

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETY - ALPENROSE  
OF YORK, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ARTICLE I - Name**

The organization shall be known as the German American Society - Alpenrose of York, Pennsylvania.

**ARTICLE II - Purpose**

The purpose of the society is to maintain and foster, as far as it is possible and feasible, the German language, customs, songs and to promote a true spirit of sociability.

**ARTICLE III - Membership**

SECTION 1. Any person interested in German culture may apply for membership. The Directors shall have full power to accept or reject an applicant, or to take disciplinary actions appropriate to membership

SECTION 2. There shall be such classes of membership and dues for each class as the Directors may, from time to time, prescribe with the approval of the membership. [REVISED - Amendment A ( 12 May 2003)], [REINSTATED - Amendment B (13 October 2008)]

AMENDMENT A. Article III - Section 2 (12 May 2003)

Section deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT B Article III - Section 2 (13 October 2008)

Reinstate Section 2 in it's entirety. Classes of membership are defined as follows: Youth; College Student; Honorary and Life. These classes would require Board recommendation and membership approval. Dues for Youth and College Student would be ½ of Active Member.

**ARTICLE IV - Directors and Officers**

SECTION 1. The management of the affairs of the Society shall be under the control of nine Directors who shall be elected at the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Society in January, in such manner that the terms of one-third of the directors shall expire each year. [REVISED - Amendment A. (2 December 1996)], [REVISED - Amendment B (12 May 2003)], [REVISED - Amendment C (13 October 2008)],

AMENDMENT A. Article IV - Section 1 (2 December 1996)

Election of Directors shall take place on the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Society in February of each year.

AMENDMENT B. Article IV - Section 1 (12 May 2003)

Include: Directors shall be elected for a 3 year term.

AMENDMENT C. Article IV - Section 1 (13 October 2008)

Modify Amendment A to read: Elections of Directors shall take place on the regularly scheduled meeting of the Society in January of each year following the Nominating Committees' report. The new Directors will assume the responsibility of managing the Society's affairs immediately upon conclusion to the election and selection of officers, such that their term of office coincides with a January-to-January calendar/fiscal year.

SECTION 2. The Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancy among its members

SECTION 3. Directors shall be limited to one full term. Previous Directors may be re-elected after one year's absence from the Directors group. [REVISED - Amendment A. (20 January 1979)]

AMENDMENT A. Article IV - Section 3 (20 January 1979)

There shall be no limitations on the number of terms that any Director may serve consecutively. serve for the ensuing year, or until their successors are elected.

SECTION 5. Under the direction and subject to the approval of the Directors, the officers shall perform such duties as customarily pertain to their respective offices, and such other duties as may be enjoined upon them by the Directors.

SECTION 6. The Directors shall have the power to remove any officer or drop from membership in the Directors, any person who refuses or neglects to perform duties assigned to him, or who, in the opinion of the Board, unduly absents himself from meetings.

SECTION 7. Six members of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE V - Meetings**

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of each month (except July & Sept.), or at such time and places as the Directors may designate. [REVISED - Amendment A. (12 May 2003)]

AMENDMENT A. Article V - Section 1 (12 May 2003)

Modify to read: Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Monday of each month (except July & Sept), or at such time and places as the Directors may designate.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the Secretary on request of four Directors, or by written request of fifteen of the members.

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SECTION 4. The Society shall conduct a Business Meeting as part of each of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

SECTION 5. Those members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the society.

## **ARTICLE VI - Committees**

SECTION 1. The President, with the approval of the Directors, shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, one of whom shall be a Director and chairman and two of whom shall not be Directors, who shall report to the membership by December 1. [REVISED - Amendment A - (12 May 2003)], [REVISED - Amendment B - (13 October 2008)]

AMENDMENT A. Article VI - Section 1 (12 May 2003)

Include: The Nominating Committee..... Shall report to the membership at the regular monthly meeting in December. Nominations may be made from the floor at the regular monthly meeting in January, at which time the nominations will be closed.

AMENDMENT B Article - VI Section 1 (13 October 2008)

Modified to read: The Nominating Committee....Shall report to the membership at the regular monthly meeting in January. Nominations may

then be made from the floor, at which time the nominations will be closed. Ballots will then be distributed and the election conducted.

SECTION 2. The President, with the approval of the Directors, shall have the power to create such committees, as he deems necessary for the operation of the Society.

### **ARTICLE VII - Rules of Order**

SECTION 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to any powers or procedures not herein provided for.

### **ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this society, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the membership of the Society shall not be entitled to any of the assets, but the same shall be delivered over to or paid over to groups organized with objectives similar to those of this society. The recipient or recipients shall be determined by the membership of the Society, or by the Directors, if circumstances make a meeting of the membership impossible. [REVISED - Amendment 7 (12 May 2003)]

AMENDMENT A. Article VIII (12 May 2003)

Revised in its entirety to read : In the event of dissolution of this society, either voluntary or involuntarily, the membership of the Society shall not be entitled to any of the assets. The recipient or recipients of any monies and/or properties remaining after paying or providing for all liabilities shall be determined by a majority vote of the entire membership.

### **ARTICLE IX - Amendments**

Amendments to these by-laws may and shall be offered at regular meeting of the German American Society - Alpenrose of York, Pennsylvania and notice thereof given in writing to the members. Such an amendment is to be acted upon at the next regular meeting and a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary for adoption.

