

THE EBELL CLUB OF ANAHEIM BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as "THE EBELL CLUB OF ANAHEIM." The Club is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation with the Federal Tax Identification Number 95-0700746.

ARTICLE II

Mission

The mission of this Club is the advancement of the general culture, interests and needs of the community.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

Section 1. The regular business meetings of The Ebell Club of Anaheim shall take place on the first Monday of each month excepting the months of July and August unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Club or any six (6) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Not fewer than twenty-five percent (25%) of the members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of Ebell Club. Not fewer than fifty percent (50%) of the Board members plus one (1) shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: In the absence of a quorum at any meeting or in the case of an emergency, votes may be taken electronically or by telephone. All votes shall be provided within five (5) days of the request. The President or committee chair shall obtain votes from at least fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the members of the Board or committee.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Membership shall not be limited. Information about new members shall be presented to the Board of Directors along with the entrance fee and annual dues to the Second Vice President (Membership). Dues for new members joining after December shall be one-half (½) of the current dues.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this Club shall be President, First Vice President (Dean), Second Vice President (Membership), Third Vice President (Sections), Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, House Chairman, and two Trustees.

Section 2. The Trustees shall consist of two (2) members.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be President of the Corporation. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Ebell Club, call special meetings, appoint the Endowment Advisor and those Chairmen of Standing Committees that are not elected, as well as all Standing Committees and Federation Chairmen, and be Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Trustees. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The President shall be responsible for compiling and obtaining printing of the yearbook. The President shall counter-sign checks and perform all other duties of the office. The President and Recording Secretary shall take an annual inventory of the safe. None of the material in the safe is to be removed. If a copy of any item in the safe is needed, a Board Member will make a copy and the item returned immediately to the safe.

Section 2. In the absence of the President, the President's duties shall be assumed by the Vice Presidents in the order of their rank. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the First Vice President (Dean) shall immediately assume the duties of President.

Section 3. The First Vice President shall serve as Dean of Federation Chairmen and shall supervise and instruct chairmen in compiling Federation reports. The First Vice President shall assist the President in compiling the yearbook and assume other responsibilities as requested by the President.

Section 4. The Second Vice President shall be Membership Chairman and shall have charge of the duties of the Membership Committee. The Second Vice President shall keep a membership file with correct addresses of new members and assist the President in compiling the yearbook. The Second Vice President shall convey pertinent information about new members to the Ebellaire Editor. The Second Vice President shall develop a comprehensive membership program and conduct an orientation for new members. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for all needed name tags.

Section 5. The Third Vice President shall be in charge of all Club Sections, receive applications for the formation of new Sections, and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall conduct the organizational meetings of the same. The Third Vice President shall be informed as to the general character of the activities of each section and report at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Recording Secretary shall be Secretary of the Corporation. The Recording Secretary shall keep the seal of the Corporation and affix the same to all duly executed instruments that may require it. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record and give a monthly report of the proceedings of the Club and the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall be prepared to read, on call, the record of any of the previous meetings. At the end of the club year the Recording Secretary shall give the Treasurer the minutes of the Board of Directors, which shall be submitted, along with the Treasurer's books, for review. The President and Recording Secretary shall take an annual inventory of the safe. None of the material in the safe is to be removed. If a copy of any item in the safe is needed, a Board Member will make a copy and the item returned to the safe. The Recording Secretary shall ensure that all insurance policies, signed contracts and other legal documents are filed in the Clubhouse. The Recording Secretary along with the Treasurer shall oversee Clubhouse hall rental contracts and make reports to the Board. The Recording Secretary shall be a member of the Audit Committee. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for ordering club stationery with Board approval. The Recording Secretary shall file all pertinent correspondence. The Recording Secretary shall read correspondence at General and Board meetings.

Section 7. (a) The Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Corporation as needed. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in such bank or banks as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay all bills authorized by the Board and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall pay all tax bills and insurance premiums when due. All checks authorized by the Board of Directors shall be signed by any two of the following: President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make a monthly and yearly report of the condition of finances of the Corporation to the Club and to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer, along with the House Chairman, shall oversee Clubhouse hall rental contracts and make reports to the Board. The Treasurer shall keep a record of estimated quarterly payments to the state and the IRS and work with the accountant. The Treasurer shall meet semiannually with the Audit Committee. At the end of the Club year the Treasurer shall submit for review the Club's books and records to an accountant who has been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be furnished an adequate bond, filed with the Recording Secretary. The expense of the bond shall be defrayed by the Club. The Treasurer shall chair the Budget Committee.

(b) An Endowment Advisor shall be appointed by the President to confer with the Treasurer on the investment and management of monies received by the Club in the form of bequests, endowments or trusts. Before appointment, the prospective advisor shall be interviewed about knowledge of financial matters by the President and the Treasurer. The Endowment Advisor shall provide the Board with an update on all financial performances of investments, as needed. No financial transactions shall occur without the Board's approval.

Section 8. The Financial Secretary shall assist the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall issue membership cards upon payment of dues and keep a current and accurate account of members in good standing. The

Financial Secretary shall assist the President and First Vice President (Dean) in compiling the yearbook. The Financial Secretary shall be Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Section 9. The House Chairman shall supervise the maintenance and necessary repairs of the Clubhouse and the club's rental house as well as the upkeep of the grounds surrounding the Clubhouse. The House Chairman shall be the contact person for questions concerning Clubhouse hall rentals. The House Chairman and the House Committee shall be responsible for purchasing supplies as needed and taking inventory once a year. The House Chairman shall arrange for the cleaning of the hall and request payment for the cleaning personnel. This Chairman and House Committee shall be responsible for opening and closing the Clubhouse and parking lot gates for all general meetings.

Section 10. The Special Events Chairman shall be appointed by the President to devise ways and means of sustaining the financial affairs of the Club. Fundraising monies earned go through the general account. The Board of Directors shall direct the dispensing of the funds. The House Chairman and the Special Events Committee shall be responsible for opening and closing the Clubhouse and parking lot gates for all special events as necessary. The Special Events Chairman shall be a member of the Audit Committee.

Section 11. The President, First Vice President (Dean), Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Special Events Chairman, Endowment Advisor, and the Admissions Chairman are to be bonded at club expense.

Section 12. Corporate records of officers other than the Treasurer shall at the end of their term be turned back to the Ebell Club within thirty (30) days – no later than June 30th. Records of the Treasurer shall be turned over to an accountant for review and preparation of tax returns within sixty (60) days – no later than July 31st. Upon receipt of the records from the accountant, the Treasurer shall then turn them over to the club within thirty (30) days. Records shall be kept in locked cabinets in the Clubhouse.

ARTICLE VII

Nominating Committee and Elections

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members plus two (2) alternates. The immediate Past President shall be Chairman. One member and an alternate shall be elected by the Board of Directors in January, and three (3) members and their alternate shall be elected by the General Membership at the regular meeting in February. This Committee shall report at the regular meeting in March. In the event that the immediate Past President is unavailable, a past member of the board shall be elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Chairman.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be a past president. Any member nominated for the Nominating Committee must be present and give consent to serve if elected.

Section 3. Nominees for the office of President shall have served on the Board of Directors at least two (2) years. Nominees for other offices shall have been a member of the Ebell Club of Anaheim for at least one year.

Section 4. The Trustees shall consist of two (2) members.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall announce the Nominees for the Board of Directors at the March General Meeting. Members may nominate from the floor candidates whose names do not appear on the list of the Nominating Committee. The candidates must be present and give consent to serve if elected.

Section 6. Election of Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year shall be held at the first General Meeting in April at the regular meeting of the Club. If a General Meeting is unable to be held, election may be conducted by ballot electronically and/or by mail.

Section 7. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. Should there be only one candidate nominated for election to each office, the election shall be by voice vote. With more than one candidate, election shall be by ballot.

Section 8. All Officers shall be elected for a term of one year. They shall assume their duties on June 1st and be installed at the next General Meeting.

Section 9. No member shall be eligible for the same office for more than two consecutive terms unless approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues and Fees

Section 1. (a) Annual membership dues as well as an initial entrance fee for new members shall be required. These shall include the amounts required for District, State and National dues and fees. A member is expected to support fundraisers.

(b) The President's dues shall be paid from the yearly allotment budgeted for President's expenses.

(c) The dues of the Treasurer shall be paid by the Ebell Club of Anaheim.

Section 2. Dues are payable by June 1 of each year and delinquent by October 1. Payment after October 1 shall require a reinstatement fee.

Section 3. A member in good standing who has resigned and been off the membership list for not more than two years may be reinstated by the sanction of the Board and the payment of current dues and a reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE IX

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least ten (10) officers, which includes the two (2) Trustees.

Section 2. A Parliamentary shall be appointed by the President and attend the Board meetings. The Parliamentary shall act as advisor to the President and Ebell Club upon points of parliamentary law.

ARTICLE X

Powers and Duties of Board of Directors

Section 1. The powers of this Corporation, except as herein otherwise provided by the bylaws, are vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board shall manage and control the Corporation as provided by these bylaws, and make such rules and regulations as are consistent with these bylaws and the laws of the State of California as they deem necessary.

Section 3. The Board shall fix and locate from time to time the office of the Corporation and adopt, make, and use the corporate seal, and alter the form of such seal from time to time as in their judgment it may be deemed best. They shall have power to borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purpose of the corporation. The same shall apply to those who execute and deliver, therefore, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, deeds of trust mortgages, pledges, and other evidence of debts and securities, and generally to do and perform every act and thing whatsoever that may pertain to the office and powers of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board shall have general supervision of all interests of the Club. They shall dictate the policies of the use of the Clubhouse. They shall ratify the appointment of those Chairmen of Standing Committees who are appointed by the President. They shall authorize payment of bills and receive names of new members. They shall approve all proposed amendments to the bylaws or standing rules prior to such being submitted to the membership.

Section 5. Any vacancy occurring on the Board except that of President (otherwise provided for in these bylaws) shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Board shall have the power to select and/or remove, at will, all the agents, contractors and employees of the Corporation, prescribe such duties for them as may be consistent with these bylaws and the laws of the State of California, and fix their compensation.

Section 7. All members of the Board are obligated to attend all Board meetings during one year either in person or electronically unless excused. If a member of the Board has two unexcused absences during the club year, the President may appoint a replacement with approval of the Board.

ARTICLE XI

Powers and Duties of Trustees

Section 1. The Trustees shall act as advisors to the Board of Directors. They shall be assigned specific tasks by the Board. They shall then research and recommend their findings to the Board. They shall work with the House Chairman to get two or more bids on major purchases, repairs, and remodels for the club and rental house.

Section 2. The Trustees shall oversee any financial considerations involving the rental at 216 N. Helena and make recommendations to the Board as to necessary actions.

Section 3. A meeting of the Trustees may be called by the President of the Corporation or by the two (2) Trustees, with both Trustees in attendance.

ARTICLE XII

Chairmen of Standing Committees

Section 1. Elected Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be: Audit (Financial Secretary), Budget (Treasurer), House, Recording Secretary, and Membership.

Section 2. Appointed Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be: Admissions, Amenities/Hospitality, Special Events, Bylaws (Parliamentarian), Ebellaire Editor, General Luncheon, Program, and Public Relations.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

Section 1. The Audit Committee shall consist of the Financial Secretary (Chair), Endowment Advisor, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. They shall meet with the Treasurer semiannually to review Budget and Account Balance reports and shall report their findings to the Board.

Section 2. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Treasurer (Chair), House Chairman, and Endowment Advisor. They shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing year to be presented at the July Board Meeting for approval.

Section 3. (a) The House Committee shall be composed of the House Chairman and the Board of Directors. The House Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have charge of the operation of the Clubhouse and supervise purchases for it. Non-budgeted purchases, repairs, or remodels shall be overseen by the Trustees and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall be responsible for opening and closing the Clubhouse and the parking lot gates for all General Meetings.

(b) The Chairman hosting any Ebell event shall be responsible for contacting the House Chairman to arrange for the setting up and taking down of the tables and chairs for the event. This shall be done at least one week prior to the event. The Chairman and committee shall be responsible for opening and closing the clubhouse and parking lot gates.

Section 4. The Membership Committee shall receive the names of new members. They shall assist the Second Vice President (Membership Chair) in developing a comprehensive membership program and conducting an orientation for new members.

Section 5. The Special Events Committee shall assist the Special Events Chairman in planning ways and means of raising funds for the Club.

Section 6. The Admissions Committee shall take reservations for luncheons and dinners, collect monies for reservations, and give these funds to the Treasurer. They shall maintain the Guest Book.

Section 7. The Amenities/Hospitality Chairman shall assist the President with monthly seating arrangements and shall be responsible for greeting and escorting special guests to their seats and attending to their special needs.

Section 8. The Bylaws Committee shall review the Bylaws and proposed changes.

Section 9. The Ebellaire Editor shall produce the club newsletter monthly, attend to any required communications pertaining to the function of the newsletter and be responsible for mailing or sending the Ebellaire to members. The Editor shall keep a current list of names and addresses of the members.

Section 10. (a) The General Luncheon Chairman shall supervise the Luncheon Chairmen, Luncheon Committees, Decorations Chairmen and Greeters.

(b) The Luncheon Chairmen and Luncheon Committees shall be responsible for setting the tables for the general meeting as well as cleaning up after the meeting and other duties assigned by the Board.

Section 11. The Program Committee shall assist the Program Chair in the selection of programs for regular meetings. Proposed programs shall be presented to the Board for approval preferably before the July Board meeting to allow inclusion in the yearbook.

Section 12. The Public Relations Chairman shall take charge of all publicity and shall present the aims and accomplishments of the Ebell Club through general public communications.

Section 13. Section Leaders , Federated Chairmen, and Standing Committee Chairmen, elected and appointed, shall keep records of their year's work and turn same over to their successors at the end of the club year. They should also provide all metrics to the Dean for the annual District reports.

Section 14. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors as they deem necessary from time-to-time to carry on the work of Ebell Club.

ARTICLE XIV

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from June 1st through May 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE XV

Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern Ebell Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE XVI

Amendments

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at least 30 days in advance of voting. They may also be provided electronically for approval.

ARTICLE XVII

Dissolution

All property owned by the corporation is and shall be irrevocably dedicated to the purpose for which the corporation was formed and is existing. Upon liquidation, dissolution or abandonment of a corporation, such property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization under the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1969 revised.

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STANDING RULES

CLUB

1. Rules pertaining to open or special programs shall be determined by the Program Committee and the Board of Directors.
2. All communications pertaining to business shall be in writing, as a printed document, either in person, electronically or mail.
3. The club at the direction of the President shall relay special announcements electronically or by telephone. The members with email addresses shall receive special announcements by email and all others shall be advised by telephone or by mail.

GUESTS

1. Members may bring guests to general meetings or section meetings. A guest may attend two meetings before joining the club.
2. Guests for whom the luncheon is to be paid by the club shall be approved by the Board. Award winners, such as scholarship winners, shall be guests of the club along with one parent or counselor each. Additional family members or counselors may attend if they pay the current luncheon costs.

SECTIONS

1. Members of the Ebell Club of Anaheim and guests may attend any or all Section meetings.
2. Only regular members of good standing shall be eligible to hold an office in any Section.
3. Special teachers may be utilized by the Section.
4. No Section shall have the power to incur any indebtedness or liability binding upon the Club, but shall defray all of its expenses not authorized in detail by the Board of Directors.
5. The Third Vice President (Sections Chairman) may present to the Board an application for the formation of a new section by securing signatures of interested members.
6. The sections shall select their chairmen and co-chairmen and submit the names to the President.

FINANCES

1. The entrance fee for membership shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). The annual dues shall be sixty-one dollars (\$61, or \$63 for mailed copies of the Yearbook) which shall include the amounts required for District (\$2), State (\$5) and Federation (\$15) dues and fees. The reinstatement fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). New members pay a total of \$86 with their application to join the Ebell Club of Anaheim.
2. Bills for budgeted items may be paid by the Treasurer during the months of July and August without further action.

3. Any non-budgeted expenditure must be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.
4. The funds budgeted, five hundred dollars (\$500), for the President's expenses are remuneration for expenses and purchases incurred as President of the club, e.g. all meals and registration fees when representing the club, club dues. The President shall pay for all Ebell Club lunches and dinners. An accounting including receipts, where applicable, shall be submitted to the Treasurer. A record of the President's year shall be maintained in a scrapbook by the appointed Historian and turned over to the President at the end of the President's term. Two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be allotted for this purpose from the general fund. All other expenses shall come from the five hundred dollars (\$500) President's budget.
5. The funds budgeted, one hundred dollars (\$100), for Dean's expenses are remuneration for expenses and purchases incurred as Dean of the club, e.g. expenses related to Federation chairmen, stamps, copies, notebooks, etc. An accounting, including receipts where applicable, shall be submitted to the Treasurer with a voucher.
6. All funds collected for club related projects, particularly those reported to Federation, shall be given to the Treasurer and contributed to organizations in the name of the Ebell Club. Receipts for donations shall be requested.
7. The funds budgeted for the Program Chairman are for expenses incurred in obtaining and presenting programs for the general meetings. An accounting including receipts, where applicable, shall be submitted to the Treasurer with a voucher.
8. The funds budgeted for the Membership Chairman's expenses are remuneration for expenses and purchases for recruiting and recognizing new members. An accounting including receipts, when applicable, shall be submitted to the Treasurer with a voucher.
9. The funds budgeted for District and CFWC conventions, conferences and workshops shall include registration fees for all members attending. The funds shall also provide accommodations for the President for one night and meals at the District Convention. Convention funds shall provide shared accommodations for the President and the President Elect at the CFWC State Convention and lunch and dinner each day for the President Elect only. (No transportation costs shall be reimbursed.)
10. The Treasurer shall receive club dues and twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month for travel expenses upon submission of a voucher.
11. The House Chairman may receive twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month for travel expenses upon submission of a voucher to the Treasurer.
12. Small purchases for the clubhouse, unless otherwise directed by the Board, shall be made by the House Chairman. House committee members must obtain prior approval from the House Chair before spending any funds. The House Chairman may spend two hundred dollars (\$200) or less per month for budgeted expenses (e.g. supplies) or emergencies without specific Board approval.

13. Any member making a luncheon or dinner reservation who does not cancel by the announced day and time to do so must pay for that reservation.

14. The name of a member who endows three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more to Ebell Club shall be engraved on the plaque displayed in the clubhouse.

15. Woman of the Year Award shall be a gift (\$80) by the Committee and presented by the club to an outstanding member at the June meeting. The member shall be elected by a committee of past awardees with the most recent awardee as chairman, and the cost of the award shall be funded from the general funds. It is not mandatory that the committee select an awardee every year.

16. Gifts for honored guests such as District President, GFWC President, etc. shall be within reason and funded from the general fund.

17. Members submitting bills shall attach them to a voucher before presenting them to the Treasurer. A voucher shall be submitted to the Admissions Chairman for a guest whose luncheon is to be paid for by the club. If the Treasurer questions an expense, it shall be brought to the Board for a decision.

18. Cards shall be sent to members upon their illness/accident, or death of an immediate family member by the Spiritual Values Chairman. A book may be contributed to the Anaheim Public Library in the name of a deceased member. The cost of the cards, postage, and books shall be budgeted for that purpose. Members who wish to do something additional may do so on their own.

CLUBHOUSE

1. A member in good standing for at least one year may schedule the Clubhouse for personal use; Ebell members may rent the Clubhouse for a fifty percent (50%) rent discount plus custodial fee. Also, for the current custodial fee, members may use the Clubhouse rent-free for a reception after funerals for immediate family members. This section does not apply to members who wish to use the Clubhouse for business purposes.

2. CFWC Orange District shall have the privilege of using the Ebell Clubhouse for one (1) meeting each year.

3. All clubhouse keys shall be signed out by the House Chairman to all qualified members at the beginning of the Club year and shall be signed in when returned to the House Chairman in June. Any member not returning keys shall be charged a fee by the House Chair. A key deposit may be charged. No duplication of keys is allowed. The House Chair shall maintain a labeled set of all keys to the clubhouse in the key box located in the pantry.

4. All Ebell properties must remain in the clubhouse.

5. The Ebell Club of Anaheim shall not share ownership of any items in the clubhouse with caterers, vendors or renters. In addition, the before mentioned entities may not store their property in the clubhouse or on its premises without first obtaining the consent of the Board.

AMENDMENTS

1. Standing Rules must be approved or may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the Club or an electronic vote may be conducted. A quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the paid membership must apply.

PRIVACY

1. The collection or use of names, contact information, or any other data or information contained in the Ebell Club of Anaheim yearbook or publications by members or non-members is strictly forbidden without prior consent. We value our member's right to privacy.

EMERGENCIES

1. In the case of a national or state emergency, or any type of event (man-made or natural), that could potentially put members in danger or prevent members from meeting in person, the President, with the consent of the majority of the Board of Directors, may order that elections be held by mail or electronically. A ballot will be sent to each individual club member and the club member will return it by United States Postal Service mail or electronically by the designated deadline.

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