

ARTICLES OF THE YUGOSLAV CLUB OF GREATER DAYTON, OHIO

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this club shall be THE YUGOSLAV CLUB of Greater Dayton, Ohio.

ARTICLE II: PLACE

The place in this state where the principal office of the club is to be located is the City of Dayton, County of Montgomery.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The exclusive purpose of this club shall be to promote an educational interest in the history, geography, social economy, literature, art, music, drama, language, general culture of the Republics of Yugoslavia, represented in the greater Dayton area and for any other educational purpose not contrary to Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV:

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial Trustees of the Club are:

NAME

ADDRESS

John S. Zarka
Grace Wolff
Gabriel Rus

2225 Coolidge Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45419
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ARTICLE V:

No part of the net earnings of the club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized once empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Club shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a club exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VI:

SECTION 1:

Membership in this organization shall be open to any individual or group interested in its objectives; upon payment of the requisite dues. Groups may become members either by invitation or by application to the membership committee, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2:

Classes of membership and annual dues:

a. Classes, Regular Members:

- Individual.....\$ 3.00
- Family (Husband and Wife, with one vote each).....\$ 5.00
- Students (High School and College).....\$ 1.00
- Children.....\$.50
- Groups (with one vote per group).....\$ 15.00

b. Sponsoring Members (minimum).....\$ 25.00

Sponsoring members may also be regular members on the payment of the proper fee.

c. Duration: Membership shall extend from the date the dues are paid until that same date the following year. Dues allowed to lapse for up to three months, except where a formal request for withdrawal of membership has been submitted to the Executive Board, shall be dated from the date due and shall extend for one year from that date.

Section 3:

Voting membership shall be composed of paid up regular members sixteen years or over in good standing, along with one duly credited representative from each member group, provided they are present at a regular meeting or a duly announced special meeting, provided nevertheless that if in the opinion of the executive committee a more representative election could be had by the use of a mail ballot the executive committee may in its discretion order said mail ballots to be used.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1:

The officers of this organization shall be elected by the membership at the October meeting for terms of one year. A majority of those casting a ballot shall be necessary for election. All elected officers or members of the executive or consulting board shall continue to serve and be empowered to act until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

Section 2:

The elected officers shall consist of a president, not more than four vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 3:

Vacancies in the elected offices or of the advisory board shall be filled by the executive board for the unexpired term; in the case of the advisory board member, until the next election.

Section 4:

Any paid up regular member in good standing who is sixteen years or older and who has been a member for at least three (3) months shall be eligible to hold office. Group members and children shall not be eligible.

Section 5:

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of this organization, shall call and preside at Executive Board Meetings, and shall perform all the usual functions pertaining to this office. He/She shall name the chairperson of all standing committees deemed necessary, and shall be ex-officio member of all the committees except the nominating committee.

B. The First Vice-President shall serve as aide to the President, and shall act for him/her in his/her absence or in the event of his/her disability, and shall serve as Chairperson of Cultural activities.

C. The Second Vice-President shall serve as chairperson of the Membership committee.

D. The Third-Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairperson.

E. The Fourth-Vice-President shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Inter-cultural Relations.

F. The Secretary shall take the Minutes at all meetings and keep them in his/her custody. He/she shall have a copy of the organization's by-laws available for ready reference. He/she shall keep an accurate list of the individual members and of the member groups, along with the latter's voting representative. He/she shall have charge of such correspondence as is delegated to him/her by the President or the Executive Board.

G. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds belonging to the organization and shall pay out from the same only by order of the President or the Executive Board. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all money received and expended, and shall render an itemized statement at the regular Executive Board Meetings. He/she shall present an annual report at the October meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed each year prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: ADVISORY BOARD

An Advisory Board which shall consist of not less than three nor more than ten, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of three years. All regular members over the age of sixteen years, including sponsoring members, are eligible to serve on said board. The Advisory Board shall serve on the Executive Board. A representative member of the Dance Group shall also serve on the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE IX: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The affairs of this organization shall be conducted by the Executive Board consisting of the officers listed above, the immediate past president and the members of the Advisory Board. The meetings of this Board shall be called by the President at his/her discretion, with a minimum of three (3) meetings to be held each year.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

Section 1:

Three (3) regular meetings are to be held on a Sunday sometime during the club year which is from September through May. Extraordinary meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board or the President.

Section 2:

The October meeting shall be the Annual Meeting for the election of officers and for the presentation of the annual reports of the officers and committees.

ARTICLE XI: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee shall consist of two regular members and one member of the Advisory Board who shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall present the nominations for the various offices and Advisory Board at the Annual Meeting in October. Nominations from the floor will be in order provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by a majority vote of the members casting a ballot.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the membership by a majority vote, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to each member and to each group at least one week prior to the meeting. Only one notice need be sent to member groups. Voting on the amendment to the by-laws may be by mail ballot as is set forth in ARTICLE VI, Section 3.

ARTICLE XIII: RULES OF ORDER

The newly revised edition of the Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure insofar as they are applicable and consistent with these by-laws. A copy of this edition shall be in custody of the Secretary and shall be kept immediately available for the presiding officer of each meeting.

ARTICLE XIV: OFFICIAL ORGAN

A newsletter shall be the official organ of communication for the membership. Its editing, printing, and mailing shall be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Board. A complete set shall be kept on file by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the club, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the club, dispose of all the assets of the club exclusively one-half to the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, Institute of Folk Arts, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and one-half _____ (to be named) _____, or if this is not possible, to such organization or organizations organized exclusively for educational organizations as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of _____ (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 27 day of March, 1978.

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