

2024-2024 Constitutional Review Committee		
Members: <i>members appointed by the President</i>		
	Chairman	Glenn Yanos
#1	Officer representative	Charlie Gross
#2	Trustee representative	John Stanavage
#3	Chorus representative	Bob Kilp
#4	Schuhplattlers representative	Barbi Stanavage
#5	Hobby Chor representative	Gary Kirchner
#6	Alleweil Jung representative	Carla Pielmeier
#7	Member representative	Barb Perko
#8	Member representative	Mike Trimble
#9	Member representative	Nelleke Beats

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Proposal #3:	Revision of Article XII Other Committees
Current:	
ARTICLE XII Other Committees	
Sec. 1. The Music Committee shall consist of the following: The Chorus President who shall preside over the committee, and two (2) representatives from each section of the singers--namely, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Any additional singers shall be welcome to sit in the committee and engage in discussion, but shall not have a vote. This committee shall meet no later than two weeks before the first rehearsal and decide on the selection of songs to be rehearsed for the ensuing season. These numbers shall be presented to the Director at the first rehearsal.	
Sec. 2. The Program Committee shall be composed of the following members: 1. President 2. Vice President 3. Head Trustee 4. Publicity and Communication Committee member 5. Active Group Representatives (one per group) 6. Fest Committee Chair(s) 7. Rental Coordinator The committee shall hold a meeting in the first quarter of the calendar year and plan a program of entertainment and social activities for the subsequent calendar year.	
Sec. 3. The Entertainment Committee. A chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the President. The Chairman shall arrange for all details of entertainment. The Chairman shall appoint additional members to help in the decorations of the Upper Hall at Society functions (private parties not included). The Chairman may call upon the Program Committee as often as deemed necessary for advice in implementing this program.	
Sec. 4. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President in a timely manner who are neither members of the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees. They should have accounting and/or business experience (preferably Certified Public Accountants) or have an accounting or bookkeeping background. At the end of each term, in a timely manner the Treasurer shall surrender all his books, records, and accounts to the C.P.A. and/or the Auditing Committee for an annual audit. Upon completion their report must be made available to the membership in a timely manner. Should the incoming President desire an independent audit, he may engage a Certified Public Accountant, who is not a member of the Liederkrantz, at club expense to furnish a new audit, which shall be posted.	
Sec. 5. A Publicity and Communications Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term of one year. They shall be responsible for the advertisement and promotion of club related activities as well as the general welfare as appropriate. They shall also be responsible for maintaining the Society's website, communications list and newsletter and shall sit ex-officio on the Executive and Trustees committees as required.	
Sec. 6. A Historical and Cultural Enrichment Committee shall be appointed by the President. Said committee should consist of an historian and at least one representative from each Active Group. Its duties shall be but not limited to maintaining a historical record of the Society as well as educating the Society's members in regards to the history and traditions of the Society and that of German culture.	

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Sec 7. The Scholarship Selection Committee chairman shall be appointed by the President. The chairman of this committee should come from someone who has served on the committee. The chairman of this committee shall appoint at least four other members. This committee makes scholarship award selections for high school seniors who are furthering German studies, at an accredited college or university. Scholarship applications and an interview are required. The interview shall be with a quorum of the committee and include conversation in German with someone fluent in German. Students need to show interest in language and culture beyond the classroom. The selections and award amounts for students who are not affiliated with the club are given to the trustees for consideration to be awarded from a portion of small games of chance proceeds. Scholarships shall be paid to the appropriate institution(s) of higher learning. This committee can also make scholarship award recommendations from other funding sources for other applicants.

Sec 8. The Cultural Grant Committee chairman shall be appointed by the President. The chairman of this committee should come from someone who has served on the committee. The chairman of this committee shall appoint at least four other members. This committee gives financial grants to deserving candidates, typically children and grandchildren of members of the Liederkrantz to help promote music, song, dance, language, customs, culture, and education. Grants may also be available to college students to help the cost of German studies. Applications are needed for all participants. Revenue for this committee comes from fund-raising activities organized by the committee and approved by the Executive Committee and from donations.

Proposed:

ARTICLE XII Other Committees

Sec. 1. **The Music Committee** shall consist of the following: The Chorus President who shall preside over the committee, and two (2) representatives from each section of the singers-namely, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Any additional singers shall be welcome to sit in the committee and engage in discussion but shall not have a vote. This committee shall meet no later than two weeks before the first rehearsal and decide on the selection of songs to be rehearsed for the ensuing season. These selections shall be presented to the Director prior to the first rehearsal.

Sec. 2. **The Program Committee** shall be composed of the following members:

A chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the President.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Head Trustee
4. Publicity and Communication Committee member
5. Active Group Representatives (one per group)
6. Fest Committee Chair(s)
7. Rental Coordinator
8. The Entertainment Committee Representative

The committee shall hold a meeting in the first quarter of the calendar year and plan a program of entertainment and social activities for the subsequent calendar year.

Sec. 3. **The Entertainment Committee** chairman shall be appointed by the President. The Chairman shall arrange for all details of the musical entertainment collaborating with the sponsor(s)/host(s) of the individual events. When applicable, the sponsor(s)/host(s) will be responsible for decorating and for arranging other details such as public speakers, activities, special food, etc. if needed.

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The Chairman will maintain a list of musical entertainment (bands) to be made available in case of his absence.

The Chairman may call upon the Program Committee as often as deemed necessary for advice in implementing this program.

Private catered events do not fall under the jurisdiction of this committee.

Sec. 4. The Financial Review Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members appointed by the incoming President at the beginning of his term. This committee shall not include members of the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees. The committee shall elect a chair. They should have accounting and/or business experience (preferably Certified Public Accountants) or have an accounting or bookkeeping background.

At the end of each election term, in a timely manner, the Treasurer shall surrender all his books, records, and accounts to the C.P.A. and/or the Financial Review Committee for an annual review. Upon completion of the review, their report must be made available to the membership. Should the incoming President desire an independent review, it should be announced as New Business at a monthly membership meeting. Then he may engage a Certified Public Accountant, who is not a member of the Liederkrantz, at club expense to furnish a new review. Upon completion, this review shall be presented to the membership and posted.

Sec. 5. The Publicity and Communications Committee shall be appointed by the President. They shall be responsible for the advertisement and promotion of club-related activities through the Newsletter, Website, Emails and Social Media. The president may select one member to attend meetings as appropriate for communication.

Sec. 6. The Historical and Cultural Enrichment Committee should be appointed by the President. Said committee should consist of a historian and at least one representative from each Active Group. Its duties should be, but not limited to, maintaining a historical record of the Society as well as educating the Society's members in regards to the history and traditions of the Society and that of German culture.

Sec. 7. The Youth Cultural Grant and Scholarship Committee chairman shall be appointed by the President and shall be someone who has served on the committee.

The chairman of this committee shall appoint at least four other members to 1) review and consider applications for consideration of grant awards, 2) review and consider applications for scholarships, and 3) approve funds to support German cultural activities for youth.

This committee may award financial grants to eligible children/grandchildren of members of the Liederkrantz to help further German cultural interests in music, song, dance, language, customs, culture and education. Eligible youth are under the age of twenty-three (23) and enrolled in a full-time educational program. Grant applications are available on the Liederkrantz website and are considered by the committee at quarterly meetings.

The chairman of this committee, along with at least one other member of the committee, shall organize and consider awards for annual scholarship applications. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors who are enrolling in a post-secondary education program; applicants are not limited to children/grandchildren of members of the Liederkrantz. Scholarships may be awarded based on speaking German as well as service/volunteer work at the Liederkrantz, and/or participation in a cultural group of the Liederkrantz. An interview requiring speaking German shall be required for applicants of the German language scholarship. The committee may assemble a panel of German speaking members to conduct interviews and at least one member of the committee shall participate in the interviews. This committee may also be responsible for awarding scholarships from funds donated from organizations within the Liederkrantz. The selection and award amounts for students who are not affiliated with the club are given to the trustees for consideration to be awarded from a portion of small games of chance proceeds. Scholarship awards are paid to the post-secondary institution on behalf of

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the award recipient. Scholarship applications are available on the Liederkrantz website and are awarded on an annual basis.

The committee may also use funds to support German cultural activities for youth (i.e. camps, craft activities, awards, raffle prizes).

Miss Lancaster Liederkrantz may apply to receive a one-time grant to assist with expenses related to formal wear, tracht, and travel.

Revenue comes from donations, and fundraising activities organized by the committee that have been approved by the Executive Committee.

Rationale:

Sec. 1 – minor grammatical corrections only

Sec. 2 – added text about a chairman being appointed

Sec. 3 – updated to reflect current practice; removed text that no longer applied such as “upper hall”

Sec. 4 – changed auditing to financial review

Sec. 5 – updated to include technology currently used for communication

Sec. 6 – minor grammatical corrections only

Sec. 7 – combined Grant and Scholarship committee into one committee