

Bylaws for The Statue of Liberty Club

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Article I: Name of the Organization

The organization shall be known as THE STATUE OF LIBERTY CLUB (SLC).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be

- to encourage and promote interest in the Statue of Liberty;
- to support special projects for the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island or elsewhere.
- to cultivate friendly relations and a free exchange of information among members; and
- to provide a forum for exchanging information between club members and non-members.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility and Privileges

- a. The membership of this club shall consist of Honorary, and Regular. Regular membership is not transferable from one person to another.
- b. All members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the club except that Honorary members shall not be entitled to hold office.
- c. Regular members are individuals of good moral character and in good standing regarding club membership dues.
- d. Honorary members are limited to certain elected officials and U.S. government officials. Currently, Honorary membership is extended to:
 - The Mayor of New York City
 - The Governor of New York
 - The Superintendent of Liberty Island National Park
 - The Curator of the Liberty Island National Park Museum
 - The Head Librarian of the New York City Library System
 - The Mayor of Jersey City
 - The Governor of New Jersey
 - The Superintendent of Ellis Island National Park
 - The Mayor of Colmar, France
 - The Director of the Bartholdi Museum in Colmar, France

Section 2: Application, Dues and Suspension

- a. An applicant for Regular membership shall complete the membership application form provided by the Treasurer and also found on the club's web site. Applications will be submitted to the club's Treasurer.
- b. Dues for membership shall be set by the membership as to the amount and date due.
- c. Any member who fails to pay their dues within twelve (12) months after they become due shall be dropped from the membership roll. Completing a new membership application may reinstate any member who has been suspended for nonpayment of dues, or who has resigned.
- d. Members on active duty in the Armed Forces shall be relieved of the payment of dues during their periods of service.

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Article IV: Officers and Duties

Section 1: Officers

From the club's Regular membership, a group of elected and volunteer officers will conduct the business of the club. The elected officers of the club shall be President, Vice President and Treasurer. The volunteer officers of the club shall be Web-Master, and Newsletter Editor.

Section 2: The President

The President shall have general supervision over the affairs of the club. These duties shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. To preside at all meetings of the club.
- b. To fill by temporary appointment any vacancy until a successor is elected by the membership or a volunteer is identified for the non-elected positions.
- c. To appoint such other officers or committees as will be beneficial to the club such as, but not limited to, membership chairperson, meeting coordinator, meeting auctioneer, club historian.

Section 3: The Vice President

The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

- a. To assist the President in the discharge of those duties of office as requested.
- b. To act in place of the President in the case of the President's absence or disability.
- c. To succeed to the position of President in the case of the President's death or resignation.

Section 4: The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- a. To receive all applications for prospective membership and assign member numbers to all accepted applications.
- b. To receive all monies of the club collected from any source.
- c. To maintain a bank account in the club's name for the payment of all necessary expenses and such bills as approved by the President.
- d. To prepare an accounting of all funds received and disbursed and to give a report of such accounting when so directed by the President. A report must be published in the club's newsletter [see Article VI, Section 5].

Section 5: The Web-Master

The Web-Master shall maintain a club sponsored Internet web site where the purpose and history of the club shall be posted. Additionally, the web site shall contain topics related to:

- a. The Statue of Liberty.
- b. Collecting items that are generally identifiable to the Statue of Liberty.
- c. The club's membership application form and instructions for secure electronic submission of the application and/or for submission of membership dues (new or renewal). Additionally, a mailing address is to be provided for submission of a paper application and/or a check for membership dues (new or renewal).
- d. A recent, but not the most current, club newsletter.
- e. Information, as it is available, on future club meetings,
- f. Other topics and Internet links as deemed appropriate.

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Section 6: The Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall receive submissions from club members and develop a newsletter, which will be mailed to all current members of the club [see Article VI, Section 5].

Section 7: The Club Board

The club's Board will consist of elected officers, volunteer officers, the immediate Past-President of the club and other temporary appointments made by the President.

Temporary appointments will be from the general membership and will be for specific needs of the club; the temporary appointment will expire at the next scheduled club meeting in New York City [see Article V, Section 1].

Section 8: Election of Officers

Election of officers will be conducted at the scheduled club meeting in New York City [see Article V, Section 1]. The elected offices to be voted on will be President, Vice-President and Treasurer; at the end of this meeting, the newly elected officers will assume their duties.

Nominations for the elected positions can be made through submission to the club's newsletter. Additionally, nominations can be made at the club's meeting two (2) hours prior to the start of the club's general meeting session.

Elections will be by secret ballot, which will be counted by the current officers and results announced at the club's general meeting session.

Volunteers for Web-Master and Newsletter Editor will be accepted at this meeting; since these are not elected positions, the club's President will make the final selection when there are multiple volunteers for either position.

Section 9: Term of Office

Each elected and volunteer position will be for two (2) years, beginning and ending at a scheduled club meeting in New York City [see Article V, Section 1].

Section 10: Obligations of Officers

All elected officers are responsible for attending scheduled club meetings held in New York City [see Article V, Section 1].

Each officer at the expiration of his/her term of office shall deliver to their successor all books, papers, monies, and other property of the club in their possession or under their control. They shall not be released of this obligation until these requirements have been completed.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: Meeting in New York City

The club will strive to conduct a membership meeting in, or near, New York City every two (2) years on an odd numbered year; the date will be as close as possible to October 28th.

Section 2: Off-year meeting

The club will strive to conduct a mini-meeting in the off year of the New York City meeting. The preferred location, though not a requirement, is the western U.S.

Section 3: Club Business

A quorum for the transactions of business shall consist of not less than eight (8) members, including a simple majority of the Club's Board.

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Article VI: Special Provisions

Section 1: Decisions of the Membership

All decisions of the membership shall be rendered and decided by a simple majority of those members present and voting, except where otherwise specifically provided for in these Bylaws.

Section 2: Amending Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a scheduled meeting in New York City [see Article V, Section 1].

Section 3: Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at any scheduled meeting, but shall not be acted upon until the membership gathers at a scheduled meeting in New York City [see Article V, Section 1]. Amendments may also be sent to the club's Newsletter publisher who will publish them, as received, in the next scheduled newsletter [see Section 5 of this Article].

Section 4: Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern any rules or procedures not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

Section 5: Club Newsletter

The SLCC will publish a membership newsletter three (3) times a year; February, June and October. The October newsletter must contain a Treasure's report of clubs financial activity for the past twelve (12) months.

Members may submit one (1) free 'For Sale' listing and one (1) free 'Wanted to Buy' listing for the upcoming newsletter. This privilege is not transferable.

Non-members may submit a 'For Sale' listing for the upcoming newsletter. The cost to non-members shall be established at one-third (1/3) the annual cost of a club membership. Non-members will receive a complementary newsletter where their paid advertisement appears.

The Newsletter Editor will establish the length requirements/restrictions for 'For Sale' and 'Wanted to Buy' listings.

Section 6: Member Information and Privacy

The club will make available a list of members to each club member with one edition of the yearly newsletters. No member of the club shall provide this list, or any of its contents, to a non-member. Failure to adhere to this provision can invoke suspension from the club. The membership list is intended to foster communication between and among club members.

Members can indicate to any club officer that they wish to have their home address, hometown, telephone number and e-mail address information removed from the distributed membership list. If so, only the member's name, and home state/country will be identified on the membership list.