

**Bylaws of the Italian American Citizens Club  
Oyster Bay, N.Y.  
2024**

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**These Bylaws supersede and replace any and all previous Bylaws.**

**Article 1**

The Club is incorporated under the laws of the state of New York.

Section 1

This club shall be known as the Italian American Citizens Club of Oyster Bay, Inc. (IACCOB) under the laws of the state of New York (hereinafter referred to as "the Club")

Section 2

The mission of the Club shall be to promote unity, neighborliness, integrity, charity, and an opportunity for its members to serve the community, as well as to have a place for pleasure, recreation, and other not for profit purposes subsequent to section 501 (c)(7) of the IRS code.

Section 3

The Club shall, wherever possible, supply leadership, manpower, and other aid for worthwhile community affairs.

Section 4

The Club is non-political, non-sectarian and nonprofit. The Club does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, or religion.

**Article 2**

The Club will hold a regular meeting every 2nd Friday of the month, with the exception of one summer month, for a total of 11 regular meetings per year. If a special meeting is necessary, the members will be notified by mail and/or email.

Section 1

The membership of the Club shall consist of any male person of good moral character and Italian heritage, or one whose wife is of Italian heritage and is of good moral character, is an American citizen or has made application for citizenship and is 21 years of age or older.

Section 2

Applicants eligible under Article 2 section 1 hereof, may obtain membership upon application to the Club's Financial Secretary and must be approved by the Executive Board.

Applicants must pay dues and fees in force at that time as set forth herein and shall be admitted into membership by a majority vote of the membership at the next regular

meeting. General membership dues are \$300.00 and initiation fees are \$100.00 which are the current as of 2024

### Section 3

Membership fees and dues are required to provide for the operating expense of the club and shall be determined by the officers and presented at a regular meeting for membership approval.

An initiation for new members (initiation fee) shall be \$100.00. New members interviewed will be presented for vote at the regular meetings from January through September, New potential members applying for application from October through December will be presented at the January meeting and pay the current dues for that year. (Current fee is \$300.00 as of 2024)

### Section 4

All members should pay their annual dues by the January meeting. Any member whose dues are not paid by the last day in February are considered delinquent, and as such a \$50 late fee will apply. Any member who has not paid dues and/or late fee by the last day in March will be expelled and removed from the active member list. A member that has been expelled as above, will have to reapply for membership and if approved, all current dues/fees in effect at such time will apply and must be paid before being reinstated.

### Section 5

Participation in the activities of the Club shall be limited to members in good standing only. Members in good standing may bring guests to the Club in reasonable numbers and times per month. Rules set forth by the chairman of certain actives will apply.

### **Article 3**

This Club shall be administered by the Board of Directors, (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) which consists of the following officers: President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and five trustees, plus an additional trustee, who was the outgoing president (During the first term of the new president)

A Sergeant of arms is appointed by the president and is NOT a voting member of the executive board.

### Section 1

The standing committees of the Club shall be the following:

- A. House
- B. Bar
- C. Entertainment
- D. Membership
- E. Nominating
- F. Good and Welfare

- G. Auditing
- H. Planning

#### Section 2

The officers of the Club, up for election shall be elected each year at the annual meeting.

The terms of office are 2 years with even and odd year elections as follows:

Odd years: President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, 2 trustees

Even years: Vice President, Financial Secretary, 3 trustees

#### Section 3

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president at the April meeting to nominate officers up for election the current year, other nominations may be made from the floor at the monthly meeting in May, one month prior to the annual meeting (Election night - June) The election of officers shall take place at the June meeting and their term of office shall commence in July.

#### **Article 4**

Said administration shall be elected as stated in Article 3 section 2 at the June meeting, and the duties of the officers are as follows:

#### Section 1

The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, and enforce the by-laws. He shall appoint all committees and shall have the power to call special meetings on his initiative, or when requested to do so as is provided in the by-laws. He shall by virtue of his office be a member of all committees.

#### Section 2

The Vice President shall assist the president in the discharge of his official duties and shall take his place in the event of his absence or disability. He shall be chairman of the planning committee.

#### Section 3

The corresponding secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting of the Club and be custodian of all documents and correspondence, issue notices of meetings and conduct all official correspondences.

#### Section 4

The Treasurer shall make no disbursement of the Club funds without the sanction of the membership and shall present a statement of receipts and disbursements at each meeting.

#### Section 5

The Financial Secretary shall maintain a current membership list, shall be charged with the collection of all fees, dues and keep records thereof. He shall issue receipts for all monies collected and turn over monies to the treasurer against the latter receipts for same.

## Section 6

The Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed by the president and shall preserve order at meetings and perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the President.

## Section 7

The Trustees will be the auditing committee and shall be responsible for recommending policies for the Club. They are also responsible for the inventory and control of all Club property. Any trustee absent for 2 consecutive meetings without advising the President will be suspended from the Board for the balance of his elected term. The Board will appoint a new trustee until the next scheduled election of that trustee.

## Section 8

The Board will have the final approval on all matters pertaining to the Club.

## **Article 5**

Every applicant for new membership shall appear before the Board with their sponsor for screening. If approved, the applicant will be presented to the General Membership for final approval.

## **Article 6**

Any applicant not accepted by the membership cannot be presented again for a period of six months from the date when the request was not accepted.

## **Article 7**

All members who attend the Club have the responsibility to be well mannered, not to cause trouble to the Club in general, and not to get intoxicated. Any member found guilty of these infractions may be suspended from the Club by the Board for a period of not less than 14 days and can only return by approval of the Board and membership. If repeated offenses occur, final suspension could be implemented.

## **Article 8**

During a regular meeting, no member can begin to speak to the membership without first requesting permission through the president or presiding officer. Any member not obeying this rule shall be suspended for a period of not less than 14 days.

## **Article 9**

There shall be an annual meeting the second Friday in June of each year for the election of officers and for receiving an annual report of officers and committees, and transactions of other business.

## Section 1

Special meetings of the Club may be called at any time by the president. The president may also call special meetings when he is requested to do so in writing. The writing shall specify the purpose of which such meeting is desired and shall be signed by at least twenty members in good standing.

## Section 2

The presence of twenty members of the Club in good standing shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Notice in writing by letter/email of all meetings shall be given by the secretary at least five days before the time appointed for the meeting. All notices of the meeting shall set forth the place, date, time, and purpose of the meeting.

## Section 3

Order of business of the meeting:

- A. Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence for the departed members (*and others*)
- B. Minutes of previous meeting ( read, approved, accepted)
- C. Treasures report.
- D. Financial secretary's report.
- E. Bar chairman report.
- F. Report of committees.
- G. Communications.
- H. Applications for membership.
- I. Old business.
- J. New Business.
- K. Good and welfare.
- L. Adjournment

## **Article 10**

Any current member in good standings with 25 years of continuous service is entitled to a recognition gift.

## **Article 11**

Any regular or social member that attains the age of 70 years old and has been a member in good standing for five years will be categorized as a senior member or senior social member and as such will be entitled to reduced dues. ( \$150 as of 2024)

## **Article 12**

All rent and dues of the Club shall be received by the Financial Secretary, those sums shall be given to the Treasurer who shall then deposit all sums in the bank.

## **Article 13**

During the existence of the Club, if it is desired to add future articles, sections, or amendments of the bylaws, the approval of the same must be made by a majority vote of the membership present at a monthly meeting.

## **Article 14**

In the event the Club is dissolved, all of its assets and properties shall be distributed by the membership, with the approval of the Trustees to a worthwhile Italian charity or charities.

### **Article 15**

Should the Club have a major deficit, all the Club members should be encouraged to voluntarily contribute whatever they can afford to keep the Club going.  
An assessment by the Board approval may be imposed if necessary.

### **Article 16**

No member has the right to go out of the Club and reveal any of the affairs of the Club. The same shall apply for board members discussing board meeting affairs. If this happens and the person is found guilty by the Executive Board and membership, by majority vote by each he may be punished by immediate expulsion or whatever lesser punishment is believed appropriate by the Executive Board and membership.

### **Article 17**

A limited number of members to the Club have been grandfathered in as Social Members. Any and all social members can enjoy the facilities of the Club but cannot hold office, make motions, second the same or be permitted to vote on any and all matters pertaining to the regular business of the Club. Social membership shall not exceed 20% of the regular membership.

## **Italian American Citizens Club Of Oyster Bay**

### **Board Of Directors**

**2024**

**President - Joseph Quartuccio**

**Vice President - Michael Graziose**

**Corresponding Secretary - Jeffery Gier**

**Treasurer - Darrel Dowers**

**Financial Secretary - Stephen Gheerow**

### **Trustees**

**Bartholomew Ranaldo (former President)**

**Gary Ranaldo**

**David Natale**

**Michael Salvato**

**Steven McEvoy**

**Ken Minicozzi**

**Sergeant At Arms - Thomas DellaRatta**

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