

International Club of Annapolis

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BY-LAWS

Article I. Name

This Club shall be known as the International Club of Annapolis, Inc.

Article II. Objects

The objects and purposes of the Club shall be:

1. To bring together through meetings and dinners people in the Annapolis area who have an interest in international affairs.
2. To provide at these functions speakers from our own and other countries who are in a position to informatively discuss the culture, history, and impact on the world situation of their respective countries.
3. To take such other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the first two objectives.

Article III. Membership

1. Membership in the Corporation shall be open to any person of good character as determined by the Membership Committee without regard to race, creed, color, sex or age on payment of dues as prescribed herein.
2. An applicant not approved by the Membership Committee shall have the right at his or her option to present his or her case at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the date of the Membership Committee's decision in the case.

Article IV. Dues

Reasonable dues shall be approved by the Board, payable at the time of the application for membership or renewal; and shall cover the September to June year. Members whose dues are in arrears beyond 60 days shall be removed from the mailing list, and shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

Article V. Directors and Officers

1. The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of nine members each elected for a term of two years for a specific board position. Four members will be elected in even years; five members will be elected in odd years. A board member may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same board position or more than three consecutive elected terms. A majority vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting shall be required. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors subject to confirmation by the membership at the next annual election.
2. The officers shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership Chairman, Reservations Chairman, and Parliamentarian.
3. Any five directors shall constitute a quorum for purposes of Board meetings.
4. In addition to the Board members described in Article V, Para. 1, the Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The monthly dinner meetings of the membership shall be held in the evening of the first Wednesday of each month or as designated by the Board of Directors. A written notice shall be given to the members in good standing at least seven days prior to the meeting. A quorum for the meeting shall be ten percent of the dues paying members. Special meetings of the members can be called by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, or upon petition of ten percent of the members. At least seven days notice shall be given to each member.
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3. The June meeting of the membership will be the annual meeting for the purpose of election of Board members and will be open to members only. The December meeting also will be open to members only.
4. The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President or at least every three months, at such time and place as the majority of the Board may determine.

Article VII Committees

The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall have the responsibility to appoint a Nominating Committee and such other committees as may be necessary. The functions of each Committee shall be delineated by the President and approved by the Board, and the committees shall report to the Board of Directors as required.

Article VIII Powers

1. The Board of Directors shall have authority to arrange for dinner meetings, to enter into a contract as to the place, the time and the cost, and provide for notice to the members.
2. The Board of Directors shall have authority on behalf of the Club to extend an invitation for the dinner meeting to a speaker or speakers and make such other arrangements as may be necessary.
3. The Board of Directors may expend up to \$150.00 out of the Club treasury for emergency purposes in any one month, provided that such expenditure is reported to the members at the next regular meeting.

Article IX. Expulsion

Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, members may be expelled by the Board of Directors for actions not in keeping with best interests of the Club. The member at his or her option may appeal this decision to the membership at the next regular meeting following the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article X. Adoption

Adoption of these By-Laws shall be by a two-thirds vote of all members present at a regular meeting.

Article XI. Amendment

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided written notice of such proposed amendment is mailed to all members at least seven days before the meeting.

Article XII Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority of this Club except where inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Updated to include amendments approved:

September 6, 1978; June 4, 1980; June 3, 1987; November 2, 1988; June 7, 1989; and December 3, 1999.