

# **BUFFALO WELLESLEY CLUB**

## ***BY-LAWS***

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Buffalo Wellesley Club.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the interests of Wellesley College and its alumnae.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

#### Section 1. Active Members

An alumna is any graduate of Wellesley College or any former student who: (a) has been a candidate for a Wellesley College degree for at least one term and whose class has graduated, or (b) left in honorable circumstances before completing one term and who has requested membership in the Association after her class has graduated. Any alumna may become an active member on payment of annual dues. Only active members may vote and serve on the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2. Associate Members

Any past or present member of the faculty or administration of Wellesley College may become an associate member of the club upon payment of annual dues. Any non-Wellesley mother of a Wellesley daughter, past or present, may become an associate member of the club upon payment of annual dues.

#### Section 3. Honorary Members

The Board of Directors may nominate special persons for honorary membership and such nominees shall become honorary members upon their election by a majority vote of the members at any business meeting. Once elected, they must remain on the club roster. They do not pay dues.

### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

#### Section 1. Number

The officers shall include, but not be limited to, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Section 2. Election

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. A nominating committee appointed by the President shall present a single slate. Further nominations may be made from the floor provided consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance. Vote shall be by voice unless there is more than one for an office, when the vote for that office shall be by ballot. A plurality of all votes cast shall constitute an election.

### Section 3. Term

The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting. In general, officers shall serve two years. If possible, terms shall be staggered so that no more than half the Board changes in one year. Any vacancy in an elective office occurring between annual meetings may be filled for the remainder of the year by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

### Section 4. Duties

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices, as set forth in the Handbook for Club Officers prepared by the Wellesley College Alumnae Association.

## **ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Section 1. Members

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the club and the chairs of standing and special committees. Local alumnae who are Trustees of the College and local members of the Board of Directors of the Wellesley College Alumnae Association may be invited to be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

### Section 2. Duties

The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of all affairs of the club and direct its activities.

### Section 3. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President.

### Section 4. Quorum

After notification to all members of the Board of Directors of a meeting, the members present shall constitute a quorum.

### Section 5. Executive Committee

This committee is composed of the elected officers of the club and is empowered to act for the Board of Directors in an emergency between board meetings. Minutes of action taken must be presented to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### Section 1. Number

The standing committees shall consist of the Alumnae Admission Representative and any special committees authorized by the Board of Directors.

### Section 2. Chairs

The chairs of all standing committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

### Section 3. Term

The term of each standing committee chair shall coincide with that of the President unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

### Section 1. Number

There shall be at least two meetings of the club each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

### Section 2. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held before June 30 for the election of officers. Notice of the results of the election shall be sent to the Director of Clubs in the Alumnae Office within two weeks after the meeting.

### Section 3. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of the members present at a meeting of the club for which notices have been mailed to all active members.

## ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE

### Section 1. Dues

The annual dues shall be set by the membership at the annual meeting.

### Section 2. Council Travel

Twenty-five (25) cents per paid member (active and associate) shall be remitted to the Alumnae Office annual for the Council Travel Fund.

### Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this club shall be from annual meeting to annual meeting and shall coincide with the College's July 1-June 30 fiscal year.

## ARTICLE IX. LIMITATIONS

### Section 1. Purposes

The club is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

### Section 2. Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the club shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

### Section 3. Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the club shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; the club shall not participate in, or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor should the club carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax.

### Section 4. Disposition of Assets

If the club is dissolved, all its net assets shall be distributed to Wellesley College.

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