

American Women's Club
Auckland, New Zealand

CHARTER

PURPOSE

The American Women's Club of Auckland, New Zealand shall constitute a voluntary non-profit organization. The Club's aims:

- To promote mutual goodwill, understanding, respect & cooperation between members of the Club and the New Zealand Community.
- To assist new American residents/sojourners in adjusting to life in New Zealand.
- To contribute time and/or financial support to a charitable organization as approved by the membership.
- To maintain an American atmosphere within the Club by observing traditional holidays and activities.

PATRON

The most senior member and partner for the United States of America in Auckland may be invited to become the Patrons of the American Women's Club in Auckland.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

All business relating to the American Women's Club should be conducted by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of a maximum of ten members who are elected to the Committee for

officio. No member may be elected to the Executive Committee for more than four consecutive years, but may be elected to the Committee again after a period of one year.

President: Must be either an American Member or American-Associate Member. No one may be elected to the office of president unless she has served at least one year on a previous Executive Committee and is a financial member of the American Women's Club at the time of the election.

Vice President/President Elect (Program Chair)

Secretary

Treasurer

Publisher

Membership

Hospitality

Ways and Means

The above officers must attend all Executive Committee Meetings unless excused by the president. In the event of the president being unable to serve, the Vice President shall serve as President pro Tem and carry out the duties of President. If the President and Vice President are unable to serve, the Secretary shall serve as President Pro Tem until the Executive Committee meets and appoints persons to fill the vacant offices.

Past President, Ex-Officio: By virtue of office, the immediate Past President is to remain on the Executive Committee, Ex-Officio, with a vote for one year following the election of the new President (and have all privileges of the elected Committee), but shall not be required to attend Executive Committee Meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Every candidate for membership shall attend one monthly meeting of the Club or one evening meeting plus one other Club function to include a second monthly meeting or evening meeting, coffee, craft or book club meeting.

American Members: Citizens of the USA of good standing, residing or sojourning in New Zealand.

American-Associate Members: Non-American partners of American citizens who are of good standing.

Associate Members: Persons of good standing, with or without American affiliations, approved by the Executive Committee, willing to support the objectives of the Club. These Associate Members shall not exceed more than 40% of the total membership.

Honorary Members: Partners of the Consul and Vice Consul or women holding those positions. Honorary members do not vote.

Life Members: To be appointed by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the membership.

MEETINGS

There shall be a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the general membership except the month of January when no meeting is scheduled.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March. Time permitting; the general monthly meeting will follow.

a term of one year, plus the immediate Past President, ex-ELECTIONS

The election of the Executive Committee will take place annually at the Annual General Meeting. Only financial and Life Members may vote.

AMENDING THIS CHARTER

This charter shall be reviewed biennially by the Executive Committee. This charter may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting providing all proposed amendments to this charter have been given to the members in writing one month prior. Provisions for absentee votes will be made. A quorum of one third of the membership ordinarily available to attend daytime meetings is necessary to hold an Annual General Meeting. Amendments will pass or fail by a two-thirds vote of the quorum.

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