

Proposal #7:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add an Article specific to the Financial Affairs of the Club - Move the Executive Committee to a Separate Article - Renumber Articles
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Current: ARTICLE IX Board of Trustees and ARTICLE X Committees

ARTICLE IX Board of Trustees
 Sec. 1 The Board of Trustees shall consist of a minimum of five to a maximum of seven members in good standing, who are not members of the Executive Committee. They shall be elected to serve a term of one year each, with the exception of one member of the Board who shall be elected to serve a term of two years to insure continuity of standard customs and policies. They shall be responsible for the care and upkeep of all Liederkranz property, and shall operate the club's facilities. The financial affairs of the club shall be of joint responsibility and cooperation with the Executive Committee. The two committees may draft a code of rules necessary for keeping order. The rules may be posted in the club, and any member of either committee shall have the power to enforce the same.

ARTICLE X Committees
 Sec. 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chorus President, and Recording Secretary, whose duties shall be to promote the purpose of the club and supervise the general welfare of the Society. This committee shall take precedence over all other committees. The financial affairs of the club shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee. The said committee shall have complete charge of tours, outings, or any other recreation and may make plans to accommodate visitors when the necessity arises, assisted by the Entertainment Committee. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, the senior member of the said committee shall preside.

Proposed:	New Article "Financial Affairs"
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ARTICLE VI Financial Affairs

Section 1. Financial Affairs of the Club shall be a joint responsibility of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Without an affirmative vote of the membership, the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees shall not be permitted to spend more on a single expenditure than 5% of the previous three-year average of gross annual income.

Section 3. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer are responsible for proper filing and validating of documents and governmental reporting as required by law. No one officer shall have the sole responsibility of both filing and validating any given document. In addition, they shall monitor the financial records of associated accounts within the society and reconcile the accounts at the end of each fiscal year.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Society will commence June 1 and end May 31.

Proposed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Article "Executive Committee" - statement about financial affairs moved to a new Article
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ARTICLE VII Executive Committee

Sec. 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chorus President, and Recording Secretary, and one alternating representative from one of the Active Cultural Groups whose duties shall be to promote the purpose of the club and supervise the general welfare of the Society. This committee shall take precedence over all other committees. The said committee shall have complete charge of tours, outings, or any other recreation and may make plans to accommodate visitors when the necessity arises, assisted by the Entertainment Committee. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, the senior member of the committee shall preside.

Proposed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement about financial affairs moved to a new Article - Statement about drafting a code of rules moved to the By-Laws
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ARTICLE IX Board of Trustees

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Revised numbers of Articles

I	Name and Object		IX	Trustees
II	Membership		X	Officers and Election
III	Duties and Privileges of Membership		XI	Director of the Chorus
IV	Admission of Members		XII	Other Committees
V	Expulsions		XIII	Dissolution
VI	Financial Affairs		XIV	Force Majeure
VII	Executive Committee		XV	Amendments
VIII	Duties of Officers			

Rational	<p>There currently is no limit on how much the Officers and Trustees could spend without approval of the membership.</p> <p>The figure of 5% was benchmarked from other similar organizations.</p>
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Proposal #8:	-Add a “force majeure” clause. A force majeure event refers to the occurrence of an event which is outside the reasonable control of a party that prevents that party from fulfilling its obligations or being held to a written requirement.
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Current: a similar provision is currently not in the Constitution or By-Laws

Proposed:	New Article “Force Majeure”
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ARTICLE VI Force Majeure

Section 1. In the event of an unforeseen or unprecedented occurrence, outside the reasonable control of the society, (i.e., an act of God, pandemic, etc.) the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees may suspend the rules and / or alter the requirements outlined in this Constitution and the By-Laws until the time regular order is advisable and / or legal.

Rational	The Covid 19 pandemic exposed the fact that the Constitution and By-Laws lacked a clause which permitted any deviation from the requirements outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. In 2020, membership meetings could not be held and elections had to be delayed because the number of people required for a meeting could not be together without violating the rules of the Commonwealth and PLCB. There was no provision which permitted alternative methods for holding meetings.
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Proposal #9:	- Add the duty outlined in Article VI Financial Affairs, section 3 to the duties of the Financial Secretary and to the Treasurer. (in green below) -Remove a clause about holding an applicant’s money until accepted and then “making it part of that day’s receipts.” (in yellow below)
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Current: ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

Sec. 3 The Financial Secretary shall collect and receive all monies due the Society by any person(s) acting for or in the name of the Society or under its direction or authority. He shall be the accountant for the Society and must be able to show a complete and accurate financial standing of the Society to the membership at all times. He will keep accounts of indebtedness of each member and amounts received, giving credit for the whole amount paid and for what purpose. Upon receipt, keep proper record in the ledger. He shall pay over to the Treasurer all monies received for dues, fees, contributions, and any other source for which the Treasurer will give a written receipt. He shall specify the funds and where they are to be credited. He or the President shall sign all vouchers, record them, and then turn them over to the Treasurer for payment. He shall be the primary source of an accurate roll of all members and certify their standing, as well as issuing the proper membership card. He shall keep a record of the financial and business transactions of the Society upon books approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He shall hold all money accompanying applications for membership until the applicant is either accepted or rejected. **If accepted, the fee is to be accounted as part of that day's receipts;** if rejected, the fee is to be returned to the applicant. He shall be custodian of the seal and affix the same to all proper papers. At the expiration of his term he shall deliver all records to the Auditing Committee hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary all monies collected belonging to the Society, pay all orders drawn upon him by the Society after they have been signed by the President or the Financial Secretary. He shall keep a correct amount of all monies received and paid by him and have his accounts ready for audit and settlement annually. At the expiration of his term of office, or when so required by the Society, he shall deliver to the Auditing Committee all monies, books and papers, vouchers, etc., of the Society; and he shall take a receipt for the same which the Financial Secretary shall keep with other records of the Society.

Proposed:

ARTICLE VIII Duties of Officers

(Note: this would be Article VIII if proposal #7 is accepted.)

Sec. 3 The Financial Secretary shall collect and receive all monies due the Society by any person(s) acting for or in the name of the Society or under its direction or authority. He shall be the accountant for the Society and must be able to show a complete and accurate financial standing of the Society to the membership at all times. He will keep accounts of indebtedness of each member and amounts received, giving credit for the whole amount paid and for what purpose. Upon receipt, keep proper record in the ledger. He shall pay over to the Treasurer all monies received for dues, fees, contributions, and any other source for which the Treasurer will give a written receipt. He shall specify the funds and where they are to be credited. He or the President shall sign all vouchers, record them, and then turn them over to the Treasurer for payment. He shall be the primary source of an accurate roll of all members and certify their standing, as well as issuing the proper membership card. He shall keep a record of the financial and business transactions of the Society upon books approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. **He shall be responsible for the duties outlined in Article VI Financial Affairs, section 3.** He shall hold all money accompanying applications for membership until the applicant is either accepted or rejected. If rejected, the fee is to be returned to the applicant. He shall be custodian of the seal and affix the same to all proper papers. At the expiration of his term, he shall deliver all records to the Auditing Committee hereinafter provided for.

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Rational

-the responsibility "for proper filing and validating of documents and governmental reporting as required by law" is too important not to be listed in the duties of these officers.

-Application money is deposited when received; it is not "held" until accepted. Money would still be returned to rejected applicants.