

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

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2024/2025 Constitutional review committee's proposed amendment #4  
Mar '25 / Apr '25 / May '25

<b>Proposal #3:</b>	<b>Revision of Article III Duties and Privileges of Membership</b>
<p><b>Current:</b></p> <p>Sec. 1 Active Chorus Members are obliged to attend the musical rehearsal regularly as well as obey the directions of the Director during the said rehearsals; also, to take part in musical activities, either public or private, which the Society may arrange. They may vote on all questions and are eligible to hold office in the Society and should be able to read German.</p> <p>Sec. 2 Active members of the Schuhplattler, Hobby Chor, and Alleweil Jung Volkstanzer, who are members of the Society, are considered Active Members of the Society. They shall elect their own officers, make their own rules and may maintain their own financial records not in conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws.</p> <p>Sec. 3 Individual Chorus, Schuhplattler, Hobby Chor, and Alleweil Jung Volkstanzer members shall maintain attendance requirements as established by each Active group to remain active.</p> <p>Sec. 4 An Active Review Committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall be comprised of two members from each active member group and shall verify the active member status of each group member prior to nominations for elected office.</p> <p>Sec. 5 Active Members of the Chorus, Schuhplattlers, Hobby Chor and Alleweil Jung Volkstanzer and elected officers and trustees currently serving in their 3rd or greater consecutive term shall be designated as Active Members of the Liederkranz. Officers and trustees designated as Active Members by means of serving three or more consecutive terms will remain as Active Members for a period of two years, after leaving elected office.</p> <p>Sec. 6 Contributing Members share the same privileges in regular meetings as Active Members with the exception that they have no voice pertaining to any of the musical affairs of the Society. Neither may they vote to accept or to refer a candidate for Active Membership and they may not be elected to the office of President or Chorus President but may hold any other office. All Contributing Members possessing musical talent shall be encouraged to become Active Singers and must comply with regulations as stated in Article V. Sec. 2.</p> <p>Sec. 7 A member may be elevated to Honorary status after having attained the merit of the Society by reason of his labors in the field of music, fostering art and science or by faithfully serving the Society. A committee of 5 members, with not less than three honorary members, shall be appointed by the President to recommend and receive nominations for Honorary Member status. A candidate for Honorary Membership must be proposed in writing by any three members of the Society and submitted to the committee who shall review the proposal for compliance with the merits set forth for Honorary Membership and may make recommendations to the sponsoring members. After submission and review by the committee the written proposal must be read at two regular meetings and it shall be necessary for two-thirds of the members present to confirm an Honorary Member. Voting for Honorary Membership is to be accomplished by secret ballot at the second reading. Honorary Members enjoy the same privileges as Contributing Members unless they have maintained their Active status.</p> <p>Sec. 8. All new members elected to membership shall be known as Contributing Members. They shall have all the rights and privileges as this class allows with the exception that they may not hold elected office, vote or sponsor others for membership during their first year of membership.</p>	

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**Proposed: ARTICLE III Duties and Privileges of Membership**

Sec. 1 Active Chorus Members are obliged to attend musical rehearsals regularly as well as obey the directions of the Director during rehearsals. They shall take part in musical activities, either public or private, which the Society may arrange. They may vote on all questions, are eligible to hold office in the Society and should be able to read German.

Sec. 2 Active members of the Schuhplattler, Hobby Chor, and Alleweil Jung Volkstanzer, who are members of the Society, are considered Active Members of the Society. They shall elect their own officers, make their own rules and may maintain their own financial records not in conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 3 Each Cultural Group (Chorus, Schuhplattler, Hobby Chor, and Alleweil Jung Volkstanzer) shall verify the active member status of their group members prior to nominations for elected office. They shall submit a list of their Active Members to the Membership Committee in January. The Membership Committee will then forward the list of Active Members to the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 4 Officers and trustees will be designated as Active Members by means of serving three (3) or more consecutive terms. They will remain as Active Members for a period of two (2) years after leaving elected office and would regain their Active Membership by completing one (1) year in an elected office.

Sec. 5 Contributing Members share the same privileges in regular meetings as Active Members with the exception that they have no voice pertaining to any affairs of the Cultural Groups. They may not be elected to the office of President, Vice President or Chorus President but may hold any other office. All Contributing Members shall be encouraged to become Active Members of a cultural group.

Sec. 6 All new members accepted into membership of the Society shall have all the rights and privileges as other members, except that they may not hold elected office, vote, or sponsor others for membership, until completing one year as a member of the Society.

Sec. 7 A member may be elevated to Honorary status after having attained the merit of the Society by reason of his labors in the field of music, fostering art and science or by faithfully serving the Society. An honorary member review board of five (5) members, with not less than three (3) honorary members, shall be appointed by the President to recommend and receive nominations for Honorary Member status. A candidate for Honorary Membership must be proposed in writing by any three (3) members of the Society and submitted to the board. The board shall review the proposal for compliance with the merits set forth for Honorary Membership and may make recommendations to the sponsoring members. After submission and review by the board, the written proposal must be read at two regular meetings and it shall be necessary for two-thirds of the members present to confirm an Honorary Member. Voting for Honorary Membership is to be accomplished by secret ballot at the second reading. Honorary Members enjoy the same privileges as Contributing Members unless they have maintained their Active status.

Rationale:

Sec. 1 – minor change: one long sentence change into two sentences

Sec. 2 – no change

Sec. 3 – current sections 3 & 4 combined into proposed section 3. Requires groups to provide list of active members to the membership committee instead of to an active review committee.

Sec. 4 – Current section 5 had some confusing language about 3<sup>rd</sup> or greater term; this text was intended to only apply to officers or trustees, but could have been construed to apply to active members of groups too. Proposed section 4 only applies to officers and trustees. Current text required an officer or trustee who lost active status by not having been an officer or trustee for two years, to serve an additional three terms in order to regain active status. The proposed section 4 would permit active status to be regained by serving one additional term.

Sec. 5 – Current section 6 to be replaced by proposed section 5. Proposal states that a contributing member may not be elected president, vice-president (matches amendment passed in Feb 2025) or chorus president. Current text encouraged members to become “active singers;” propose text encourages members to be “active members of a cultural group.”

Sec. 6 – current section 8 becomes section 6 in the proposal, but is essentially the same

Sec. 7 – proposal changes the “honorary review committee” to an “honorary member review board.”