

BYLAWS OF THE TIS MEN'S CLUB

(Revised May 23, 2021)

Article 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the TIS Men's Club. It is affiliated with Tifereth Israel Synagogue of San Diego (“the Congregation”). It is also affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs.

Article 2: PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

- (1) To strengthen the involvement of the members in the life of the Congregation.
- (2) To integrate and advance the Congregational institutions.
- (3) To promote a more thorough knowledge and appreciation of Jewish life.
- (4) To stimulate social and cultural activities among the members of the Men’s Club, among members of the Congregation, and in the community at large.
- (5) To train knowledgeable leaders for the Congregation and the Jewish community.

Article 3: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Those eligible for membership in the Men's Club shall be:

- (1) Members of the Jewish community who are 18 years of age or over. By "Jewish community” we refer to people who are Jews by birth or conversion, have one Jewish parent, or are married or partnered to a Jew. Under special circumstances, persons not meeting these criteria may be voted into membership by the Board of Directors of the Men’s Club (“the Board”).
- (2) A member shall be considered in good standing through the timely payment of dues.
- (3) Payment of membership dues shall be taken as agreement to receive e-mails and texts from the Men’s Club and e-mails from the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs, unless a member explicitly indicates that he or she wishes to be excluded from such e-mails and texts.

Article 4: NOMINATION AND ELECTION TO OFFICE

- (1) The authority to nominate members for office is vested in the Board of the Men's Club.
- (2) A nominating committee of up to 5 members may be appointed by the President. The Committee shall propose candidates for office to serve for terms as specified in these bylaws. The Board may accept this recommendation or nominate a different slate of candidates.
- (3) Additional nominations may be made in advance of an election by any member in good standing via notice to the Board via the Secretary. The President will inform members of this opportunity prior to an election.
- (4) Officers shall be elected by the members who are in good standing. The Board shall determine the method of balloting. An election shall be considered valid if 25 percent of the members in good standing at the time of the election have voted, not counting the votes of those who have been nominated to be officers.
- (5) The election of officers for a new fiscal year shall be completed by the start of that fiscal year. If an election is not held by the start of the fiscal year, it shall be held as soon as possible in the new fiscal year.
- (6) The office of Immediate Past President is an exception to this procedure. The person who was most recently President shall assume this office upon leaving the position of President, with no nomination or election, and the person who had been Immediate Past President shall no longer be a member of the Board unless elected or appointed to be so under these bylaws. If the position of Immediate Past President becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the current President ceases to be President.

Article 5: OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) Officers of the Men's Club shall be:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Immediate Past President
- (2) If candidates are nominated and elected, there shall be in addition four Directors, each to serve as chair of one of the following committees.
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Programming
 - (c) Religious Affairs

(d) Communications

- (3) The Officers by consensus may appoint additional voting members of the Board between annual elections by the membership.
- (4) If any of the above-listed four committees is lacking an elected chair, the Officers, the elected committee chairs if any, and the additional appointed members of the Board if any shall determine how they will divide or share those committee activities.
- (5) The Board shall guide, manage, and direct the activities of the Men's Club.
- (6) Officers and Directors shall serve for a period of 2 years, except immediately after adoption of these bylaws. Following adoption, the President and Secretary will serve 1-year terms on a one-time basis. No Officer or Director shall serve more than three consecutive terms following the election of 2021. Any additional, non-elected members of the Board may serve until the new set of Officers is installed following the annual election. Previous additional members may serve again if appointed by the new set of Officers.
- (7) A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board.
- (8) The President shall have the power to fill Officer and Director vacancies. The President shall also interpret these bylaws in case of dispute.
- (9) In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Officers and Directors shall by consensus select a replacement for that office. If there is no consensus, a special election among the membership shall be held to select the President. The selected person shall serve the remaining period of the President's term.

Article 6: MEETINGS

- (1) The TIS Men's Club Board shall meet a minimum of six times a year at the call of the President. The dates of these meetings shall be communicated to the TIS calendar staff. The President shall remind Board members of the upcoming meeting by email, text message, and/or phone call. Any member of the TIS Men's Club may attend a meeting of the Board.
- (2) An in-person gathering of the Men's Club shall be held at least annually, if allowed by civil and TIS health authorities. There shall be no admission fee for members in good standing. The election of Officers and Directors may, but is not required, to be part of this meeting.

Article 7: FISCAL YEAR AND DUES

- (1) The fiscal year for the TIS Men's Club shall be July 1 through June 30.

- (2) Dues shall be \$36 for a regular membership and \$50 for a sustaining membership.
- (3) Members who were in good standing in the previous fiscal year shall be considered to be in good standing for a grace period of 3 months into the new fiscal year. After October 1, a member shall not be considered to be in good standing until a dues payment for the current fiscal year has been made.
- (4) Dues payments made in April, May, or June shall be considered advance payments for the next fiscal year, in addition to putting the member into good standing for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
- (5) Dues may be periodically adjusted by membership vote.

Article 8: FINANCES

- (1) All Men's Club funds are the property of Tifereth Israel Congregation and are to be used for purposes consistent with the Congregation's tax-exempt status.
- (2) Subject to whatever limits that may be established by the Board of Directors of the Congregation in its Standing Rules, the President may authorize single, unrelated expenditures of up to \$100. Such expenditures may not exceed \$500 in one fiscal year.
- (3) Expenditures larger than \$100 require the approval of the Board.
- (4) Except in emergencies, all instructions to the TIS Executive Director or accountant authorizing a charge to the Men's Club Fund shall be conveyed by the Treasurer.
- (5) The Treasurer shall give a report at each Board meeting as to income that has been received and expenditures that have been made since the last report, and as to the current balance of the Men's Club Fund(s).
- (5) When members are shopping for supplies and services for a Men's Club event, they shall strive to adhere to budgetary guidance provided by the Board.
- (6) The Men's Club will report its current membership to the Federation of Jewish Men's Club and pay the annual assessment based on its membership.

Article 8: RELIGIOUS POLICY ISSUES

In its collective activities, the Men's Club will follow the direction of the Congregation's rabbi regarding Jewish law and practice. Members of the Board will avoid conducting or electronically communicating about Men's Club business on Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

Article 10: BYLAWS AND RATIFICATION

These revised bylaws were adopted by the membership on [date] via a vote conducted on-line. Following adoption, these bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the membership.