



WELLESLEY CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Club shall be the Wellesley Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this Club shall be to promote literary and social culture among its members, and especially to consider and discuss questions relating to the welfare of the Town of Wellesley.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

This Club shall consist of the original subscribers to this Constitution and such other residents of Wellesley, men or women, as may hereafter be admitted to membership. The Club may from time to time elect a Member or Members as an Honorary Member or Members. Non-Resident Members may be elected from time to time by the Board of Directors as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND HOW ELECTED

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, consisting of eight Members, of which the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members, and the President chairman. There shall also be a Curator. Only in case of a tie vote shall the President cast a vote.

Section 2. The officers of this Club shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, to hold their respective offices one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring among the officers may be filled by an election by ballot at any meeting, provided that notice of such proposed election has been given in the call for such meeting. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill such vacancies until filled by the Club as above provided.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and perform the duties usually appertaining to the presiding officer.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties required of that officer; the Vice-President shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Club, to notify all officers of their election and committees of their appointment, and to issue notification whenever directed by the President or Board of Directors; in the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order and preside until a Chairman is chosen.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all dues and other income, have charge of all funds, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, to pay all bills; and to submit an annual report to the Club at the first meeting in the fall or oftener if required by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors in general to promote the interests of the Club and have charge of its affairs, to arrange a program for each meeting, to act on names proposed for membership, to approve all bills and accounts against the Club, to audit or arrange for an audit annually of the Treasurer's accounts, and to report thereon at the first meeting in the fall.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Curator to collect and preserve all documents and printed matter relating to the Club, not falling within the province of the Secretary and Treasurer, and articles of local or general historical interest; arrange and label them and deposit them in such place as may be provided therefor.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and voting, said amendment having been proposed in writing at a previous regular meeting.

WELLESLEY CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - TIME OF MEETING

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Club shall be dinner meetings, held on the third Monday in each month from October to April, inclusive; but the Directors may, if they deem it expedient and necessary, change the date for or omit the holding of any particular meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in March. Officers and Directors are to take office at the last meeting of the Club year.

Section 3. The President may call special meetings at such other times as the President may deem expedient, and shall do so on the written request of five or more Members.

ARTICLE II - QUORUM

For the transaction of business fifteen (15) Members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The number of Members, exclusive of Honorary Members, Non-Resident Members, and the heads of the colleges located in Wellesley, at any one time shall not exceed three hundred (300) and whenever there is a full membership, a Waiting List of not more than one hundred (100) candidates for membership shall be established.

ARTICLE IV - ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Candidates for membership shall be proposed in writing by a Member of the Club to the Board of Directors who, if they approve the candidate and provided there is a vacancy either in the Club membership or in the Waiting List, shall cause the facts of such proposal to be included in the next notice of a Club meeting and if within thirty days no valid objections are made in writing to the Board of Directors against the admission of such candidate to membership, the Board of Directors shall add the name of such candidate to the Waiting List and when a vacancy in the club membership occurs for which such candidate is eligible, the Board of Directors shall have full power to elect such candidate to membership and such candidate's name, occupation and residence and the name of such candidate's proponent shall be inserted in the call for the next meeting, with a statement that such candidate has been so elected.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall vote upon names of candidates in the order of their proposal.

Section 3. Any person who has been elected to membership, and who, at the time of the third regular meeting of the club after that at which such person was elected, has not paid the annual assessment, must again be proposed for membership before becoming a Member.

Section 4. The Board of Directors in its discretion may authorize the Treasurer to remit the dues of members who are absent in the active service of the nation.

Section 5. Heads of the colleges located in Wellesley shall become members of the Club upon payment of the annual assessment.

ARTICLE V - FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. When a member is neither a resident of Wellesley nor a taxpayer in the town (excluding the heads of the colleges located in Wellesley), such Member shall relinquish Club membership on the expiration of the year for which such Member's assessment was paid. The Board of Directors upon written application of such Member made not later than the end of the calendar year during which this membership is relinquished may elect such individual a Non-Resident Member. Non-Resident Members who resume residence in Wellesley shall upon written application be elected to membership as soon as a vacancy arises.

Section 2. A Member may be expelled from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members present at any meeting provided that notice of the proposition has been given, by authority of the Directors, in the call for the meeting.

Section 3. If on the Monday following the first day of December a Member's annual assessment remains unpaid, due and proper notice of same having been sent such Member by the Treasurer and the Member having given no good reason for non-payment, the Directors may in their discretion direct the Secretary to drop such Member's name from the membership list. For a delinquency in payment of fees lasting in excess of two months after notice, the Directors may in their discretion direct the Secretary to drop from the club rolls the name of any Non-Resident Member or of any candidate for membership added to the Waiting List.

ARTICLE VI - WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Any Member in good standing whose dues are paid may, on written application, receive an honorable dismissal from membership.

ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Section 1. The annual assessment shall be one hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00), or such other amount as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. In case of elections, resignations or death during the club year, the Board of Directors may make such adjustment of dues as they may deem equitable.

Section 2. Candidates for membership added to the Waiting List shall be charged a fee for such amount as the Board of Directors may determine for services to be rendered them by the Club until such time as they may be elected to membership.

Section 3. Honorary Members shall not be subject to assessment.

Section 4. Non-Resident Members shall be charged the same fee as candidates for membership added to the Waiting List.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY USAGE

In all matters of parliamentary usage "Cushing's Manual" shall be recognized as authority.

ARTICLE IX - GUESTS

Section 1. The Board of Directors may invite "Guests of the Club" to any regular meeting, the expenses of entertaining such guests to be paid out of the funds of the Club.

Section 2. Any Member shall be allowed to invite a guest to any meeting of the Club by consent of the Board of Directors, and by paying the Treasurer such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

Section 3. Any candidate for membership whose name is recorded on the Waiting List may attend any meeting of the Club by paying to the Treasurer such sum as they Board of Directors may charge for a guest invited by a Member.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and voting; said amendment having been proposed in writing at a previous regular meeting.