

ORIGINAL PREAMBLE

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Section 1. This organization shall be known as the "FILIPINO-AMERICAN CLUB OF THE JERSEY SHORE," New Jersey, referred to as "FIL-AM" or "FIL-AM CLUB," or simply as "Club" within this document. This organization is registered in the State of New Jersey with registration # CH1842800, and a Federal identification No.: 22-3718965.

Section 2. FIL-AM is a non-sectarian, non-profit, non-political organization. It is established to serve its own interest without due intent to dominate, or subordinate itself to any other organization.

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Section 4. The scope of FIL-AM embraces, but is not limited to, the following goals: to foster the educational, cultural, and social needs of the community; to support educationally underprivileged young people of the Philippines and the United States; to nurture the talents, abilities, and potentials of the Filipino-American community locally and in the Philippines; to promote and support the spirit of

Section 4: The **Objectives** of the FIL-AM **Club** **include**, but **are** not limited to, the following: to foster the educational, cultural, and social needs of the community; to support educationally underprivileged **youth** of the Philippines and the United States; to nurture the talents, abilities, and potentials of the Filipino-American community locally and in the Philippines; to promote and support the spirit of entrepreneurship in the

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entrepreneurship in the community; to provide the environment for sharing the rich cultural and traditional Filipino and American heritages to our communities; to respond to the need of the diverse culture of mixed marriages in our communities; and to acquire a center or a facility that will be used by the Filipino American community and as a base to carry out the goals and objectives of the Club. Furthermore, the Club shall promote Filipino and American culture, motivate social gatherings among members and guests, provide social and recreational activities, hold meetings among members to discuss FIL-AM affairs, and attend other activities intended to complement and support its purposes. Fund raising, field trips, bingo and raffle games, annual membership dues, contributions, donations, and solicitations are the primary means to generate resources and to maintain funding sufficient for FIL-AM programs and purposes.

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ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any and all individuals, at least eighteen years or older who voluntarily joins this Club, who are interested in promoting and improving the Filipino-American cultural, social, and recreational relationship the Club offers, may be admitted for membership upon approval of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

Section 2. All members in the FIL-AM in good standing shall have the right and privilege of attending and participating in all FIL-AM functions and activities after payment of prescribed membership fees. Moreover, a member in good standing who has attained his or her seventieth 70th birthday shall be member for life, and if desired, exempted from paying the annual Club dues.

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count as two members, and a single person will count as one member. Section 4. Annual dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per member; a husband and wife will count as two members. A full-time student shall have annual dues of five dollars (\$5.00). Annual dues are payable on or before the election of officers in May. A pro-rated payment for new members will apply. A member who shall fail to pay his or her dues for a period of three consecutive months without a good and sufficient reason, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be a delinquent member. A delinquent member forfeits his or her right to vote and to hold office. A delinquent member can regain membership in good standing only by payment of all dues in arrears and any fee required for initial membership.	Each individual shall be considered as one member. Section 4. Annual dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per member; a husband and wife will count as two members. A full-time student shall have annual dues of five dollars (\$5.00). Annual dues are payable on or before the election of officers in May. A pro-rated payment for new members will apply. A member who shall fail to pay his or her dues for a period of three consecutive months without a good and sufficient reason, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be a delinquent member. A delinquent member forfeits his or her right to vote and to hold office. A delinquent member can regain membership in good standing only by payment of all dues in arrears, and any fee required for initial membership. [Refer to Amendment 1]
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ORIGINAL Article III GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATION	REVISED Article III GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATION
Section 1. The Executive Board (EB) shall be the managing body of FIL-AM. Its members shall be chosen to adequately represent the entire membership of FIL-AM by election as prescribed in this Constitution or By-laws. An Advisory Board (AB) is also established to provide guidance and direction to Club's affairs. The AB shall compose of past presidents.	Section 1. The Officers of the FIL-AM Club shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Auditor, First Sergeant-at-Arms and Second Sergeant-at-Arms. The Officers shall be elected by the FIL-AM Club members according to terms prescribed in the By-laws. [There is no official Auditor or Sergeant at Arms]
1. The EB shall consist of the President, the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of which are elected by FIL-AM membership. 2. Term of office and procedure for the nomination and election of EB members shall be prescribed in the By-laws.	1 Officers shall be elected by the Members of the Fil Am Club. Officers shall be elected to adequately represent the entire membership of the FIL-AM Club. Terms of office and procedures for the nomination and election of Officers shall be prescribed in the By-laws.
3. The EB shall be responsible for the establishment of the policies, practices, and procedures of FIL-AM. 4. The responsibilities and duties of the EB shall	2. All candidates for elective office President, First Vice President or Second Vice President shall have completed twelve (12) months as an active member on or before after every election day

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be as prescribe in the By-laws. - The EB shall hold at least twelve meetings each year. - EB actions shall be taken only in meetings. - Conduct of FIL-AM under the Constitution and under the policies established by EB may be delegated to FIL-AM Officers, or Committees, as specified in the FIL-AM By-laws. - A candidate for President or Vice President shall have completed (12) twelve months as an active member on or after every election day and all other candidates for the rest of the elective positions shall have completed (6) six months as an active members. - All elected officers may be re-elected for a total of two consecutive terms. - No member shall hold more than one executive office at any one time. - In case of inability or incapacity of any elected officer to perform his or her duties, the President may recommend an interim officer subject to approval by the membership. In case of resignation of any officer, a special election may be called by the President to fill the position.	and all other candidates for the rest of the elective positions shall have completed (6) six months as an active members. [‘Active member’ is not defined] - All elected officers may be re-elected for a total of two (2) consecutive terms. - No member shall hold more than one (1) elective office at any one time. - In case of inability or incapacity of any elected officer to perform his or her duties, the President may recommend an interim officer subject to approval by the membership. In case of resignation of any officer, a special election may be called by the President to fill his or her position. [How will approval of the membership be expressed?]
Section 2. The Officers of FIL-AM shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected by the FIL-AM members according to terms prescribed in the By-laws.	Section 2. The Executive Board (EB) shall be the managing body of the FIL-AM Club. Executive Board members shall be the elected Officers of the Fil-Am Club. An [Board of Trustees (BOT)] Advisory Board (AB) is established to provide guidance and direction to Club’s affairs. The [Board of Trustees] Advisory Board AB shall be composed of past presidents.
	- The Executive Board shall be responsible for the establishment of the policies, practices, and procedures of FIL-AM. - The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board members shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws. Actions by the Executive Board shall be taken only during meetings. - Conduct of FIL-AM Club affairs under the Constitution and under the policies established by Executive Board may be delegated to FIL-AM Officers or Committees, as specified in the By-Laws of the FIL-AM Club.
Section 3. FIL-AM Committees shall be established and delegated with authority, assigned with responsibilities and duties as prescribed in the By-laws. Committee Chairperson shall be FIL-AM members and shall be appointed by the EB	Section 3. Committees of the FIL-AM Club shall be established and delegated with authority, assigned with responsibilities and duties as prescribed in the By-laws. Each Committee Chairperson shall be a member of the FIL-AM

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with authority, duties and responsibilities in a manner and terms of office prescribed in the By-laws.	Club , and shall be appointed by the Executive Board with authority, duties and responsibilities in a manner and with terms of office prescribed in the By-laws.
Section 4. The administrative and fiscal years of the FIL-AM and the terms of all elected Officers and Committee personnel shall begin the day after the election.	Section 4. The administrative and fiscal years of the FIL-AM and the terms of all elected Officers and Committee personnel shall begin the day after the election. [Elections are held in May but membership dues are collected in January]
Section 5. Neither the FIL-AM, nor any officer or representative thereof, shall have the authority to contract debts for, pledge the credit of, or in any way bind the FIL-AM in excess of previously budgeted amounts. When necessary for effective operation of the organization, the EB will be consulted for approval. Authority for the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of FIL-AM funds shall rest with, and may be delegated by, the President and the Treasurer, in accordance with the policies of FIL-AM.	Section 5. Neither the FIL-AM Club , nor any officer or representative thereof, shall have the authority to contract debts for, pledge the credit of, or in any way bind the FIL-AM in excess of previously budgeted amounts. When necessary for effective operation of the organization, the Executive Board will be consulted for approval. Authority for the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of funds of the FIL-AM Club shall rest with, and may be delegated by the President and the Treasurer. Authority may be delegated in accordance with the policies of the FIL-AM Club .
Section 6. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.	Section 6. No part of the net earnings of the FIL-AM Club shall accumulate to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the FIL-AM Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the FIL-AM Club organization shall be for the distribution carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the FIL-AM Club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the FIL-AM Club is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
Article IV: FINANCES	Article IV: FINANCES
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Section 2. Entrance or joining fees may be collected by FIL-AM for attendance at a performance, party, picnic or other fund-raising functions sponsored or co-sponsored by FIL-AM. Entrance fees for non-members will be reasonably higher than those for members. Section 3. Additional FIL-AM income may be derived from such sources as contributions, donations, proceeds from Bingo games, raffles, trips, camping and other social or recreational activities, as well as promotional activities conducted in accordance with the approval of the EB. Incomes and expenses shall be properly documented and accounted for.	[Refer to Amendment 1] Section 2. Entrance or admission fees may be collected by the FIL-AM Club for attendance at fund-raising functions sponsored or co-sponsored by FIL-AM. Admission fees for non-members will be reasonably higher than those for members. Section 3. Additional FIL-AM Club income may be derived from such sources as contributions, donations, proceeds from-social or cultural activities, and promotional activities conducted with the approval of the Executive Board. shall be properly documented and accounted for. Section 4. The Treasurer shall properly document all income and expenses Finances of the FIL-AM Club shall be periodically reviewed by the Auditor, to accurately represent the financial position of the Club, with respect to activities and operations The Auditor and the Treasurer shall coordinate with each other to prepare accurate financial reports and statements.
ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS Section 1. The FIL-AM may hold meetings, performances, activities, participation or sponsorships, independently among Committees or in cooperation with all Committees, provided approvals are obtained from the EB in accordance with FIL-AM By-laws, and any established policies or procedures. Section 2. FIL-AM meetings, performances, activities, participation or sponsorships shall be open to all members of FIL-AM. Guests are encouraged to attend or participate.	ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS Section 1. The FIL-AM Club membership will hold a General Meeting every month, at a time and place determined by the President and the Executive Board. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the FIL-AM Club By-laws, and any established policies or procedures. The Sergeants at Arms will be responsible for assisting the President in maintaining order and decorum during meetings and events. Section 2. FIL-AM Club meetings, performances, activities, participation or sponsorships shall be open to all members of the FIL-AM Club. Guests are encouraged to attend or participate. [Original Section 1 reads as though membership meetings are optional, while in Section 3, Executive Board meetings are required]
Section 3. The regular monthly EB will meet every third Saturday of the month at a time and place to be determined by the President and the Sergeant-At-Arms, with the endorsement of the EB. An alternate date may be set by the President at the preceding meeting. The President or his duly appointed representative will call the meeting to order. The monthly EB meeting is also called "regular" monthly meeting within this document. Section 4. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, with the advice and consent of the EB to discuss pressing or emergency matters. A quorum of members may request the meeting through the President.	Section 3. The Executive Board will meet every month at a time and place to be determined by the President and the Sergeants-At-Arms, - An alternate date may be set by the President at the preceding Executive Board meeting. The President or his or her duly-appointed representative will preside over the meeting. The monthly Executive Board meeting shall be considered the monthly meeting, within this document. Section 4. Three or more members may request a Special Meeting, to discuss pressing or emergency matters. The special meeting shall be requested through the President. This

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Section 5. Meeting minutes of EB meetings and any decisions made shall be kept and made available to all members. Records of meeting minutes shall be retained by the Secretary pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws - Responsibilities of Elected Officers.	meeting may be called at any time by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. Section 5. Minutes of the FIL-AM Club membership meetings, Executive Board meetings and any decisions made therefrom shall be prepared kept and made available to all members. Meeting minutes shall be retained by the Secretary pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws - Responsibilities of Elected Officers.
ARTICLE VII - QUORUM Section 1. At an EB meeting, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of at least 3 elected officers. Section 2. At any properly announced General or Special meeting, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of more than fifty percent (50%) of those paid members present at the meeting, and a minimum of three (3) elected officers.	ARTICLE VII – QUORUM Section 1. At any properly announced General or Special Meeting, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of more than fifty percent (50%) of those paid members present at the meeting, and a minimum of three (3) elected officers. Section 2. At an Executive Board EB meeting, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of at least four (4) 3 elected officers. [If the Auditor and two Sergeants at Arms are made official, a quorum will require four (4) officers]
ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATIONS Section 1. The FIL-AM shall issue, subject to the editorial and fiscal policies of FIL-AM, but on its own financial responsibility, such publications as the EB shall determine to be of cultural or social interest, or value to the members of the FIL-AM as indicated in the By-laws. Section 2. The FIL-AM shall publish a FIL-AM Newsletter as desired. It should contain summaries of activities, general news, articles, and announcements of interest, as determined by the EB. Publication narratives would bear the author's name. Section 3. All FIL-AM members shall be entitled to receive the Newsletter in consideration of a portion of their membership fee.	ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATIONS Section 1. The FIL-AM Club shall issue, such publications as the Executive Board shall determine to be of cultural or social interest, or value to the members of the FIL-AM Club. These publications shall be subject to the editorial and fiscal policies of the FIL-AM Club, and on its own financial responsibility, as indicated in the By-laws. Section 2. The FIL-AM Club shall publish a FIL-AM Newsletter as desired. It shall contain summaries of activities, general news, articles, and announcements of interest, as determined by the Executive Board. Publication narratives shall would bear the author's name. Section 3. All FIL-AM Club members shall be entitled to receive the Newsletter in consideration of a portion of their membership fee.
ARTICLE IX – BY-LAWS Section 1. By-laws governing the conduct and affairs of the FIL-AM Club shall be in consonance with the Constitution of the FIL-AM. These may be adopted and amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership. The AB shall be consulted for advice and recommendations.	ARTICLE IX – BY-LAWS Section 1. By-laws governing the conduct and affairs of the FIL-AM shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the FIL-AM Club. These By-Laws shall be adopted and amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership. The Advisory Board shall be consulted for guidance and recommendations.
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be tallied. Inclusion in any FIL-AM newsletter that is circulated to all FIL-AM members, a letter, and discussions held at monthly meetings is considered adequate notice. Section 3. A new By-law or amendment shall become effective only after a copy has been deposited with the Secretary. Section 4. A vote on adoption or amendment of the By-laws shall be taken in a regular EB meeting.	days before the vote is to be tallied. Inclusion in any FIL-AM Club newsletter that is circulated to all FIL-AM Club members, a letter, and discussions held at monthly meetings is considered adequate notice. Section 3. A new By-law or amendment shall become effective only after a copy has been deposited with the Secretary. [This has no definite schedule]
ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS Section 1. The provisions set forth by this Constitution may be amended by at least sixty percent (60%) of the paid members, at a properly scheduled and announced General, Special or regular monthly meeting. The President will take the lead to resolve amendment matters, and the AB will be consulted and will provide guidance and direction.	ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS Section 1. The provisions set forth by this Constitution or By Laws may be amended by an affirming vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) sixty percent (60%) of the paid members, at a properly scheduled and announced General, Special or regular monthly meeting. The President will act as presiding officer take the lead to resolve amendment matters. and The Advisory Board will be consulted for guidance and recommendations.
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ARTICLE XII - DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION Section 1. In the event, FIL-AM is disestablished, after all liabilities are paid, the remaining assets will be donated to the charities and/or entities according to Article XII, Section 2 below. Section 2. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said	ARTICLE XII - DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION Section 1. In the event, the FIL-AM Club is disestablished, and after all liabilities are paid, the remaining assets will be donated to the charities and/or entities according to Article XII, Section 2 below. Section 2. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the scope meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or

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BY-LAWS ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP Section 1. Membership in the FIL-AM shall be open to all. - Regular members: All members of FIL-AM in good standing shall have equal rights and privileges. - Honorary Members: Subject to the recommendation of the AB, it may, by majority vote, confer upon those deserving individuals who have signified their intentions and interest in furthering the cause of the FIL-AM. Honorary members shall be entitled to the privileges of the regular members, except voting and holding office. An Honorary member is automatically a member of the AB. - An application form is given to the applicant to be completed, signed, and forwarded to the Secretary. - The Treasurer and the Secretary will issue a membership card authenticated by the President and the Secretary, and furnish a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, signifying the acceptance of the applicant to the FIL-AM. - Members shall be notified of all performances, activities, sponsorships, and meetings intended for the general membership and sponsored by, or under the auspices of FIL-AM. - Members shall be notified of proposed changes to the Constitution, By-laws or policies at least 30 days before they are acted or voted upon.	BY-LAWS ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP Section 1. Membership in the FIL-AM Club shall be open to all. - Regular members: All members of the FIL-AM Club in good standing shall have equal rights and privileges. - Honorary Members: Subject to the recommendation of the Advisory Board, members of the FIL-AM Club may, by majority vote, confer upon those deserving individuals who have signified their intentions and interest in furthering the cause of the FIL-AM Club. Honorary members shall be entitled to the privileges of the regular members, except voting and holding office. Each applicant shall be provided An application form, to be completed, signed, and forwarded to the Secretary. - The Treasurer and the Secretary shall issue a membership card authenticated by the President and the Secretary, and furnish a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, signifying the acceptance of the applicant to the FIL-AM Club. - Members shall be notified of all activities, sponsorships, and meetings intended for the general membership and sponsored by, or under the auspices of FIL-AM Club. - Members shall be notified of proposed changes to the Constitution, By-laws or policies at least 30 days before they are acted or voted upon.
Section 2. Duties, Rights, and Responsibilities of Members. - It is the obligation of each member to support, cooperate, and share due loyalty to the FIL-AM. - The duty to attend the annual general meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the FIL-AM. - The member has the right and is encouraged to attend all General, Special, and Regular Meetings. Opinions and suggestions will be entertained as long as the member abides by parliamentary procedures. - The duty to pay annual membership dues regularly and promptly. - The right to vote during General and Special meetings and to be nominated for office. - The privilege of airing grievances pertinent to the Club in writing, addressed to the President. - The right to request a Special meeting through	Section 2. Duties, Rights, and Responsibilities of Members. The duties, rights and responsibilities of each member shall be: The obligation of each member is to support, cooperate, and share due loyalty to the FIL-AM Club. - The duty to attend the annual general meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the FIL-AM Club - The right to attend all General, Special, and Regular Meetings. Opinions and suggestions will be entertained as long as parliamentary procedures are observed. - The duty to pay annual membership dues regularly and promptly. - The right to vote during General and Special meetings and to be nominated for office. - The privilege of airing grievances pertinent to the

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the President in accordance with the By-laws. h. Members may attend and participate in all FIL-AM meetings, social performances and activities, recreations, or sponsorships, provided the prescribed joining or entrance charges, if any, have been paid. Attendance at meetings of Committees, held solely for administrative purposes, may be restricted only to that entity. i. The privilege to terminate membership in accordance with the provisions set forth by the Constitution. j. The privilege to participate and volunteer his/her services in all FIL-AM functions and activities. k. The privilege to serve as a Chairperson or member of a Committee when so appointed by the President or by a Committee Chairperson, respectively. l. The right to review the financial accounting of the FIL-AM Club.	Club in writing, addressed to the President. g. The right to request a Special meeting through the President in accordance with the By-laws. h. Members may attend and participate in all FIL-AM Club meetings, performances, social and cultural activities, or sponsorships, provided the prescribed admission or entrance charges, have been paid. Attendance at meetings of Committees, held solely for administrative purposes, may be restricted only to the Committee that entity. i. The privilege to terminate membership in accordance with the provisions set forth by the Constitution. j. The privilege to participate and volunteer his/her services in all FIL-AM Club functions and activities. k. The privilege to serve as a Chairperson or member of a Committee when so appointed by the President or by a Committee Chairperson, respectively. l. The right to review the financial accounting of the FIL-AM Club.
Section 3. Benefits a. Mutual aid shall be rendered as may be required for members and their immediate "dependents" in cases where the member is a victim of fire or mishaps as determined by the EB. It may be in the form of cash, in kind donation, or personal services to be rendered by the members.	Section 3. Benefits Mutual aid shall be rendered as required for members and their immediate dependents, as determined by the Executive Board. Mutual aid may be in the form of cash, in kind donation, or personal services to be rendered by the members.
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Section 2. The 1st Vice President shall: a. Assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties; b. Perform the duties of the President in case of extended absence or disability; c. Train under the President to one hold that office. d. Develop and monitor FIL-AM budgets, and present them to the membership at annual meetings; and establish and oversee FIL-AM activities. e. Identify, maintain, and inventory all assets owned by FIL-AM; conduct annual inventory when so directed by the President; f. Appraise all newly acquired Club items and be notified of disposal of any items; and g. Enter into contracts and make arrangements for the use of facility to be utilized by FIL-AM in its functions and activities.	Section 2. The First Vice President shall: a. Assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties; b. Perform the duties of the President in case of absence or disability; . c. Develop and monitor FIL-AM Club budgets, and present them to the membership at annual meetings; and establish and oversee FIL-AM Club activities. d. Identify, maintain, and inventory all assets owned by the FIL-AM Club; conduct an annual inventory when so directed by the President; e. Appraise all newly acquired FIL-AM Club items and be notified of disposal of any items; and f. Enter into contracts and make arrangements for the use of facility to be utilized by the FIL-AM Club in its functions and activities.
Section 3. The 2nd Vice President shall: a. Assist the President and 1st Vice President in the discharge of their duties; b. Perform the duties of the 1st Vice President in case of extended absence or disability; c. Train under the President to one hold that office. d. Develop and monitor FIL-AM budgets, and present them to the membership at annual meetings; and establish and oversee FIL-AM activities. e. Identify, maintain, and inventory all assets owned by FIL-AM; conduct annual inventory when so directed by the President; f. Appraise all newly acquired Club items and be notified of disposal of any items; and g. Enter into contracts and make arrangements for the use of facility to be utilized by FIL-AM in its functions and activities.	Section 3. The Second Vice President shall: a. Assist the President and First Vice President in the discharge of their duties; b. Perform the duties of the First Vice President in case of extended absence or disability; . c. Develop and monitor FIL-AM Club budgets, and present them to the membership at annual meetings; and establish and oversee FIL-AM Club activities. d. Identify, maintain, and inventory all assets owned by the FIL-AM Club ; conduct annual inventory when so directed by the President; e. Appraise all newly acquired FIL-AM Club items and be notified of disposal of any items; and f. Enter into contracts and make arrangements for the use of facility to be utilized by the FIL-AM Club in its functions and activities.
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Section 5. The Treasurer shall: a. Maintain all financial records, receipts and bills, contracts, and accounts of FIL-AM, and have custody of all its funds; b. Keep a complete and accurate account of income and expenditures of the Club; c. Keep all funds in an insured financial organization approved by the EB and in the name of FIL-AM, subject to withdrawal by appropriate document signed in such manner as may, from time to time, be approved by the EB; d. Furnish all financial records to the Auditor for the annual audit, and at any other time required by the EB; e. Collect and disburse funds as required, by established policies and rules, and approved budgets; f. Receive and record annual membership dues; maintain the official membership roster; and inform the current status of paid and unpaid membership dues at each regular meeting. g. Deposit all money received to FIL-AM banking facility, as provided for in Article IX of the By-Laws, upon receipt or as soon as practicable, thereafter. h. Collect and deposit under the name/account of the Club all monies and shall pay bills and disbursements approved by the President; i. Authenticate by signature in conjunction with the President, all items of expenditures and disbursements; j. Submit to the Secretary the names of members who pay their dues and those who are delinquent members. k. Report to the members upon request, the financial condition and status of the Club. l. Make a complete and accurate report to the Club at the annual business meeting; m. Assist the President in satisfying the annual federal and state tax filling for the club.	Section 5. The Treasurer shall: a. Maintain all financial records, receipts and bills, contracts, and accounts of the FIL-AM Club, and have custody of all its funds; b. Keep a complete and accurate account of income and expenditures of the Club; c. Keep all funds in an insured financial organization approved by the Executive Board and in the name of the FIL-AM Club, subject to withdrawal by appropriate document signed in such manner as may, from time to time, be approved by the Executive Board; d. Furnish all financial records to the Auditor for the annual audit, and at any other time required by the Executive Board; e. Collect and disburse funds as required, by established policies and rules, and approved budgets; f. Receive and record annual membership dues; maintain the official membership roster; and inform the current status of paid and unpaid membership dues at each regular meeting. g. Deposit all money received to the FIL-AM Club banking facility, as provided for in Article IX of the By-Laws, upon receipt or as soon as practicable, thereafter. h. Collect and deposit under the name/account of the FIL-AM Club all monies and shall pay bills and disbursements approved by the President; i. Authenticate by signature in conjunction with the President, all items of expenditures and disbursements; j. Submit to the Secretary the names of members who pay their dues and those who are delinquent members. k. Report to the members upon request, the financial condition and status of the FIL-AM Club. l. Make a complete and accurate report to the FIL-AM Club at the annual business meeting; m. Assist the President in satisfying the annual federal and state tax filling for the FIL-AM Club.

	Section 6. The Auditor shall: a. Examine and verify the club's financial records to ensure they accurately reflect the Fil-Am Club's financial position and operations. The Auditor shall confirm the integrity of financial statements, internal controls, and compliance with relevant regulations and the club's constitution; b. Assess whether the club's financial statements provide true and fair representation of the financial situation of the FIL-AM Club. The Auditor can includes examining the accuracy of income, expenses, assets, and liabilities; c Evaluate the internal financial controls of the FIL-AM Club, to ensure they are effective in safeguarding assets and preventing fraud or errors. The Auditor shall review procedures for cash management, ticket sales, and other financial transactions; d. Verify that the FIL-AM Club adheres to all relevant laws, regulations, and its Constitution. The Auditor shall ensure compliance with any specific requirements related to membership, financial reporting, or fundraising; e. Identify weaknesses in internal financial controls or areas where the club's financial processes can be improved. The Auditor may offer recommendations to the Executive Board to address these issues; f. Prepare a report for the members of the FIL-AM Club, to summarize the findings of the audit and provide an opinion on the financial statements, to ensure transparency and accountability to the membership.
	Section 7. The duties of First Sergeant at Arms and the Second Sergeant at Arms shall: a. assist the president and maintain order during meetings and events. b. Maintain proper conduct, and a quiet and focused environment during meetings. The First Sergeant at Arms and Second Sergeant at Arms shall prevent disruptions and ensue that everyone is attentive; c. The First Sergeant at Arms and Second Sergeant at Arms shall remind members to follow meeting etiquette, including but not

	limited to muting phones and cameras during physical and online meetings; d. Maintain the schedule and agenda for each meeting. The First Sergeant at Arms and Second Sergeant at Arms shall ensure the meeting starts and ends on time, and that all agenda items are addressed; e. Assist with collection of Membership Dues, admission fees to events and other income of the income of the FIL AM Club f. Provide assistance with the following: Any technical issues that arise, including audio/visual problems or ensuring everyone can hear and participate; Organization and execution of special events, cultural or social gatherings
ARTICLE V - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD Section 1. Composition shall consist of all past Presidents and members appointed by the President. Section 2. The duties are: - Advise the President on all procedural matters when so required; - Render guidance and direction in matters of rules and order at and during meetings and other times as necessary and may preside over the meeting during an election; - Assist the President and perform other functions as designated by the President.	ARTICLE V - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD Section 1. Composition of the Advisory Board shall consist of all past Presidents, and members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. Section 2. The duties of the Advisory Board are: - Advise the President on all procedural matters when so required; - Render guidance and direction in matters of rules and order at and during meetings, and other times as necessary; and may preside over the meeting during an election; - Assist the President and perform other functions as designated by the President.
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Section 2. The results of the voting shall be announced immediately after the election count is made.

Section 3. The majority of fifty-one percent (51%) of those voting shall decide the election.

Section 4. All elected officers shall serve a term of two years.

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ARTICLE VIII - BANK ACCOUNTS

Section 1. Checking/Saving Accounts. The FIL-AM shall establish checking/saving accounts with a local financial agency in the name of the FILIPINO-AMERICAN CLUB OF THE JERSEY SHORE.

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ARTICLE IX - LEGAL AND BUSINESS CONSULTATION

Section 1: The FIL-AM shall seek legal consultation to provide the Club with adequate information relating to the legal strategy to protect the Club's interest for possible costly and cumbersome legal processes, resulting from activities involving the FIL-AM.

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ARTICLE X - METHOD OF DISBURSEMENT

Section 1. All expenditures incurred by the FIL-AM Club shall be made by checks issued and signed by the President or the Treasurer.

Section 2. Each withdrawal shall be signed by the President or Vice President, and by either the Secretary or Treasurer. A petty cash fund of up to one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) may be kept by and accounted for by the Treasurer. All expenditures and withdrawals from this fund must be clearly recorded in a permanent record. Cash disbursements will be supported by official receipts signed by the recipient.

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[How will reimbursements be addressed?]

ARTICLE XI – CLUB DONATION

Section 1. In case of death of any member, the Club will donate the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as death benefit. In case of death of immediate kin, parents, spouse and children, the Club will donate the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as death benefit. In case of sickness of members requiring hospitalization, the Financial and the Corresponding Secretary, in coordination with the Treasurer, will purchase a “get-well” card and flowers as a member’s sick benefit and the Club will donate \$50.00 as a member’s hospitalization sick benefit.

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In case of death of any member, the **FIL-AM** Club will donate the amount of **fifty** dollars (\$50.00) **to the family**, as death benefit. In case of death of ~~immediate kin~~, parents, spouse and children, the Club will **make a donation at the discretion of the Executive Board** as death benefit. In case of **illness** of members requiring hospitalization, the Secretary, in coordination with the Treasurer, will donate \$50.00 as a member’s sick benefit. ~~and the Club may purchase flowers and other gifts as support from the FIL-AM Club,~~

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ARTICLE XIII – DISESTABLISHMENT Section 1. In the event the FILILPINO-AMERICAN CLUB OF THE JERSEY SHORE is disestablished, all liabilities shall be paid from the assets and the remaining assets will be donated to the charities and / or entities recommended and approved by the EB. Section 2. The banking institution with whom the Club has an account at the time of disestablishment shall be the trustee.	ARTICLE XIII – DISESTABLISHMENT Section 1. In the event the FILILPINO-AMERICAN CLUB OF THE JERSEY SHORE is disestablished, all liabilities shall be paid from the assets and the remaining assets will be donated to the charities and / or entities recommended and approved by the Executive Board. Section 2. The banking institution with whom the Club has an account at the time of disestablishment shall be the trustee.

	AMENDMENT 1: ARTICLE II, SECTION 4. 1. A regular member shall be a member whose age is less than seventy (70) years, and is not a full time student. Annual dues for regular members shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per member. Each individual shall be considered as one member. Married couples shall be considered two (2) members. 2. Senior members shall be allowed to pay Annual Dues of the greater of: ten dollars (\$10), or fifty percent (50%) of the current Annual Dues for regular members. 3. Annual Dues for Full-time students shall be the greater of five dollars (\$5.00) or twenty-five percent (25%) of the current Annual Dues for regular members. 4. The annual dues shall be adjusted periodically. The adjusted dues shall be approved by a majority vote of sixty percent (60%) the membership, as described in the Constitution. 5. A member who fails to pay his or her dues for a period of three consecutive months without a good and sufficient reason, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be a delinquent member. A delinquent member forfeits his or her right to vote and to hold office. A delinquent
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	member can regain membership in good standing only by payment of all dues in arrears and any fee required for initial membership. Note to Members and Board: This Amendment shall be placed at the end of the Constitution. The original text of the Constitution shall remain unchanged.
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	COMMENTS: 1. Art. I, Sect. 4: . . . to respond to the need of the diverse culture [of mixed marriages – <i>is this phrase necessary?</i>] 2. Art. I, Sect. 4: [and to acquire a center or a facility that will be used by the Filipino American community and as a base to carry out the goals and objectives of the Club.] <i>Is this phrase necessary?</i> 3. Art. II, Sect. 1: [How will the approval be expressed?] 4. Art. II, Sect. 2 [This presumes that the number of members shall be sustained or increased, to compensate for exemption of senior members from Club dues] 5. Art. II, Sect. 3 A husband and wife as members will count as two members, and a single person will count as one member. [Marriage need not be stated as an issue.] 6. Art. II, Sect. 4 [Refer to Amendment 1] 7. Art.III, Sect. 1 [There is no official Auditor or Sergeant at Arms] 8. Art.III, Sect. 6 ['Inure' is incorrect. This word should be replaced.] 9. Art. IX, Sect. 4 [Original Section 4 contradicts Section 3.] 10. ByLaws Art. I, Sect.1.b An Honorary member is automatically a member of the AB. [This has no logical basis] 11. ByLaws Art. II, Sect.1.b (Executive Board) Nominate candidates for FIL-AM Officers for
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	election by the general membership. This contradicts the Constitution – nominations should come from the members, not from the Executive Board. 12. ByLaws Art. IV, Sect. 2.c (First Vice President) Train under the President to one hold that office. [This presumes that the First Vice President will succeed the President] 13. ByLaws Art. IV, Sect. 3.c (Second Vice President) Train under the President to one hold that office. [This presumes that the Second Vice President will succeed the President] 14. ByLaws Art. IV, Sect. 6 (New section): Auditor: This Elected position must be created and the duties must be specified. 15. ByLaws Art. IV, Sect. 7 (New section): Sergeant at Arms: Will this Elected position be permanent or temporary? Duties must be specified. 16. ByLaws Art. IV: How will elections be conducted? Show of hands? Secret ballot? Other methods? 17. ByLaws Art. VI, Sect.5: [What if terms are not consecutive ?] 18. By Laws Art. XI: [The Club will make a discretionary donation on the death of immediate kin, parents, spouse and children] [If increasing number of members request reduced dues, providing this donation will become more difficult] 19.