

By-Laws Kosmopolitan Singles A Social Organization

ARTICLE 1: MISSION STATEMENT

The name of the organization is Kosmopolitan Singles, commonly referred to as KOSMOS singles. It is an independent social organization formed to provide friendship, along with social activities, fellowship, and support to single adults over 50 years of age. There will be no discrimination on the basis of sex, color, creed, religion, national origin, or any other discriminating factor.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP AND MIXERS

A. Membership

A member is one who completes the membership form. All information is voluntarily provided and will not be used for any other purpose. An active member attends weekly mixers or activities throughout the year. The Board of Directors has the authority to change the status of a member from active to inactive.

B. Mixers

Mixers are held weekly at various restaurants in the area. A small monetary fee is requested and the amount established by the board.

ARTICLE 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Definition

The Board of Directors is made up of officers and director chairpersons. Officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Director Chairpersons consist of Activities, Mixers, and Greeters.

B. Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet monthly in order to discuss club business and vote on any necessary agenda items. Each elected board member has one vote during board proceedings. In case of a tie vote, the president will break the tie. An officer or director chairperson may obtain assistance from other members in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities; however these assistants will not be voting members of the board.

Board business and decisions can be made by electronic means in lieu of a face-to-face meeting. If electronic means are used, all board members will be included in the item/s under consideration.

C. Quorum

In order to conduct club business, a quorum of 5 elected board members must be present or actively involved if by electronic means.

D. Policies and Procedures

The duties performed by the Board of Directors will be defined in the Policies & Procedures document. This document will be maintained by the Board and changes made with the approval of the Board.

E. Election

The Kosmopolitan Board of Directors will be elected annually by the membership. Names shall be placed on the ballot by a nomination committee. Results will be published in the December Kosmos newsletter. The terms of all elected Officers and Director Chairpersons will be for one year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

The Nominating Committee will consist of three members appointed by the President in August of each year or other nominating methods as determined by the board.

1. The committee will submit to the Board at the October Board meeting a list of candidates willing to serve the following year.
2. The committee will prepare, distribute, and collect ballots at the last October mixer and first November mixer.
3. The committee will maintain safe keeping of ballots and tally ballots (away from mixer location) for the President.
4. Specific procedures for conducting the election will be specified in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

F. Board Removal

Should the majority of the board decide that an elected board member is not performing the duties to which that person has volunteered, that member can be removed by a majority vote.

G. Board Vacancies

If any elected position becomes vacant for any reason, the remaining members of the Board shall choose a successor for the unexpired term. A majority vote of the board will be necessary.

H. Ad-Hoc Committees

When the board feels it appropriate, it may establish Ad-Hoc committees staffed by volunteers to handle the perceived necessity. Any members of such established committees are not voting members of the board.

ARTICLE 4: BY-LAWS

These By-Laws will be effective upon approval by a simple majority of those Kosmos members that vote. The date of approval of these bylaws will be recorded as part of this article.

Approved by the membership 2/20/2020.