

CONSTITUTION OF DFW-SINGAPORE CLUB

- January 19, 1990. - Original Document**
- June 15, 1991 - First ammendment ¹**
- June 27, 1992 - Second ammendment ²**
- July 3rd, 1994 - Third ammendment ³**

The following is a list of the members of the club who have been elected to the office of President and Vice President since the formation of the club in 1990.

1990	John King	John King
1991	John King	John King
1992	John King	John King
1993	John King	John King
1994	John King	John King

TITLE

- 1.0 The name of the Club shall be the DFW-SINGAPORE CLUB. References herein to the "Club" shall mean the DFW-SINGAPORE CLUB.

ADDRESS

- 2.0 The address of the Club shall be :

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OBJECTIVES

- 3.0 The Club is a Non-Profit Club, and the objectives shall be:
- (a) to promote cultural, recreational activities and awareness of Singapore current affairs.
 - (b) to serve as an informal source of information for members and newly-arrived Singaporeans.
 - (c) to organize informal meetings with interesting Singaporean visitors.
 - (d) to carry out activities which promote the general welfare and interests of the members and the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

4.0 The Club shall have the following categories of membership:

- (a) General Members**
- (b) Family Members**
- (c) Associate Members**
- (d) Corporate Members**
- (e) Honorary Members**
- (f) Student Members ¹**
- (g) Visiting Members ¹**

4.1 GENERAL MEMBERS

Citizens, former citizens or permanent residents of Singapore aged 12 and above and residing in the United States may apply for General membership. Each candidate must be proposed and seconded by another General Member.

4.2 FAMILY MEMBERS

Spouse and children of General Members automatically qualify as Family Members.

4.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Non-citizens of Singapore residing in the U.S. or U.S. citizens may apply for Associate memberships. An Associate Member must be proposed by a General Member and seconded by two General Members. The number of Associate Members should not exceed the number of General Members at any time.

4.4 CORPORATE MEMBERS

An entity may apply for Corporate membership if :

it is a company, club or society with an interest in Singapore affairs.

Every Corporate Member shall be entitled to nominate a person from time to time to become Authorized Representative of the Corporate Member. Such person shall become Authorized Representative of the Corporate Member on despatch of written consent from the Secretary of the Club to such nomination.

A Corporate Member will have all the rights and privileges of memberships, including the right to attend General Meetings except that each Corporate Member shall only exercise one vote through its Authorized Representative. The Executive Committee shall approve or reject applications for Corporate memberships at its discretion without giving any explanations.

4.5 HONORARY MEMBERS

Members with suffrage as described in Article 14 may propose Honorary membership for anyone worthy of such distinction. Such proposals can only be made at the AGM and must be approved by a simple majority.

4.6 STUDENT MEMBERS

Full time students attending colleges or universities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The student members will not have any voting rights. Option exists for student members to convert to general or associate memberships, if membership criteria are met. ¹

4.7 VISITING MEMBERS

Any interested party residing outside the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The visiting members will not have any voting rights. ¹

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 5.0 The annual subscription for General and Associate Members shall be US\$ 15 per year or such sum as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time. Members with spouses may elect to pay the family rate of US\$ 20 and enjoy the benefits of two (2) General memberships.
- 5.1 The annual subscription for Corporate Members shall be US\$ 500 or such other sum as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.
- 5.2 Honorary Members are exempted from payment of annual subscription.
- 5.3 Annual subscription is due on January 1st or during the mid-year at the AGM. Members will be reminded verbally or by mail to renew their membership. If the annual subscription is not received by the Treasurer one month after the reminder, membership may be terminated.³
- 5.4 Initial subscription fees for new members is dependent on the time of year they join. Except for members who join during the 4th quarter, full subscription fee is due again on the Jan 1st of the next year.
- a. During 1st quarter - full subscription
 - b. During 2nd or 3rd quarter - half subscription
 - c. During 4th quarter - full subscription, good for the following year.

The initial subscription fee guideline does not apply to new Corporate and Visiting membership. Full subscription fee will apply for these 2 categories and the due date for the next subscription will be decided by the Treasurer.²

- 5.5 The annual dues for student members will be \$10.¹
- 5.6 The annual dues for visiting members will be \$10.³

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- 6.0 All members shall enjoy the following rights :**
- (a) To use all facilities provided by the Club for the general use of its members.**
 - (b) To attend General Meetings and Special Meetings of the Club.**
 - (c) To attend functions and activities organized by the Club.**
 - (d) To be eligible for membership to sub-committees of the Club.**
- 6.1 Only General and Associate Members may hold office in the Executive Committee.³**

SUSPENSION OR FORFEITURE OF MEMBERS

- 7.0 Suspension or forfeiture of membership of member shall be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or any Special General Meetings. A simple majority is required and the decision is final.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8.0 An Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Club and the conduct of its affair.
- 8.1 The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Each elected Committee Member shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 8.2 The Executive Committee shall comprise:
- (a) the President
 - (b) the Vice President — *eliminate*
 - (c) the Secretary
 - (d) the Treasurer
 - (e) two other Committee Members.
- 8.3 The Executive Committee may form sub-committees from time to time to assist in running of the Club. The President shall appoint a chairman for the sub-committee.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 9.0 Election shall be by secret ballot or by show of hands as determined by the election administrator and voting members present at the AGM. If there is only one nominated candidate for a post, members may elect to cast, by secret ballot only, either a "yes" or a "no" vote for the nominated candidate. If the majority of the votes turn out to be "no", it is deemed to be a "no confidence" vote for the nominee and the nomination shall be nullified. The post will remain unfilled. ²**
- 9.1 Election of a new Executive Committee shall occur at every AGM.**
- 9.2 All candidates for election to the Executive Committee shall be General Members, except for the 2 committee members posts for which General or Associate Members can qualify to stand for election. All candidates must be proposed and seconded by members of the Club. ²**
- 9.3 Nominations may be made at the AGM or in writing to the Secretary postmarked at least 7 days prior to the AGM. ²**
- 9.4 If any Executive Committee Member is temporarily unable to perform his duties, a replacement may be sought by the Executive Committee. If an Executive Member is unable to complete his term of office, a replacement may be chosen by the Executive Committee.**
- 9.5 The election administrator shall be identified and invited beforehand by the Executive Committee to conduct the election. If an election administrator is not available to conduct the election, then the Executive Committee shall nominate a member to perform the same function at the AGM. ²**
- 9.6 In the event there is more than one member nominated for the same post, each nominated member shall be given 5 minutes at the AGM, in the absence of the other nominee or nominees to make a statement supporting their election. ²**
- 9.7 The election for the Executive Committee shall take place in the following order, starting with the post of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Committee Member and 2nd Committee Member. Any nominated candidate that failed to get elected to a post can be re-nominated for subsequent posts. A candidate that is elected to a post shall not be able to be re-nominated for subsequent posts in the election. ²**

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 10.0 The general management of the Club is vested in the Executive Committee.**
- 10.1 The Executive Committee may from time to time vary and revoke the By-Laws (not inconsistent with the Constitution) for the conduct of its work.**
- 10.2 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out all resolutions of the Club, and for organizing activities, either directly or through appointees.**
- 10.3 The Executive Committee shall have full authority to enter into financial transactions and to deal in all Club matters.**
- 10.4 All funds of the Club or any part of such funds may only be dealt with by the President and the Treasurer.**
- 10.5 The Executive Committee shall have power to obtain, collect, and receive funds by contributions, sponsorships, donations, and subscriptions.**

THE PRESIDENT

- 11.0 The President shall be the Chairman of all meetings of the Executive Committee, the AGM, and Special General Meetings of the Club. In his absence, the Vice President shall take his place.**
- 11.1 In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation of any rule of the Constitution or any by-law, the decision of the President shall be final.**
- 11.2 If during any meeting of the Club or Executive Committee, when there is an equal number of votes for or against a motion, the Chairman of the meeting shall in addition to his own vote, have a casting vote.**

ACCOUNT BOOK

- 12.0 An account book shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Club and made available for inspection to members.
- 12.1 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, profit or otherwise howsoever, to any member of the Club save pursuant to Article 17.0.
- 12.2 The Executive Committee may in good faith compensate any officer or member of the Club for services rendered.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 13.0 An AGM of the Club shall be held annually in every fiscal year but there shall not be more than 15 months between one AGM and the next. Twenty-one days prior notice of the day, time, and venue of the AGM shall be given to all members in the manner described in Article 15.
- 13.1 A Special General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the Executive Committee, or shall be summoned immediately upon twenty percent of General Members delivering to the Executive Committee a written request that such meeting be convened. Fourteen days prior notice of the day, time, and venue of such Special General Meeting shall be given to all members in the manner prescribed in Article 15 save the Executive Committee may in extraordinary circumstances summon a Special General Meeting on less than 14 days prior notice.

VOTING

- 14.0 Only General Members and Corporate Members may vote at General Meetings. Each General Member or Corporate Member shall have one vote at the AGM. Family General Members shall have at most 2 votes at the AGM. ²
- 14.1 Voting may be by secret ballot or by show of hands as determined by the majority of the members present at such General Meeting.
- 14.2 At most, one Executive membership post can be held by members of a family membership. ²

NOTICES

- 15.0 Each member shall be obliged to keep the Secretary informed of his/her home address, or some other address at which communication may be addressed to him/her.

AMENDMENTS

- 16.0 This Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of the voting members present at any General Meeting for which notice had been duly given specifying the intention to propose such amendments, together with full particulars thereof.

DISSOLUTION

- 17.0 Dissolution of the Club shall occur if the number of General Members fall below 12 and if a resolution is passed by two-thirds or more of members entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- 17.1 In the event of dissolution of the Club, the Executive Committee shall take immediate steps to liquidate the assets of the Club. The designation of all funds, records, and assets of the Club shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present at the final General Meeting, providing that all debts of the Club have been paid.

RULES OF ORDER

- 18.0 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they do not conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws.