

NEWCOMERS CLUB, INC. - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Voting on April 4, 2024

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all ladies whose primary residence has been Bell County and counties bordering Bell County for fewer than three (3) years.

Section 1a. Membership shall also be extended to include ladies residing in Bell County and the bordering counties for more than three (3) years if they: a) have experienced a life changing event within the past three (3) years (for example, but not limited to – loss of a spouse or retirement), b) have a recommendation from a current Newcomer member in good standing, and c) are approved by the General Board, which consists of the Executive Board and Standing Board. Each application will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Section 1b. During two (2) two-week periods – one during the first two (2) weeks in October and one during the first two (2) weeks in April – there will be an open enrollment period whereby active members may extend an invitation of membership to female friends and family (1) who previously have not known of Newcomers Club, Inc., (2) who may not meet the general membership guidelines, and (3) whose primary residence is Bell County and counties bordering Bell County.

Section 1c. There shall be no limitation to the length of time a member may continue an active membership.

Section 2. A guest who is eligible for membership may attend no more than two (2) Club functions per year, after which membership is required.

Section 3. Membership renewal dues for the upcoming year are payable and must be postmarked no later than May 31st, to avoid being dropped from the membership roster on June 1st. Membership renewal notification will appear in the March, April, and May Newsletters.

Section 4. A change in Membership dues shall be presented by the General Board to Membership for consideration and a vote.

Section 5. Spouses of members may attend only those functions that are designated for couples.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. These officers shall make up the Executive Board. Terms of office shall be one (1) year to begin after installation during the May meeting. An Executive Board officer may ~~not be re-elected to hold the same office~~ serve an added year in the position, either consecutively or in a future fiscal year, if nominated again. Serving for a second consecutive year will be optional except for the Treasurer who may will hold the office for up to two (2) consecutive years.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at the December Board meeting. The committee shall consist of two (2) members from the Standing Board and three (3) members from members hip at large.

Section 3. A vacancy in any Executive office, except President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board. The Vice President shall automatically fill vacancy of the President.

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Board shall choose the date, time, and place of General Board and General Membership meetings. General Membership meetings shall be held during a Luncheon on the first designated date of the month. Announcement of the date, time, and place of the meetings will be printed in each issue of the Newsletter. When a Holiday conflicts, the club meets on the second designated date of the month. General Membership will not meet in July or August. Individual Activity groups shall set their own meeting schedules. Group leaders will communicate monthly with the Activity Chair to establish accurate information for the Newsletter.

Section 2. At each meeting of the General Board or appointed Committees, two-thirds of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All business brought before the Board shall require a majority vote to be approved.

Section 3. Electronic Meetings. Board meetings shall be held at a central location, but Board members who are not present in person shall have the right to participate by telephone or Internet, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Board to govern such participation.

Section 4. A member shall be allowed no more than two (2) guests per Newcomer Luncheon or Activity. Restrictions may apply for certain events, and limitations may be set at the discretion of the General Board.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any Activity Group of the Club must be filled by a member of the Club. Resignation of membership in the Club necessitates resignation of membership in any Activity Group.

Section 6. The Newcomers Club, Inc. will not take part in individual activities, such as graduations, weddings, charities, or causes. With the exception of Program Speakers, solicitation of our members for business purposes is not permitted. Regular size business cards may be allowed for display in a designated area. The Vice President and Parliamentarian must approve any other materials.

Section 7. Reservation and payment for the monthly Luncheon and General Membership meeting shall be printed in the monthly Newsletter. This information shall include reservation and cancellation deadlines that are needed to accommodate the needs of the current venue/caterer. A reservation payment will not be refunded if a cancellation is submitted later than the cancellation date.