



Standard Constitution of Probust Clubs

THE PROBUS CLUB OF

PREAMBLE

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ARTICLE I - AIMS AND OBJECTS

- (a) The purpose of this Club shall be to provide regular meetings for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons, and others with like backgrounds, who in their retirement, appreciate and value the increased opportunities for social contacts..... meeting others.....hearing addresses on, and discussing, topical subjects.....or arranging visits by members to places and organizations.
- (b) Because many of its members may already be active in service to the community, the activities of the Club shall be directed strictly towards acquaintance and friendship.
- (c) The Club shall not be competitive with any other organization.
- (d) The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
- (e) The Club shall not be, nor appear to be, a fund raising or service club.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) The Club shall be for persons with professional, or business backgrounds, and others who have had some measure of responsibility or achievement in any field of worthy endeavour. (*At its origin the Club will have chosen prior to accreditation, whether it is to be combined men and women, only men, or only women, and subsequently shall state so in this clause. There is no legal impediment in making a specific choice in a social club*).
- (b) Application for membership shall be sponsored by at least one member and approved by the Management Committee. Founding members do not require sponsorship. Regular attendance is not mandatory.
- (c) Members may on acceptance also retain memberships in other Probust Clubs.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT.

- (a) The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee comprising, a President, a Vice-President (also President-Elect), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other persons necessary to cover program, social, and newsletter functions, and an Immediate Past President.
- (b) The Probust Club President shall change each year.
- (c) At each Annual General Meeting nominations received shall be presented by the presiding officer for candidates for elected positions for the ensuing year, excluding the positions of President and Past President which are automatic. The elections may be by ballot.

- (d) A quorum shall be 50% of the Management Committee and, when there is a tie, the Chair shall have a second or deciding vote.
- (e) The President has power to fill vacancies as they arise, prior to the next election.
- (f) The Management Committee has power to appoint sub-committees.
- (g) The Membership Chair shall keep a register of members and such other information required by By-Law. This list may not be used for commercial purposes.
- (h) The club shall co-operate with Rotary in the formation of new Probus Clubs, whether it limits membership numbers or not.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS.

- (a) The Management Committee meeting, and the general meeting of the club, shall each be held at least once monthly.
- (b) An Annual General Meeting for all members shall be held on the regular meeting day in September of each year, members receiving in advance a financial statement for the twelve months ended July 31.

ARTICLE V - ANNUAL RETURNS.

The financial year of the Club shall begin on August 1. The Secretary shall initially communicate to Probus Centre - Canada, Inc. upon formation, and by September 30 each year, the meeting place, day and time, membership strength as at July 31, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of its President and Secretary, (for the Directory).

ARTICLE VI - SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members of the Club shall pay an annual fee, as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII - NON-PROFITABILITY.

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the objectives of Probus and no portion thereof transferred directly or indirectly to the members. Excluding volunteer Management Committee service, nothing herein shall prevent the payment for approved remuneration for services actually rendered to the Club.

ARTICLE VIII - WINDING UP.

In recognition of Rotary Clubs' service contribution towards the expansion of Probus, any funds remaining on winding up of the Club shall be donated to The Rotary Foundation (Canada) or to another registered charitable purpose.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS.

Club By-laws and amendments shall be consistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT.

- (a) This constitution may be amended three years after this amendment, (except for X (b), or gender in Article II, with notice of motion). After consultation with all Probus Clubs in Canada, by a regular or special meeting of the Executive and Regional Members of Probus Centre - Canada, Inc., if so amended and communicated, this automatically will become an amendment to each Club constitution.
- (b) The Name of this Club may be amended at any general meeting of the club, a quorum being present, by a vote of a majority of members present, upon notice of motion.