Applicant must be of good character, need not be German or of German descent but should have an interest in German language, music and culture. The Social Membership Chairperson or Board Member may refuse this membership for non-compliance of the Club Rules and Regulations. This membership is non-transferable. All social members are required to sign a register, <u>along with sponsoring member.</u>
A Social Member is not allowed to bring guests.	A Social Member is not allowed to <u>sponsor</u> guests.
I.5. Distinguished Membership shall also be awarded to a Board member and Spouse who have served as an Officer and Director for a combined period of seven (7) years.	I. 5. Distinguished Membership shall also be awarded to a Board member and Spouse <u>during tenure in office</u> , who has served as <u>both</u> Officer and Director for a combined period of seven (7) years.
J. Office Secretary shall communicate with all Honorary, Lifetime and Distinguished Members each January for purposes of verifying pertinent information, e.g. current mailing address.	J. All Honorary, Lifetime and Distinguished Members shall communicate each January with the renewal Membership Secretary for purposes of verifying pertinent information, e.g. current mailing address, <u>and status of those members not in touch with the club.</u>
ARTICLE IV	
B. THIS WAS OMITTED IN THE PREVIOUS PRINTING – NO CHANGE	B. This club shall not be dissolved while there are at least twenty (20) members in good standing who desire to continue the club's existence.
ARTICLE V	
DUES	
F. Any member dropped for non-payment of dues who wishes to be reinstated after the year in which membership	F. Any member dropped for non-payment of dues who wishes to be reinstated after the year in which

lapsed, shall be required to submit a new application and pay required initiation fee. This will create broken, not consecutive time.	membership lapsed, shall be required to submit a new application and pay required initiation fee. This will also create broken time.
ARTICLE VII	
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS	
C. Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term and may be re-elected for one additional two-year term. The four year total term limit for Secretary and Treasurer may be waived by Board action. Directors shall be elected for a two-year term and may be re-elected for one additional two-year term. Officers and Directors may be re-elected to same Office after a two-year lapse.	C. Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term and may be re-elected for one additional two-year term, <u>to the same office</u> . The four year total term limit for Secretary and Treasurer may be waived by Board action. Directors shall be elected for a two-year term and may be re-elected for one additional two-year term. Officers and Directors may be re-elected to same Office after a two-year lapse <u>but may also opt to run for any other office</u> .
E.2. THIS PARAGRAPH SPLIT INTO 2. AND 3. –the word However removed otherwise no changes.	E.2. No person shall be nominated or elected to any Office or the Board unless said person has been an active member of the Club for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months; and has served on a Service Committee of the Club for at least twelve (12) months or has been a or an Assistant of any ‘Other’ Committee listed in the Bylaws for a period of twelve (12) months.
	E.3. Should it be impossible to obtain a candidate for the Office of Secretary or Treasurer, who meets the above qualifications, the Board, by a majority vote, may grant a waiver of this requirement, and any other Article IX Appointee. This waiver may be granted no later than the board meeting prior to the October membership meeting. Cross reference article XI, Paragraph A.
G. Any Officer or Director who is absent from six (6) scheduled Board meetings during a calendar year shall be removed from said Office or Board. The Board shall fill the vacancy as in Article VIII, Paragraph F.8.	G. Any Officer or Director who is absent from six (6) scheduled Board meetings during a calendar year shall be removed from said Office or Board. Those shall not be eligible to run for office for two (2) year. The Board shall fill the vacancy as in Article VIII, Paragraph F.8, <u>unless three (3) months or less remain till end of term. Special meetings shall not be included as an absence.</u>

ARTICLE VII I. Note that I is new and thereafter, I will be J, J will be K, and K will be L.

ARTICLE VIII	
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
F.8. In the event of a vacancy occurring due to incapacity or removal of a Board member, the Board shall fill vacancies, as follows:	F. 8. In the event of a vacancy occurring due to incapacity, <u>resignation</u> or removal of a Board member, the Board shall fill the vacancies, as follows
ARTICLE IX	
APPOINTEES AND DUTIES	
A. A Parliamentarian who shall have the sole right to determine validity of any nomination, rule on any question regarding parliamentary procedure, Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws at membership and Board meetings, and be a member of the nominating committee and Chair of the By-Laws Committee.	A. Parliamentarian who shall have the sole right to determine validity of any nomination, rule on any question regarding parliamentary procedure, Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws at membership and Board meetings, and be a member of the nominating committee and chair of the Bylaws Committee. <u>Relative to the foregoing shall be with discussion and advice of the Board of Directors.</u>
B. Publicity and Advertising Chairperson who shall be responsible for design and placing of all Club advertisements, writing and distribution of all press releases and public service announcements regarding all Club functions or meetings. Assistants shall be appointed by the President with the recommendation of this Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the design and reproduction of all posters, flyers, signs or other	B. Publicity and Advertising who shall be responsible for design and placing of all Club advertisements, writing and distribution of all press releases and public service announcements regarding all Club functions or meetings. The with the cooperation of the Advertising Manager of Der Anzeiger, shall procure new advertisements, retain current advertisements in Der Anzeiger, report all advertisements to the Editor for

<p>promotional items and development of effective communications and relationships with the media, government and public, subject to policy guidance provided by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>inclusion in Der Anzeiger and transmit all receipts to the Treasurer. Assistants shall be appointed by the President with the recommendation of this. The shall be responsible for the design and reproduction of all posters, flyers, signs or other promotional items and development of effective communications and relationships with the media, government and public, subject to policy guidance, <u>direction and advice</u> provided by the Board of Directors.</p>
<p>C.2. Renewal Membership Secretary who shall collect annual dues, and issue membership cards, prepare and maintain membership roster for re-issue every two years, and transmit all dues to the Treasurer. Club roster shall be provided by Computer Maintenance Person.</p>	<p>C. 2. Renewal Membership Secretary who shall <u>collect</u> annual dues, sign and issue membership cards, and <u>confirm prior year's membership</u>, prepare and maintain membership roster for re-issue every two years, and transmit all dues to the Treasurer. Club roster shall be provided by <u>office secretary</u>.</p>
<p>C. 4. Social Membership Chairperson will collect non-member fees, record non-member and sponsor names in the book provided and distribute the corresponding numerical stickers to the non-members. The Chairperson will submit the numerical list and fees to the Treasurer.</p>	<p>C. 4. Social Membership will collect non-member fees; record non-member and sponsor names in the book provided and distribute the corresponding numerical stickers to the non-members. The Chairperson will submit the numerical list and fees to the Treasurer, <u>referring to Article III, E & H.</u></p>
<p>C.5. Computer Data Maintenance Person who shall computerize and maintain a up-to-date Club mailing list for Der Anzeiger and all other Club records and files as deemed necessary by the Board. Club roster shall be provided to the renewal membership.</p>	<p>C. 5. <u>Office secretary</u> who shall computerize and maintain a up-to-date Club mailing list for Der Anzeiger and all other Club records and files as deemed necessary by the Board. <u>Updated</u> Club roster shall be provided to the renewal membership, <u>and judge of elections as required.</u></p>
<p>D. Editor of Der Anzeiger and staff who shall compile Club news, edit and layout publication, make copy ready, deliver to the printer and specify the number of issues to be printed. Members of the staff shall include but not be limited to Associate Editor.</p>	<p>D. Editor of Der Anzeiger and staff who shall compile Club news, edit and layout publication, <u>proofread</u> and make copy ready, deliver to the printer and specify the number of issues to be printed. Members of the staff shall include but not be limited to Associate Editor.</p>
<p>F. Oktoberfest Chairperson, who shall, submit a budget with the guidance of the Finance Committee and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, has responsibility for annual Oktoberfest planning, scheduling, staffing and staging. All Publicity and Advertising will be provided by the Publicity and Advertising Chairperson with the cooperation of the Oktoberfest Chairperson.</p>	<p>F. Oktoberfest who shall who shall submit a budget with the guidance of the Finance Committee and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, has responsibility for annual Oktoberfest planning, scheduling, staffing, staging <u>and funding</u>. All Publicity and Advertising will be provided by the Publicity and Advertising Chairperson with the cooperation of the Oktoberfest Chairperson.</p>
<p>G. Bavarian Gardenfest Chairman shall, submit a budget with the guidance of the Finance Committee and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, have responsibility for the Bavarian Gardenfest planning, scheduling and staging. All Publicity and Advertising will be provided by the Publicity and Advertising Chairman with the cooperation of the Gardenfest Chairman.</p>	<p>G. Bavarian Gardenfest shall, with the guidance of the Finance Committee and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, have responsibility for the Bavarian Gardenfest planning, scheduling staging <u>and funding</u>. All Publicity and Advertising will be provided by the Publicity and Advertising Chairperson with the cooperation of the Gardenfest</p>
<p>Maintain a list of officers, various membership categories and other pertinent facts and records of historical importance and interest. The Historian shall submit a candidate for an assistant for appointment by the President. the Historian shall coordinate with the computer Maintenance Person.</p>	<p>J. The Historian shall: Maintain a list of officers, various membership categories and other pertinent facts and records of historical importance and interest. The Historian shall submit a candidate for an assistant for appointment by the President. The Historian Shall coordinate with the <u>Office Secretary</u> and provide liaison with the Cape Coral Historical Museum.</p>
ARTICLE X	
COMMITTEES	
<p>A. Each Service Committee of the Club shall be under the direction of a Chairman elected by its members. Permanent Service Committees shall be established only by approval of the Board and shall function only in</p>	<p>A. Each Service Committee of the Club shall be under the direction of a Chairperson elected by its members. Permanent Service Committees shall be established only by approval of the Board and shall function only in</p>

<p>accordance with directions, rules and guidelines adopted by the Board. Any and all money or other property of value earned or generated through Club activities or functions of any Service Committee, or any individual Club member, shall be the exclusive property of the Club and shall not be retained or deposited in any Committee or other account, personal or otherwise, or expended without approval of the Board. No Service Committee(s) or Committee Member(s) shall use its or their function(s), activity(ies) or position(s) to provide any item or service of value to such Committee(s) or member(s). Each Service Committee Chairman shall submit its annual budget proposal for the following year to the Budget and Finance Committee prior to December 1, including a current inventory of all Committee assets with current appraised value. Each Service Committee Chairman shall coordinate with all other appropriate Committees. Service Committee members may be re-appointed at the pleasure of the President.</p>	<p>accordance with directions, rules and guidelines adopted by the Board. Any and all money or other property of value earned or generated through Club activities or functions of any Service Committee, or any individual Club member, shall be the exclusive property of the Club and shall not be retained or deposited in any Committee or other account, personal or otherwise, <u>or expended without approval of the Board</u>. No Service Committee(s) or Committee Member(s) shall use its or their function(s), activity (ies) or position(s) to provide any item or service of value to such Committee(s) or member(s). Each Service Committee Chairperson shall submit its annual budget proposal for the following year to the Budget and Finance Committee prior to December 1, including a current inventory of all Committee assets with current appraised value. Each Service Committee Chairperson shall coordinate with all other appropriate Committees. Service Committee members may be re-appointed at the pleasure of the President.</p>
<p>B.2. BAVARIAN GARDENFEST - Shall, with authority from the Board of Directors and under direction of the Bavarian Gardenfest, plan, schedule, staff and stage all activities and functions required for the Bavarian Gardenfests including purchase and inventory of supplies, food pricing and service, schedule entertainment and band engagements up to eighteen (18) months in advance with written contracts - all subject to Board approval. Composition of this committee shall be recommended by the Bavarian Gardenfest.</p>	<p>B.2. BAVARIAN GARDENFEST - Shall, with authority from the Board of Directors and under direction of the Bavarian Gardenfest, plan, schedule, staff and stage all activities and functions required for the Bavarian Gardenfests including purchase and inventory of supplies, food pricing and service, schedule entertainment and band engagements up to <u>twelve (12) months but</u> eighteen (18) months, <u>if absolutely necessary</u>, in advance with written contracts - all subject to Board approval. Composition of this committee shall be recommended by the Bavarian Gardenfest</p>
<p>B.6. ENTERTAINMENT/DECORATING - Shall plan, direct, coordinate and implement various social functions such as dances including Friday evenings, Carnival/Fasching/Mardi Gras costume balls, public parades, and other entertainment as the Board may authorize; decorate as appropriate; schedule band engagements up to eighteen (18) months in advance written contracts; and establish ticket prices - all subject to Board Approval, however, under certain circumstances, this may be extended by Board Approval.</p>	<p>B.6. ENTERTAINMENT/DECORATING - Shall plan, direct, coordinate and implement various social functions such as dances including Friday evenings, Carnival/Fasching/Mardi Gras costume balls, public parades, and other entertainment as the Board may authorize; decorate as appropriate; schedule band engagements up to <u>twelve (12) months but</u> eighteen (18) months, <u>if absolutely necessary</u>, in advance with written contracts; and establish ticket prices - all subject to Board Approval, however under certain circumstances, this may be extended by Board Approval</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI-B.</p>	
<p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS</p>	
<p>B. 3. The membership shall elect two (2) members of the Nominating Committee at the August membership meeting.</p>	<p>B. 3. The membership shall elect two (2) members of the Nominating Committee at the August membership meeting; <u>No more than one (1) board member shall serve on this committee.</u></p>
<p>F. After the Membership meeting in October, the President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of at least six (6) members who will serve under the direction of the Judge of Elections. No candidate for any Office, or his / her spouse, may serve on the Election Committee. No more than one member of a family may serve on the Election Committee. The Parliamentarian shall consult with the Judge of Elections.</p>	<p>F. After the Membership meeting in October, the President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of at least six (6) members who will serve under the direction of the Judge of Elections. No candidate for any Office, or his / her spouse, may serve on the Election Committee. No more than one member of a family may serve on the Election Committee. The Parliamentarian shall consult with the Judge of Elections, <u>and be designated an ad hoc non-voting member of this committee.</u></p>
<p>N. Election results shall be recorded in the minutes of the</p>	<p>N. Election results shall be recorded in the minutes of</p>

<p>December membership meeting. Ballots and related material shall be destroyed by the Judge of Elections on the seventh (7th) calendar day after election unless a request for recount has been received. In such event, the Judge of Elections shall keep all ballots in a locked container at the clubhouse until instructed by the Board that ballots may be destroyed. Elected Officers and Directors shall assume their duties at the first Board meeting in January following election.</p>	<p>the December membership meeting. Ballots and related material shall be destroyed by the Judge of Elections, <u>or the Parliamentarian</u>, on the seventh (7th) calendar day after election unless a request for recount has been received. In such event, the Judge of Elections shall keep all ballots in a locked container at the clubhouse until instructed by the Board that ballots may be destroyed. Elected Officers and Directors shall assume their duties at the first Board meeting in January following election.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XII</p>	
<p>REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS</p>	
<p>F.2 After the March membership meeting the Bylaws Committee shall be dismissed.</p>	<p>F.2 After the March membership meeting the Bylaws Committee shall be dismissed <u>and the Election Committee shall be appointed by the President.</u></p>
<p>G. Amendment(s) to the Bylaws, enacted as above, supersede any previous Bylaws which they amend.</p>	<p>G. Amendment(s) to the Bylaws, enacted as above, supersede any previous Bylaws which they amend <u>and shall not be in conflict with club (Charter) Articles of Incorporation.</u></p>