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FROM THIS VERSION

HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF NORTHEASTERN OHIO  
CONSTITUTION

FOUNDING

HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE I

NAME

ARTICLES  
OF ASSOCIATION  
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THE HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF NORTHEASTERN OHIO IS ESTABLISHED WITH  
HEADQUARTERS - THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE II

A. THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE HELLENIC IDEALS AND THE GREEK LANGUAGE  
AS WELL AS THE FURTHER INCREASE OF RELATIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN AND THE  
GREEK PEOPLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AND WITHIN THE  
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF  
OHIO.

B. SYNERGISM, MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THE CLUB MEMBERS.

MORAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE <sup>TO</sup> OF GREEK STUDENTS REGISTERED AT THE  
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES <sup>IN</sup> OF THE NORTHEAST <sup>CAN</sup> OHIO. MORAL AND FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO PHILANTHROPIC AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED  
STATES AND IN GREECE.

10-22-80 C. CONSERVATION AND CULTIVATION OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE AMONG THE MEMBERS.  
ACCORDINGLY, THE GREEK LANGUAGE IS ESTABLISHED AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
OF THE CLUB FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLIES.

D. RECREATION OF THE MEMBERS. RECREATION IN ITS USUAL MEANING AND AS AN  
EXPANDED TERM WHICH INCLUDES THE INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL CULTIVATION

OF THE MEMBERS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ATTENDING OR STAGING OF LECTURES, THEATRICAL AND MOTION PICTURE PRESENTATIONS, MUSICAL EVENTS, EXCURSIONS, ETC.

### ARTICLES III *MEMBERS*

- A. THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF ACTIVITY IS DEFINED THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE STATE OF OHIO WITH THE CITIES OF CLEVELAND AND AKRON AS EPICENTERS. THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS MAY BE AMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. *PART OF OBSERVATION*
- B. *opt* THE CLUB IS *a* ~~NON~~-POLITICAL AND AS SUCH DISCOURAGES DEBATES OF POLITICAL NATURE. *✓*

### ARTICLE IV *MEMBERS*

*CATEGORIES OF*  
THERE ARE THREE (3) MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE: ~~THAT OF~~ (A) REGULAR MEMBER, (B) HONORARY MEMBER AND (C) ASSOCIATE MEMBER. *✓*

- A. 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE GRADUATES OR EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS, WHO ARE OF GREEK DECENT, ~~AND WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF A GREEK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.~~

2. A CANDIDATE FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MUST APPLY IN WRITING. THE APPLICATION *SHALL BE* ~~IS~~ SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY WHO *WILL* ~~REFERS~~ IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE *SHALL* ~~WILL~~ PRESENT THE APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH ITS RECOMMENDATION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ACCEPT OR REJECT THE APPLICATION BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

*CAVEAT*  
UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE REGISTRATION, EVERY NEW MEMBER SHALL PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE AND THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR AT LEAST A YEAR TO THE TREASURER.

3. THE REGULAR MEMBERS HAVE THE MORAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST THE CLUB *ORGAN* IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OBJECTIVES AND TO ACCEPT AND CARRY

MEMBERS  
OUT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS ACCORDING TO THIS CONSTITUTION. THEY ARE  
FURTHER REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.  
THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS LIMITED TO <sup>WHO</sup> ONLY THOSE ~~THAT~~ HAVE SATISFIED THEIR  
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

4. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP CAN BE WITHDRAWN BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

- a) FOR ACTIONS HOSTILE TO THE <sup>ORGAN</sup> CLUB AND ITS OBJECTIVES.  
b) FOR RECRIMINATIONS DURING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CLUB ON POLITICAL  
AND RELIGIOUS ISSUES.  
2 c) FOR DUES IN ARREARS BEYOND ONE YEAR OR ABSENT IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE <sup>Nº</sup>  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS. +

5. ANY MEMBER WISHING TO LEAVE THE CLUB MAY DO SO AFTER COMPLETION OF <sup>HIS</sup> THEIR  
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. A DEPARTING MEMBER <sup>RETAINS</sup> HAS NO RIGHTS <sup>TO</sup> ON THE ASSETS  
OF THE <sup>ORGAN</sup> CLUB.

B. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IS BESTOWED <sup>ORGAN</sup> TO INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RESIDENCE,  
BY <sup>A</sup> TWO-THIRDS <sup>APPROX. VOTE</sup> MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES <sup>THAT PROMOTE</sup>  
TO THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE CLUB. <sup>ORGAN</sup>

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IS AUTOMATICALLY BESTOWED TO THE SPOUSES OF DECEASED  
REGULAR MEMBERS.

~~THE~~ HONORARY MEMBERS HAVE NO RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS TO THE <sup>ORGAN</sup> CLUB.

C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS <sup>WHO</sup> THAT EXHIBIT INTEREST  
<sup>IN</sup> FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB AND PAY THEIR MEMBERSHIP DUES. THE ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERS MAY ENJOY SPECIFIC PRIVILEGES AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COUNCIL, BUT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

D. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS THE RIGHT TO BESTOW THE TITLE(S) OF DONOR, BENEFACTOR  
AND GREAT BENEFACTOR TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS <sup>WHO</sup> THAT SUPPORT MATERIALLY AND  
FINANCIALLY THE GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE CLUB.

## INCOME

### ARTICLE V

THE INCOME OF THE HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB IS DERIVED FROM:

- A. ~~THE~~ REGISTRATION FEE.
- B. ANNUAL DUES OF THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.
- C. DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS.
- D. INCOME FROM ACTIVITIES OF THE <sup>O.K.</sup> CLUB, SUCH AS PICNICS, DANCES, CELEBRATIONS AND OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. *Cultural and Social Activities*

### ARTICLE VI

<sup>SHALL</sup> THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY <sup>PHASE TO</sup> ESTABLISHES THE REGISTRATION FEE AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES. ANNUAL DUES MUST BE PAID BY THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF THE CLUB.

### ARTICLE VII

<sup>OPEN</sup> THE INCOME OF THE CLUB IS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ITS PURPOSES. NORMALLY, THE EXPENDITURES ARE ~~TO BE LIMITED WITHIN THE INCOME.~~ *TO CARRY OUT THE DUES*

## ADMINISTRATION

### ARTICLE VIII

<sup>SHALL BE</sup> THE CLUB <sup>ADMINISTRATIVE</sup> IS ADMINISTERED BY A NINE (9) MEMBER COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING: *According to the bylaws and the wishes of the G.A. The*

- A. ~~THE~~ PRESIDENT
- B. ~~THE~~ VICE-PRESIDENT
- C. SECRETARY
- D. TREASURER
- E. FIVE (5) COUNCILMEN INCLUDING THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
- F. ~~THE~~ LEGAL ADVISER AS A (NON-VOTING MEMBER).

## ARTICLE IX

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:  
MANAGES AND ADMINISTERS THE WELFARE, PROPERTY AND AFFAIRS OF THE CLUB AND ATTENDS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLUB GOALS. *SAGAN*

## ARTICLE X

THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ARE PERSONALLY AND COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLUB'S DUTIES AS DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND <sup>AS APPROVED</sup> DECIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

## ARTICLE XI

THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IS ~~ONE~~ <sup>TWO</sup> YEARS, IN THE EVENT OF RESIGNATION, OR VACANCY FOR WHATEVER REASON, THE <sup>SMALL</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL FILL THE VACANCY IN THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE REELECTED CONSECUTIVELY TO THE SAME OFFICE EXCEPT FOR THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT MAY BE REELECTED AFTER A TWO YEAR INTERVAL FROM HIS LAST TERM. <sup>Freehold</sup> <sup>and office</sup>

ALL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE WITHOUT FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. <sup>same leave w/ re-elected</sup>

## ARTICLE XII

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS FOUR TIMES A YEAR. SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COUNCIL IS THROUGH THE WRITTEN REQUEST ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT BY THREE (3) MEMBERS.

## ARTICLE XIII

A MAJORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM WITH THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT CHAIRING THE MEETING. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PRESENT IS NEEDED FOR REACHING DECISIONS. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND ANY CORRESPONDENCE ARE READ AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MEETING,

#### ARTICLE XIV

WHEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ABSENT WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE REASON FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UPON THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION, MAY RELEASE THE MEMBER OF HIS OR HER DUTIES. A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IS REQUIRED FOR SUCH ACTION. THE VACANCY IS FILLED THEN ACCORDING TO ARTICLE XI.

#### ARTICLE XV

THE P R E S I D E N T HEADS THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLUB AND

- A. UPHOLDS THE CONSTITUTION, THE DECISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- B. CALLS FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.
- C. CHAIRS THE MEETINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH COMPLETE POWER IN EXERCISING THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.
- D. UPON AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CONTRACTS AND EXECUTES THE BUSINESS OF THE CLUB.
- E. REPRESENTS THE CLUB IN ANY LEGAL AFFAIRS AND TO ANY GOVERNMENT.
- F. COSIGNS WITH THE SECRETARY ALL DOCUMENTS OF THE CLUB AND WITH THE TREASURER ALL CHECKS AND INVOICES.
- G. REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ACTION AND DECISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

#### ARTICLE XVI

THE V I C E P R E S I D E N T SUBSTITUTES FOR THE PRESIDENT IN ALL HIS DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. IN THE EVENT OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTES ALL THE PRESIDENT'S DUTIES UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTIONS. IN THE EVENT OF BOTH OFFICES BEING VACATED, THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ELECT NEW OFFICERS IN THE NEXT MEETING.

#### ARTICLE XVII

THE SECRETARY MAINTAINS COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP LIST, TAKES MINUTES AT THE MEETINGS, CONDUCTS THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE CLUB WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE PRESIDENT, MAINTAINS THE BOOKS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CLUB. COSIGNS WITH THE PRESIDENT ALL DOCUMENTS OF THE CLUB AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OR TREASURER, COSIGNS ALL CHECKS AND INVOICES.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

THE TREASURER MAINTAINS THE ACCOUNTING BOOKS OF THE CLUB, COLLECTS AND EXECUTES PAYMENTS FOR THE CLUB IN NUMERICALLY SEQUENCED CHECKS AND INVOICES WHICH ARE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

FOR BOTH RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLE ACCOUNTS THE TREASURER ACTS ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

THE TREASURER ALSO DEPOSITS THE CLUB MONIES TO THE BANK, SUGGESTED BY THE COUNCIL, WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE COLLECTION.

HE SUBMITS A FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL QUARTERLY, AND AT THE ELECTION MEETING, HE SUBMITS A COMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR.

IN THE EVENT OF THE TREASURER'S RESIGNATION, HE SHALL SUBMIT A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

#### ARTICLE XIX

THREE (3) AUDITORS SHALL ALSO BE ELECTED DURING THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS WHOSE DUTIES ARE TO AUDIT THE <sup>BOOKS</sup> MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND THE TREASURER ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ALL ACCOUNTING BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE AUDITORS. THE AUDITORS PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT WHICH THEY SUBMIT ON THE NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

## ARTICLE XX

THE CLUB SHALL MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- A. MEMBERSHIP LIST
- B. RECORDS OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- C. BOOK OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS
- D. ACCOUNTING BOOKS. (2) *secretary*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

### ARTICLE 21

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES ROUTINELY ~~FOUR~~ <sup>(2)</sup> TIMES ANNUALLY ON DAYS SPECIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLIES MAY BE CALLED BY DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT OR A WRITTEN PETITION OF 25 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS. THE PETITION SHALL STATE THE REASON FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING, INCLUDE A PROPOSED AGENDA AND BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WITH PROVEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. +

THE PRESIDENT THEN SHALL CALL A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN THREE (3) WEEKS FROM THE RECEIPT OF SAID PETITION.

### ARTICLE XXII

THE PRESIDENT SHALL CALL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY NOTIFYING THE MEMBERS IN WRITING AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS AND TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS. AN AGENDA SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IS SPECIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

### ARTICLE XXIII

A QUORUM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PRESENT WHEN TWO-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AND UPON QUORUM THE MEETING IS CONSIDERED IN SESSION

*in good standing*



UNTIL ITS COMPLETION. IF A QUORUM IS NOT PRESENT, THE ASSEMBLY SHALL BE CALLED AGAIN WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS BY THE PRESIDENT AT WHICH TIME QUORUM EXISTS REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

#### ARTICLE XXIV

THE VOTING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES WITH RESPECT TO ELECTIONS, PERSONAL ACCOUNTING, OR PERSONAL AFFAIRS SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOTING. FOR ALL OTHER ISSUES BY THE RAISING OF HAND, OR, IF <sup>requested</sup> RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT, OR, BY TWO (2) MEMBERS, BY PERSONAL ROLL CALL. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE THE MOTION FAILS.

NO VOTING BY PROXY IS PERMITTED.

#### ELECTIONS

#### ARTICLE XXV

THE ~~ANNUAL~~ ELECTIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND THE <sup>remain</sup> REST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, TAKE PLACE DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MAY. THE EXACT DATE TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. ✓

*September, every other year.*

#### ARTICLE XXVI

THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE RIGHT TO ELECTIVE OFFICE IS LIMITED TO REGULAR MEMBERS REGISTERED AT LEAST FOUR (4) MONTHS PRIOR TO ELECTIONS. ?

#### ARTICLE XXVII

A THREE (3) MEMBER BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS ELECTED DURING THE SAME MEETING WHOSE DUTIES ARE TO CARRY OUT THE ELECTIONS ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION. THE VOTING IS CONDUCTED BY BALLOT EACH SHOWING THE CLUB'S STAMP. X ?

*G.A. elects chair who will conduct elec.*

#### ARTICLE XXVIII

THE OFFICERS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ARE ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT. THE CANDIDATES SHALL BE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER. ✓

*See XXIV above*

*See the floor*

IN THE ABSENCE OF A SECOND CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE, THE ELECTION IS UNANIMOUS. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, A SECOND BALLOT IS REQUIRED.

#### ARTICLE XXIX

THE OFFICERS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TAKE THE FOLLOWING OATH:

"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB AND FULFILL THE RESOLUTIONS OF ITS MAJORITY." *H.V.C. 9/15/61* *NAVIGATES*

#### SEAL

#### ARTICLE XXX

THE SEAL OF THE CLUB CARRIES ITS NAME AND THE YEAR 1969 ON ITS PERIMETER AND SHOWS ITS EMBLEM IN THE MIDDLE.

#### AMENDMENTS

#### ARTICLE XXXI

*vote*  
A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUIRED TO AMEND THIS CONSTITUTION AT A SPECIAL MEETING. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS IN WRITING ACCORDING TO ARTICLE XXII. *2*

#### DISSOLUTION

#### ARTICLE XXXII

FOR THE DISSOLUTION AND PROPERTY SETTLEMENT OF THE CLUB, A FOUR-FIFTHS QUORUM OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUIRED. IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION THE PROPERTY OF THE CLUB WILL BE DISPOSED OF COMPLETELY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC PURPOSES.