



# Gaelic American Club, Inc.

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## BYLAWS OF THE GAELIC AMERICAN CLUB, INC.

*As amended through 12/10/2010*  
*and Membership Amended 11/11/20216*

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It is understood that throughout this document the GAC refers to the Gaelic American Club, Incorporated.

It is understood that throughout this document whenever the masculine gender is used it shall also include the feminine gender.

**Article I - Name**

The name of this club shall be the Gaelic American Club, Incorporated (GAC), and it shall be located in the Greater Bridgeport Area, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut.

**Article II - Purpose**

The purposes for which this Incorporated Club (GAC) is formed are the following, to wit:

- 2.1** To promote Social, Civic and Cultural activities for and among persons who are Irish born and have immigrated to the United States and have become residents thereof, and/or persons who are of Irish descent and are residents of the United States.
- 2.2** To purchase, take or lease, or otherwise acquire any lands, building, easements, or property, real or personal, which may be requisite for the purpose of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of this Corporation.
- 2.3** To exercise any and all actions which now or hereafter may be authorized by law to obtain and further the objects of this Corporation.

**Article III – Membership - *as amended through 11/11/20216***

**3.1** Membership in the GAC shall be extended to all persons who have either been born in Ireland or descended from Irish-born ancestors.

**3.2** Membership shall also be extended to persons of other national origins whose husband or wife is a member of the GAC.

**3.2A** During the time of closed membership, native Irish immigrants who meet membership standards shall be accepted as members upon approval of their application within one year of their arrival in the State of Connecticut.

**3.3** As further requirements for admission to membership, all applicants must be of good moral character and must agree to abide by the Bylaws of the GAC.

**3.4** There shall be six levels of membership, Family (2), Family (1), Individual, Senior, Lifetime and Clergy.

Family (2) membership is defined as adult member and spouse with or without dependents under the age of twenty-one (21). The member and spouse shall each have one (1) vote and dependents under family membership shall not have a vote.

Family (1) is defined as adult member and all dependents under the age of twenty-one (21). The member shall have one (1) vote and dependents under family membership shall not have a vote.

Individual membership is defined as adult over 21 years of age. The member shall have one (1) vote.

Senior membership is defined as a person over the age of sixty-five (65) and who has been a member in good standing for at least the past 3 years. Each senior shall have one (1) vote. New members may not apply for Senior membership.

Lifetime membership is defined as any person who has been a member for forty (40) years or more and who has reached the age of seventy (70). Life members shall have one (1) vote and shall not be required to submit any further dues in order to maintain membership in good standing in the GAC.

Clergy membership is defined as any Clerical member of a recognized religious church or denomination. Clergy shall not be required to submit any dues in order to maintain membership in good standing in the GAC.

**3.5** Application for membership shall first be approved by a Membership Committee as established in Article VII, Section 2. The Membership committee shall undertake such investigations as it deems appropriate as to the qualifications of each applicant for membership. Applicants' names shall be posted on the GAC bulletin board for at least 10 days before the meeting at which they will be recommended. At this meeting applicants shall be accepted as members only upon approval of a majority of the members present and voting.

**3.6** Members in good standing may vote upon all business brought before the GAC.

**3.7** The membership of any member who seriously misbehaves in any way or violates the provisions of these Bylaws may be temporarily suspended or revoked by order of the Executive Committee following a hearing of the member with the Executive Committee. The member in question may request a full hearing of the complaints against him at a regular General Membership meeting of the GAC. When such charges have been presented and duly answered by the accused member, the GAC shall decide by majority vote of the members present and voting as to whether the Executive Committee's recommendation of suspension or revocation shall be enforced or nullified, or if made temporary, the duration of this period. During this period of suspension, the obligation of dues is not suspended.

#### **Article IV - Dues and Assessments**

**4.1** In all matters of business, the GAC shall operate on a calendar year basis, that is, from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

**4.2** Any recommendations for a change in the schedule of dues or other monetary requirements for membership shall be made by the Executive Committee at the October meeting. This motion will be posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes, for a period of ten (10) days prior to the November meeting, and included in the GAC newsletter immediately following the October meeting and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients. The notice of a proposed dues increase or other monetary requirements for membership change must contain the complete and precise text of the proposed motion and the date of the regular meeting at which the motion will be presented to the membership for a vote. At the November meeting the motion may or may not be passed by the majority of members present and voting.

**4.3** Dues shall be in arrears if not paid on or before the last day of February in the year for which they are due, and the member will no longer be in good standing. This provision may be suspended for individuals or on a Club wide basis in special situations (sick, unemployed, serving in the Armed Forces, or where another valid reason exists), as determined by the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee.

**4.4** Special assessments may be levied only on a motion that has been read at the preceding meeting, and posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes, for a period of ten (10) days before the meeting at which the vote is to take place. The motion shall be included in the GAC newsletter immediately following the meeting and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients. The notice for the motion must contain the complete and precise text of the proposed motion and the date of the regular meeting at which the motion will be presented to the membership for a vote. It shall be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.

## **Article V - Officers**

### **Duties and Manner of Election**

- 5.1** The Officers of the GAC shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and the Sergeant-At-Arms. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive years in any given office without standing down from that office for one year.
- 5.2** *The President* shall preside at and conduct all meetings in a fair and impartial manner. He shall fill all vacancies created by absence of officers. He shall fill all vacancies of directors as described in Article VI, Section 1. He shall appoint all Committees except the Nominating/Election Committee, fill all vacancies in Committees, and shall act as ex-officio member on all Committees except the Nominating/Election Committee.  
He shall preside at Executive Committee and GAC meetings and shall vote only to break a tie or to create a two-thirds majority.  
He shall have the power to call special meetings as set forth in Article VIII, Section 2.  
He shall present at the January meeting a full report of the work of the GAC during the preceding year and shall, in general, perform all such duties as are usually performed by the President of an incorporated club.  
*The President-elect* shall see to the bonding of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers who are authorized signatories of checks prior to their installation. He shall also see to the bonding of the Permittee and Manager. The amount of the bond for each individual person shall be designated by the Executive Committee.
- 5.3** *The Vice President* shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, resignation, or disqualification of the President. The Vice President shall distribute a current copy of the Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual and that year's budget to each Executive Committee member and each Committee Chair at the beginning of his term of office but no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 5.4** *The Recording Secretary* shall keep accurate minutes and records of all business transacted at all meetings of the GAC and the Executive Committee. He shall maintain the Policies and Procedures Manual, as pursuant to Article X. He shall handle all correspondence of the GAC. He shall have custody of the Corporate Seal and shall, in general, perform such duties as the President or the GAC may direct.
- 5.5** The Financial Secretary shall keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements of the GAC and be bonded in an amount designated by the Executive Committee. He shall verify the collection of all dues and other monies. He shall conduct a regular reconciliation of all current incoming funds and cash equivalents against the records and receipts of GAC activities. He shall deliver such accounts to the Treasurer in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the GAC. He shall make a financial report at each monthly meeting of the GAC and shall produce his book and all other financial records and documentation for audits at the request of the Auditing Committee.
- 5.6** *The Treasurer* shall be the custodian of all monies of the GAC and shall be bonded in an amount to be designated by the Executive Committee. He shall keep a record of all funds and cash equivalents received from the Financial Secretary. He shall assist the Financial Secretary in conducting a regular reconciliation of all current incoming funds and cash equivalents against the records and receipts of GAC activities. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the deposits of the GAC in accordance with the policy and procedure manual. Said deposits shall be made in such banks and/or depositories as may be designated by the GAC. Under emergency situations or as necessary to protect the assets of the GAC the Treasurer may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, deposit GAC funds in insured bank accounts without prior GAC approval provided the action is submitted for membership approval at the next GAC monthly meeting. He shall be responsible for the payment of all bills incurred by the GAC and his financial report shall agree with the accounts kept by the Financial Secretary.
- 5.7** *The Sergeant-At-Arms* shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings of the GAC. He shall admit only members to the meeting place, unless otherwise instructed by the President, and shall remain on duty until all business of the meeting shall have been completed.

### **Article VI - Executive Committee**

- 6.1** There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers of the Club and three other members who shall be known as Directors and who shall be elected for staggering terms of three years with one Director elected by a plurality vote at each annual GAC election. The duties of the Executive Committee, thus constituted, shall be to advise the GAC in such a way as to control and guide the general policies of the GAC. The Executive Committee shall control and manage the GAC during interval periods between the meetings of the members and do such other acts as are normally and usually performed by an Executive Committee. These acts shall include but not be limited to the arranging of an audit or review at a minimum of every two (2) years in accordance with the policy and procedure voted on by the membership. No Director can succeed himself after serving his three-year term without standing down for a minimum of one year.
- 6.2** The Executive Committee shall select a Permittee after interviewing candidates who are GAC members and meet the requirements of the State Liquor Control Commission. The Permittee shall serve for one year or until his successor has been appointed and has been qualified. In the event the Permittee is not fulfilling his responsibilities as set forth in Article VI, Section 3, the Executive Committee has the power to remove the Permittee. The selection and removal of the Permittee shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee then in office.
- 6.3** The Permittee shall be responsible for operating the bar in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the State Liquor Control Commission and of the GAC and in accordance with the Executive Committee's Permittee Job Description. The Permittee shall select Bar Tenders in a manner as set forth in a written code by the Executive Committee and maintain a Bar Tender Job Description. **Bar Tenders must be GAC members.** The Permittee shall supervise the Bar Tenders and work with the Bar Committee as set forth in Article VII, Section 6 and the manager as set forth in Article VI, Section 5.
- 6.4** The Executive Committee shall select a Manager after interviewing candidates who submit applications and are eligible to be bonded. The Manager shall serve for one year or until his successor has been appointed and has been qualified. In the event the Manager is not fulfilling his responsibilities as set forth in Article VI, Section 5, the Executive Committee has the power to remove the Manager. The selection and removal of the Manager shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee then in office.
- 6.5** The Manager shall be responsible for the preservation and maintenance of all records pertinent to the efficient functioning of the GAC in accordance with the Policies and Procedures. His duties shall also include but not be limited to supervising the maintenance of all the physical facilities of the GAC as well as organizing a schedule of all club and non-club functions. He shall work with the Permittee as set forth in Article 6, Section 3.

**Article VII - Committees**

- 7.1** The following Standing Committees - Membership, Auditing, Good and Welfare, Budget, Bar, Kitchen, Communication, Social, House, Facilities Management, Finance and Records - shall be appointed by the President at the January meeting and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The President may also make additional appointments to the Standing Committees and appoint such other Committees as may become necessary and shall fill any vacancies as they occur during the year.  
The Standing Committee shall have the general duties set forth below and such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee. All Committees shall prepare a report for each monthly GAC meeting to be presented to the membership.
- 7.2** A Membership Committee consisting of not fewer than three members shall investigate the qualifications of applicants for membership and report its recommendations to the GAC. The Membership Committee shall keep and maintain a list of current members. It shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of the membership list. (*Bylaws of the Gaelic American Club, Inc. Membership as amended through 11/11/2016* )
- 7.3** An Audit Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two (2) other members who shall have an appropriate background in auditing practices. The Committee shall examine, semi-annually, the records and accounts of the GAC and shall report its findings at the first regular meeting thereafter. This Committee shall check and verify the annual reports at the January meeting and also verify that tax preparation is done on a timely basis. The Audit Committee shall assist the Executive Committee in the arrangements for the preparation of all audits and/or reviews as required in Article VI, Section 1.
- 7.4** A Good and Welfare Committee which shall consist of not fewer than two members shall convey the appropriate expression, with respect for individual needs, for the GAC.



- 7.5** A Budget Committee, which shall consist of the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and a minimum of three additional members, shall, after consulting with the individual Standing Committees, prepare an annual budget of receipts and expenditures for the annual period of January 1 to December 31, for the preliminary approval of the Executive Committee. Final approval of the budget will be voted by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the December meeting. The Budget Committee shall meet with the chair of each standing committee within thirty (30) days of their appointment as chair to review that Committee's budget for the upcoming year. All expenses that are in excess of \$1,000, excluding those contained in the approved budget shall be subject to specific approval by the membership. Routine monthly operational costs shall be excluded from this requirement. In an emergency situation, a majority of the Executive Committee may approve an expenditure in excess of \$1,000. The details of the decision and the expenditure shall be presented to the members at the next monthly membership meeting of the GAC.
- 7.6** The Bar Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members, not including the Permittee. The Bar Committee's duties shall be to assist the Permittee in overseeing the operations of the bar.
- 7.7** The Kitchen Committee shall consist of not less than two (2) members, not including the Chef. The Kitchen Committee's duties shall be to assist the Chef in overseeing the operations of the kitchen.
- 7.8** A Communications Committee, which shall consist of not less than three (3) members shall: (1) publish and distribute a monthly newsletter indicating the upcoming events of the GAC and items of interest to the members of the GAC; (2) produce and regularly distribute an e-mail bulletin letter to GAC members updating them on the activities of the GAC and its members and providing items of interest to the members of the GAC; (3) design and maintain an internet web site, [www.gaonline.org](http://www.gaonline.org) to offer basic information about the GAC. The committee shall make every effort to preserve and maintain the privacy of the membership list and the members' e-mail addresses.

- 7.9** A Social Committee which shall consist of not fewer than five members who shall be representative of all age groups and interests in the GAC shall organize all GAC social events, such as dances, concerts, parties, etc., and shall coordinate all activities of the GAC. The Social Committee shall coordinate all GAC functions with the GAC manager. The chair, or designee, of the Social Committee shall report to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis, preferably at the regular Executive Committee Meeting preceding the General Membership meeting. At that time, the chair should provide an accounting of income and expenses for events that have been held since the previous report, as well as estimated income and expenses for events planned for the future. Whenever the budget for an individual event can reasonably be expected to exceed \$2,000, the chairperson of the event shall be required to receive approval from the Executive Committee prior to entering into any contractual agreements. Failure to secure prior approval may release the GAC from any financial responsibility for said event.
- 7.10** A House Committee which shall consist of not fewer than three members shall be responsible for insuring the proper appearance and decoration of the GAC.
- 7.11** A Facilities Management Committee which shall consist of not fewer than three members shall be responsible for insuring the structural and mechanical upkeep of the GAC facilities and grounds.
- 7.12** A Failte Committee which shall consist of not fewer than three members shall see that the guest book at the door is maintained according to the guidelines of the State.
- 7.13** A records committee, which shall consist of not less than three (3) members shall maintain and preserve the integrity of the GAC documents and non-financial records. The committee's duties shall include but not be limited to (1) ensuring that multiple copies of important historical documents of the GAC, such as the history of the bylaws and the yearly minutes, are secured, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the GAC, in archives separate from the originals; (2) collecting, sorting and cataloging all historical information relating to the GAC.

### **Article VIII - Meetings and Elections**

**8.1** The regular monthly meeting of the GAC shall be held at eight o'clock on the evening of the second Friday of each month. The order of business at meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order, GAC prayer, Purpose of the Club and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call of Officers
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Correspondence
5. Financial Secretary
6. Reports of committees
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

Postponement of a monthly meeting because of inclement weather will be determined by polling a simple majority of the Executive Committee and announced by 7:00 PM on the night of the meeting on local radio.

**8.2** Special meetings of the GAC may be called by the President, by a written or electronic notice to each member, at least seven days in advance of such meeting. Notice shall also be posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients.

**8.3** The Executive Committee shall meet once each month on dates to be designated by the President. It shall hold special meetings at the call of the President or upon the request of three of its members.

**8.4** Election of officers shall be in December as outlined in Article VIII, Section 10, and all annual reports shall be read at the January meeting prior to the installation of the newly elected officers.

**8.5** All officers of the GAC must be members in good standing. No paid employee or contractor of the GAC is eligible to run for election (as determined when nominations are closed at the October membership meeting) or to be appointed to any office on the GAC Executive Committee. All officers shall be elected at an election held on the first Sunday in December from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. They shall be installed at the regular monthly GAC meeting in January of each year and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified.

- 8.5A** The decision to postpone and reschedule the December election of Officers because of inclement or hazardous weather conditions, shall be made by the Election Moderator, in consultation with the members of the Election Committee. A postponed election shall be rescheduled for the following Sunday from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm. The decision to postpone shall be announced by 11:00 am on election Sunday on local radio. Notice shall also be sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients and posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board at least five (5) days in advance of the new election date.
- 8.6** The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating/Election Committee of not fewer than five members to be announced at the September meeting. Said appointment shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The names of the Committee Members shall be posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients. This committee shall present to the GAC at the October meeting a list of one or more candidates for each of the offices. Nominations will be accepted from the floor only at the October meeting with the condition that the member making the nomination has obtained prior permission from the person to be nominated, and that nomination obtains a second.
- 8.7** The Executive Committee at the October meeting shall appoint an Election Moderator. Said appointment shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Election Moderator shall head the Election Committee and shall oversee the conduct of the election. The Election Committee shall be composed of the Moderator and the Election/Nominating Committee. Each candidate for office may choose to have one representative as an observer to the Committee. Candidates may share observers. The Election Committee must be present during the election.
- 8.8** The November Newsletter shall include a separate election insert where each candidate for office shall be allowed to submit a brief statement and picture. The statement shall also be sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients and may be placed on the GAC website. The length of the statement and the submission deadline shall be determined by the Election Committee. Each candidate for office will be introduced at the November meeting and shall be allowed an opportunity to speak for a set time as determined by the Election Committee. All candidates for office shall be given an equal opportunity to participate in any GAC campaign activities/forums sanctioned by the Election Committee. In no case, shall an official mode of communication of the GAC, such as the newsletter, e-mail bulletin or web page, be used to publicize the views of, or appear to endorse any particular candidate(s), nor shall these vehicles be used to promote the opinion of any individual or individuals on any matter of concern to the GAC which might have an effect on the election.

- 8.9** The Membership Committee shall submit to the Election Committee at the November meeting a voting list of members in good standing as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. (*Bylaws of the GAC, Inc. Membership as amended through 11/11/2016* )
- 8.10** The officers shall be voted for by paper ballot or machine. A plurality of votes cast shall elect. The President shall be present at the vote tally and shall vote only to break a tie. Only members of the Election Committee can tally votes, and the candidate's observers may be present at the tally. The Election Moderator shall announce the voting results for each candidate at the conclusion of the tallying process. The Election Moderator shall submit the official tally to the Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting for inclusion in its minutes.

#### **Article IX - Quorum**

- 9.1** Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of that body. If a quorum is not present, the meeting may be adjourned to a later date. Forty members, not including the officers present, shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the GAC. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a later date.
- 9.2** A quorum must be present at any meeting of the GAC or Executive Committee at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the GAC to any action or policy.
- 9.3** Each member in good standing of the GAC, as defined in Article III of the Bylaws, shall be entitled to one vote and every vote shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting, except as otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.
- 9.4** Robert's Rules of Order shall be the GAC's Parliamentary Authority in the conduct of meetings and on all questions of procedure not covered by these Bylaws.

#### **Article X - Policies and Procedures**

- 10.1** All motions, properly made and approved at a general membership meeting, which concern the general rules and regulations for the ongoing operation of the GAC shall be recorded in the Policies and Procedures Manual by the Recording Secretary.
- 10.2** Current copies of the Policies and Procedure Manual shall be maintained in a place readily available to all members. Current shall be interpreted to mean updated as needed, but at least annually.
- 10.3** Proposed policies and procedures may originate from the Executive Committee, as suggested by a Standing Committee, as suggested by a member, or at their own initiative.
- 10.4** Proposed policies and procedures may also originate from the floor of a general membership meeting, in which case they will require a second.

- 10.5** No such policy or procedure may be contrary to the Bylaws of the GAC.
- 10.6** Once presented at a general membership meeting, the proposed policy or procedure will be read back by the Recording Secretary to insure accuracy. It shall then be posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes, for a period of not fewer than 10 days immediately preceding the next monthly meeting. The motion shall be included in the GAC newsletter immediately following the meeting and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients.
- 10.7** The motion as posted shall then be brought to the floor for consideration at the next general membership meeting. At that time it may be discussed, withdrawn, amended, or adopted by majority of those present and voting.
- 10.8** Past policy and procedures as recorded in the minutes of the general membership meetings of the GAC shall prevail unless and until altered by the adoption of a formal policy under the above outlined procedure.

#### **Article XI - Amendments**

- 11.1** *Proposal of Amendment:* An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed to the GAC membership in either of the following ways:
- (a) By the Executive Committee; or
  - (b) By any member in good standing, provided such member has submitted the proposed amendment in writing to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee has either (i) declined to propose it to the GAC or (ii) failed to act on the submission within 60 days of its delivery to the Committee. After the occurrence of either (i) or (ii) above, upon the proposing member's written demand, the Executive Committee shall place proposed amendment on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the GAC and, if approved by a majority of the members then present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be posted, read, and voted on pursuant to this Article XI.
- 11.2** *Posting and Reading:* Before a proposed amendment may be presented to the GAC for adoption, a notice of such proposed amendment must be posted conspicuously on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes, for a period of not less than 65 days and must be read to the membership during the period of posting at the two consecutive regular meetings of the GAC immediately preceding the meeting at which it will be voted on. The notice shall also be printed in at least one GAC Newsletter published during the period of posting and sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients. The notice of a proposed amendment must contain the complete and precise text of the proposed amendment and the date of the regular meeting at which the proposed amendment will be presented to the membership for a vote. The notice shall also contain an explanation of the intended effect and reasons for the proposed amendment. The contents of the explanation may not, however, be the basis for a challenge to the sufficiency of the notice.

- 11.3 Voting and Adoption:** Provided the posting and reading requirements set forth above have been complied with, the proposed amendment shall be presented to the membership for discussion and a vote at the meeting set forth in the posted notice. The proposed amendment may be adopted or defeated as presented. No changes or corrections to the proposed amendment may be made at any time after the proposed amendment has been posted, nor at the time it is presented for a vote. The proposed amendment will be deemed adopted if two-thirds or more of the members present and voting vote in favor of its adoption. Upon the adoption of an amendment, the Recording Secretary of the club shall immediately place the amendment into the official bylaws and it shall take effect as of the date of its adoption, unless otherwise stated within the text of the amendment as adopted.
- 11.4 Changes, Corrections, Withdrawal:** Any proposed amendment may be withdrawn by the person or Executive Committee proposing it at any time prior to the vote on its adoption. After being withdrawn, the proposed amendment, with any changes or corrections, may be proposed again only in accordance with this Article XI

## **Article XII - General Provisions**

- 12.1** The GAC pledges allegiance to the Flag and the Constitution of the United States, but as Corporate body, it shall take no part in National, State, or Local politics.
- 12.2** Any routine contracts or obligations entered into for goods, maintenance and/ or services in the ordinary course of operation of the GAC, must be reported to the membership at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. No contract shall be executed or other obligation incurred that affects the capital assets of the GAC to sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, encumber or otherwise impair such asset unless first presented at a general membership meeting. After the contract has been presented, the Executive Committee shall place it on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the GAC. The terms of the proposed contract and the date of the membership vote shall be posted, conspicuously, on the GAC bulletin board, separate from the minutes for a period of not less than seven (7) days prior to the vote. The notice shall also be sent to all GAC e-mail bulletin recipients and shall be included in the GAC newsletter immediately following the meeting. Provided the posting and notice requirements set forth above have been complied with, the proposed contract shall be presented to the membership for discussion and a vote at the meeting set forth in the posted notice. The proposed contract will be deemed accepted if two-thirds or more of the members present and voting vote in favor of it.
- 12.3** It shall be the policy of the GAC to encourage and assist all members engaged in business, professions, or other legitimate enterprises. However, the name of the GAC shall not be exploited by members or other persons for selfish or pecuniary purposes. The GAC Membership list shall not be used for any purpose other than GAC -related business, as approved by the Executive Committee.

**12.4** The Corporate Seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization, and the words: "Corporate Seal, Connecticut." We, Joseph Campbell, President and Christine Doolan, Recording Secretary, of The Gaelic American Club, Inc., hereby attest and certify that the foregoing Bylaws are a true and conforming copy of the Bylaws of The Gaelic American Club, Inc. as adopted by the membership at the general meetings held December 10, 2010.

Dated at Fairfield, Connecticut this   10th   day of December, 2010.

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Joseph Campbell, President  
Secretary

and

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Christine Doolan, Recording