

## TO BE VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER 10, 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

3.1 Membership in the GAG Gaelic American Club 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~~ spouse is a member of the GAG Gaelic American Club.

3.~~32A~~ 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.~~43~~ 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 GAG Gaelic American Club. Falsification of information, either on the application or regarding Irish heritage, is cause to be declined or later removed from membership.

3.~~54~~ There shall be ~~six~~ eight levels of membership, Family (2), Family (1), Individual, Senior (2), Senior (1), Individual + Senior, Lifetime and Clergy as follows:-

3.5.1 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.

3.5.2 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.

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

3.5.4 Senior (1) 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.

3.5.5 Senior (2) Membership is defined as spouses who are both over the age of sixty-five (65) and who have been members of good standing for at least the past 3 years. Each senior shall have one (1) vote. New members may not apply for Senior membership.

3.5.6 Individual + Senior (1) membership is defined as an adult over 21 years

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

**3.5.7 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 Gaelic American Club.

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

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**3.65** Application for membership shall first be approved by a the 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 ~~GAG~~ Gaelic American Club 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. Applicant names may be posted at any time during the year as their application is approved. Invitation to join the Gaelic American Club in any given year can commence starting on April 1.

3.~~76~~ Members in good standing may vote upon all business brought before the ~~GAG~~ Gaelic American Club.

3.~~87~~ The membership of any member who violates the provisions of these By-Laws seriously or 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 with~~ the member ~~with by~~ the Executive Committee. at the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting. If the member is unable to attend that meeting, the Executive Committee will base its decision to suspend or revoke membership on available information and that decision will remain in effect until the member is able to appear at a meeting 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 ~~GAG~~ Gaelic American Club. When such ~~charges~~ complaints have been presented to the membership and duly answered by the accused member in question, the ~~GAG~~ Gaelic American Club Membership 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, altered or nullified. If the Membership votes for the member's suspension they must also set a duration or if made temporary, the duration of this period. During ~~this~~ such period of suspension, the obligation ~~of to pay~~ dues and other monetary requirements remains and is not suspended.

The reason for these changes are as follows:

1. To make the Membership Committee's job easier by listing the current actual levels of membership. There used to be 6 and there are now 8.
2. To give a higher priority path to membership for native Irish immigrants.
3. To stress the importance of accurate information on applications for membership.
4. To clarify the ramifications of poor behavior.