

Revised June 21, 2017

Constitution and Bylaws
San Luis Obispo Newcomers
aka SLO Newcomers

ARTICLE I, NAME:

The name of this club shall be San Luis Obispo Newcomers, aka SLO Newcomers.

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE:

The purpose of this club shall be to provide social, recreational, and educational activities that will acquaint members with San Luis Obispo, the surrounding area, and with other community members.

ARTICLE III, POLICIES:

Section 1: It shall be the policy of SLO Newcomers to not allow solicitations by members at the meetings. Members may not solicit other members to promote private, public, charitable or personal enterprises, or for financial gain.

Section 2: All property belonging to SLO Newcomers is to be used exclusively at club functions.

Section 3: Activities arranged by the SLO Newcomers are for the pleasure of its members and guests. SLO Newcomers and its individual members assume no responsibility for the wellbeing of the participants or their property in any matter pertaining to said activities. SLO Newcomers members and their guests agree to indemnify and hold SLO Newcomers and its officers, committee chairs, members and guests harmless from all claims, liabilities, suits and expenses (including attorney fees) on account of any bodily injury, death or damage to property in any way, occurring incident to, arising out of, or in connection with membership in SLO Newcomers and participation in any activities arranged or hosted by SLO Newcomers.

ARTICLE IV, MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: Membership is open to residents of San Luis Obispo County who wish to make new friends, participate in club activities, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Bylaws of SLO Newcomers.

Section 2: All dues paying members are eligible to attend all meetings of the club and to participate fully in all activities of the club. In order to remain a member in good standing, all members are required to sign a Release/Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement that shall remain with the Membership Co-Chairs.

Additionally, all individuals who are members through a relationship with a spouse/partner, considered to be "non-dues paying members" and eligible to attend all club meetings and activities, are required to sign the aforementioned Release Agreement.

Section 3: A guest is any attendee who has not paid dues. A guest may attend a total of three (3) general meetings and one (1) activity meeting each program year (September-June). Before participating in an activity (excluding general luncheon meetings), all guests are required to sign a Release/Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement.

Section 4: Membership in SLO Newcomers may be terminated by voluntary withdrawal, non-payment of dues, or by the Board for violation of the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE V, ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD:

Section 1: The Elected Officers shall be President (or Co-Presidents), Vice Presidents Programs & Venues (or Co-Vice Presidents), Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

Section 2: The Board shall consist of Elected Officers and appointed Committee Chairs. Any member may serve on the Board provided that she/he has not already served on the Board for five (5) consecutive years.

ARTICLE VI, MEETINGS

Section 1: SLO Newcomer general meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month during the program year (September to June) and shall consist of a luncheon and a program at various venues around the area. Members shall be personally responsible for their luncheon reservations as well as for the guests' reservations. Luncheon reservations (members and guests) are due by the fourth Monday of each month. Reservation cancellations received prior to this date will either be forwarded to the next month's luncheon or the payment returned. Reservation cancellations received after the fourth Monday will be forfeited unless someone on the waiting list takes this reservation. In that case, the reservation payment will be forwarded to the next month.

Section 2: Board meetings will be held as often as necessary as determined by the President (or Co-Presidents).

ARTICLE VII, DUES

Section 1: Annual dues shall be established by the current Board and be effective for the following program year (September through June).

Section 2: Dues for the following program year will be collected in April, May and June at general meetings and online. A member joining at or after the January general meeting will pay half the annual amount.

Section 3: Members whose dues are received by June 30 will be included in the annual membership directory. The membership directory is intended only for the use of members and only in the conduct of club business.

ARTICLE VIII, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Elections shall be held every year in May.

Section 2: At the March Board meeting the President (or Co-Presidents) shall appoint 2 or 3 current Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee along with the President (or Co-Presidents). At the April general meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present candidates for nomination for the Elected Officers including: President (or Co-Presidents), Vice Presidents Programs & Venues (or Co-Vice Presidents), Secretary and Treasurer. The slate will be presented at the May general meeting and any member in good standing may make any other nominations for any office from the floor. Nominations from the floor shall require prior approval of the nominee and notification to the nominating committee. The vote shall then proceed. Candidates receiving the majority of the votes from those present shall be declared elected.

Section 3: Installation of Elected Officers and appointed committee chairs shall occur at the June general meeting as the last order of business. Incoming and outgoing Boards shall meet at a June Board meeting to transfer club records.

Section 4: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President (or Co-Presidents), a Past President shall assume responsibilities of the office. If a Past President is not available to assume the responsibilities of the office of President, a Vice President shall assume the responsibilities. The President (or Co-Presidents), shall, with the approval of the Board, but without requiring the vote of the general membership, fill all other vacancies by appointment as soon as possible.

ARTICLE IX, DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The President (or Co-Presidents) shall preside at all Board and general meetings. Shall, with the approval of the Elected Officers, appoint all committee chairs. Shall be responsible to perform the necessary duties that are needed for the benefit of the club.

Section 2: Vice Presidents Programs and Venues (or Co-Vice Presidents) shall be responsible for securing the venue, determining the menu, and arranging for the program, (including equipment needs) for the ten (10) general meetings each year. One VP shall notify the venue or restaurant of the number of reservations prior to the general meeting.

Section 3: The Secretary shall take minutes/publish the minutes of monthly board meetings, prepare revised bylaws as needed, and handle correspondence on behalf of the club.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees for the club. Shall oversee the budget process, pay expenses, maintain the financial records, prepare reports and IRS filing as needed, make bank deposits and manage the PayPal program.

ARTICLE X, DUTIES OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Section 1: Standing committees will be determined by the Elected Officers as needed to efficiently operate the club. Committee Chair job descriptions shall be reviewed by the President (or Co-Presidents) annually.

ARTICLE XI, AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended or revised at any general meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to the general membership either by email or newsletter prior to the next general meeting.

ARTICLE XII, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws or the special rules of order of the organization.

ARTICLE XIII, CLUB DISSOLUTION:

In the event of dissolution of San Luis Obispo Newcomers, aka SLO Newcomers, any funds remaining in any and all accounts held by the organization shall be donated to a charity (or charities) to be decided upon by the existing Board at the time of dissolution.

The undersigned hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the revised Constitution and Bylaws, duly approved by the membership of San Luis Obispo Newcomers, on _____.

Kim Jeffrey
Original signed by: Kim Jeffrey, President

6-6-18
Date

Gail Molinari
Original signed by: Gail Molinari, Secretary

6-6-18
Date