

**DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHER HERRENCLUB MÜNCHEN E.V.  
GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB MUNICH E.V.**



## **Satzung**

**des**

**Deutsch-Amerikanischen Herrenclubs München e.V.**

## **Constitution**

**of the**

**German-American Men's Club Munich e.V.  
(Status 13. November 2007)**

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB MUNICH e.V.**

**I) Name, Registered Office and Business Year**

The organization is registered and the name is:

1. German-American Men's Club Munich e.V., hereinafter called "Club"
2. The registered office of the Club is Munich.
3. The business year shall be the calendar year.
4. The Club is registered at the Amtsgericht München.

**II) Purpose of the Club**

1. The purpose of the Club is to promote mutual respect, understanding and friendship between German and American peoples.
2. The exclusive and sole objective of the Club is in the public interest within the meaning of the tax exemption objective of the tax regulation.
3. The Club shall achieve this purpose by
  - a. Stimulating interest in social, cultural and recreational activities.
  - b. Participating in civic and welfare projects and excluding partisan political activity; giving financial aid to social and welfare undertakings.
  - c. Furthering appreciation of our respective traditions, customs, historical backgrounds, educational and religious concepts, and other aspects of American and German ways of life.
4. The business of the Club is in the public interest. It does not pursue self-interest economic objectives.
  - a. Funds of the Club shall be expended solely to carry out the objectives as defined in this constitution. No member shall receive any allowance from funds of the Club.
  - b. No person shall receive any benefit not consistent with the objectives of the Club, or any special favour by a disproportionate rate of compensation.

**III) Membership**

1. The Club shall have active and associate members as well as honorary presidents and honorary members. The membership of the Club is open to persons of any nationality provided they are sincerely committed to the purpose of the Club. No discrimination shall be made for reasons of race, class or creed.
2. Applicants for active or associate membership in the Club should be sponsored by a Club member.
3. Honorary Members may be nominated only by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Governors invites following office bearers to become Honorary Presidents

  - a. the Prime Minister of the Free State of Bavaria,
  - b. the Lord Mayor of the State Capital Munich,
  - c. the Consul General of the USA in Munich,

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d. the Commander Military District Command IV

The Honorary Presidentship will be obtained by accepting of the invitation.

Former Presidents of the Club, who have engaged themselves in an exemplary manner for the Club, may be elected Honorary President by the General assembly.

4. Membership expires:
  - a. upon death,
  - b. upon written resignation
  - c. upon disenrollment.
5. Should any Club member desire to recommend disenrollment of any other member for activities considered detrimental to the best interest and reputation of the Club, special reasons must be stated in writing to the Board of Governors, which shall review the allegations and give the accused member the opportunity for rebuttal. The Board of Governors may then take final action or disenroll the member – as the case may be – as provided by Article VI.
6. Members departing the Munich area may, upon written request to the Board of Governors, be carried as associate members.

**IV) Membership Dues**

1. Dues will be determined by a membership meeting as provided by Article V.
2. Honorary members shall not pay any membership dues.
3. The annual dues for the current business year shall be paid within thirty days after notification.
4. New members shall be required to pay full dues if accepted during the first half of the business year, or half dues if accepted during the second half of the business year.

**V) Membership Meetings**

1. A regular membership meeting shall be called by the Executive Board of Governors once a year.
2. Written notice of the meeting, including the agenda, shall be sent by the Executive Board of Governors to every active member at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
3. A special membership meeting may be called by the Executive Board of Governors at any time; it must be called if one-tenth of the active members request such a meeting in writing stating reasons and purpose.
4. The regular meeting will accomplish the following:
  - a. Hear the annual report on Club activities by the Executive Board of Governors.
  - b. Approve the Treasurer's report.
  - c. Release the outgoing and elect the new Board of Governors.
  - d. Elect two auditors for the new business year.

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- e. Determine annual membership dues.
- f. Act on amendments and changes of the Articles of the Constitution.
- g. Vote on motions submitted by active members.
5. Suggestions for the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board of Governors no later than one week prior to the meeting. The method of voting shall be determined by the Chairman of the meeting.
6. Each active member present at the membership meeting has one vote.
7. Action shall be taken on simple majority vote of the active members present at the meeting except amendments of the Articles of the Constitution, which require a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present at the meeting.
8. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of each meeting to be cosigned by the President.

**VI) Board of Governors**

1. The Board of Governors shall consist of:
  - a. a President
  - b. a Vice President
  - c. a Secretary
  - d. a Treasurer
  - e. not more than ten additional members.
2. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the Board members present to include the President or Vice President. If a former president is elected honorary president, he may be invited to the board meetings should he wish so. He acts as a consultant.
3. Board actions are taken upon simple majority vote of the Board members present.
4. The members of the Board of Governors shall act in an unpaid status.
5. The Board of Governors shall meet no later than one month prior to the General Membership Meeting to select candidates for the new Board of Governors.
6. Names of the candidates shall be submitted in the notice of the General Membership Meeting. The members shall also be informed that additional nominations can be made from the floor.
7. Board members shall be elected for a term of one year.
8. If a new Board of Governors has not been elected as specified in Article V, paragraph 4, section (c), the current Board shall remain in office until the election of a new Board.
9. Board vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members though less than a quorum is present.
10. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer constitute the Executive Board of Governors according to Section 26, subsection 1, German Civil Code.

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11. The President or the Vice President shall together with one other member of the Executive Board of Governors act for the Club in all legal proceedings and extra-judicial matters within the meaning of Section 26, subsection 2, German Civil Code.

**VII) Committees**

1. The President of the Club may establish committees and appoint members of such committees as deemed necessary.
2. Recommendations of the committees require approval by the Board of Governors.

**VIII) Dissolution**

1. The dissolution of the Club must be approved of by a vote of 75 per cent of the active members present at a meeting called specifically to consider such action to include disposition of the Club assets.
2. In the event of dissolution or the breaking up of the Club, or in case of the cessation of its objectives, the assets of the Club shall be transferred to a municipal corporation or any other non-profit organization with the obligation to promote the understanding and friendship between German and American peoples.

**Text of Constitution**

The preceding issue was adopted at 05 October 2006, an addendum was adopted by the General Membership Meeting at 13 November 2007 and was recorded in the register of associations at 25 February 2008.