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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
CONSTITUTION OF THE NORDEN CLUB
OF
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

PREAMBLE

The members of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, an unincorporated association, do hereby adopt the following Amended and Restated Constitution of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska. It is the purpose of this Amended and Restated Constitution of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska to amend the current Constitution and all amendments thereto of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska and to repeal all provisions of the current Constitution and all amendments thereto of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska in conflict herewith.

ARTICLE I
NAME

1.01 The name of this organization shall be the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, hereinafter called Club. It is an unincorporated association of like-minded individuals. Its headquarters shall be in Lincoln, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

2.01 The objectives of this Club shall be to promote fellowship among its members who are individuals of Scandinavian descent and to interest the members in preserving, for the benefit of the United States of America, the best in the cultural heritage of the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERS

3.01 Any person of Scandinavian descent, and their spouses, or any person possessing an interest in the five Nordic Countries, may become a member of this Club upon the recommendation by a member of the Club.

3.02 Membership shall consist of the following: (a) Active members; (b) Honorary members; and (c) Life members.

3.03 An Active member is a member of Club who has paid their annual dues to the Club. An Active member is qualified to vote at any meeting of the members of the Club at which a vote of the members will be conducted.

3.04 The members, upon nomination by the Executive Committee, may confer Honorary and Life member status to exemplary members of the Norden Club and to partners of the Club (i.e., ambassadors/councilors of the Nordic Countries, the Nebraska State Historical Society, etc.) at any called meeting of the members by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting. Honorary and Life members will be provided complimentary annual dues. Honorary and Life members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members of the Club.

ARTICLE IV MEETING OF MEMBERS

4.01 The Club shall be governed by its members, except as provided herein. There shall be four meetings of the members of the Club. The four meetings shall be in the months of March, May, September, and December of each year. The time and place of each meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the membership of the Club.

ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.01 The members, during the September meeting of the Club in every odd year, shall elect to a two-year term Active members to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

6.01 **President.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Club and shall be in charge and implement the purposes for which the Club exists as contained within this Constitution. The President shall also generally supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club. The President shall prepare an agenda and shall preside at all meetings of the

members and of the Executive Committee. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees of the Club. The President may sign, with the Secretary, or any other proper officer of the Club authorized by the Executive Committee, any instrument which the Executive Committee has authorized, and in general, the President shall perform all duties instant to the office of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time, including, but not limited to, writing news articles for the four annual newsletters of the Club. In addition, the President will attend all meetings of the Club or will make arrangements with the Vice President to assume the President's duties if the President is unable to so attend. The President will serve as an ex-officio member of the Norden Club Foundation Board of Directors.

6.02 **Vice President.** In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President contained herein. The Vice President shall also be the Program Chair of the Club. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Vice President by the President or the Executive Committee.

6.03 **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary will give all notices to the members as provided by the Executive Committee; shall be the custodian of the records of the Club; in cooperation with the treasurer, maintain a register of the name and contact information of each member of the Club; and in general, perform all duties instant to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Executive Committee.

6.04 **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for and shall have charge and custody of all monies, funds, and securities of the Club; in cooperation with the Secretary, maintain a register of the name and contact information of each member of the club; collect and account for all dues received from the members; notify members delinquent in the payment of the Club's annual dues; keep a record of all income and expenses of the Club that may be examined by the members if they so desire; pay all expenses incurred by the Club, provided however, that such expenditures have been authorized by the Executive Committee or the members of the Club at any meeting. The Treasurer will make a financial report periodically to the members and the Executive Committee; will present a financial statement to the members of the Club; will prepare a financial statement to present to the President upon the termination of the Treasurer's term in office; and in general, perform all duties instant to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will prepare and submit a proposed annual budget to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for approval at the first meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of each year.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7.01 The Club shall have an Executive Committee, a Board of Directors, Standing Committees, and Special Committees, as follows:

7.02 An Executive Committee comprised of the immediate past President, the current President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.

7.03 A Board of Directors comprised of the members of the Executive Committee, the chair of each Standing Committee, and the chair of the Norden Club Foundation. The affairs of the Club shall be governed by the Executive Committee between meetings of the members of the Club.

7.04 Standing Committees of the Club shall be comprised of members of the Club to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The members of each Standing Committee shall select among themselves a chair of the committee and thereafter notify the President of the name of that individual. The Standing Committees and their duties are as follows:

- a) Membership Relations Committee: The duties of this Committee are to support the Secretary and Treasurer and other members of the Board of Directors in recruiting new members and securing dues renewals for current members, and to serve as the courtesy committee in acknowledging the significant milestones in the lives of members of the Club.
- b) Legacy Committee: The duties of this Committee are to be the repository of the historical documents reference the Club and any current publications concerning the Club.
- c) Public Relations Committee: The duties of this Committee are to publish a periodic newsletter for the Club and to create and maintain the Club's social media presence.
- d) Other Standing Committees: The Executive Committee may establish such other Standing Committees as it considers desirable.

7.05 Special Committees of the Club shall be:

- a) Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be selected by the President during the first quarter of each odd year and shall consist of three or four members of the Club. The duties of the Nominating Committee are to nominate one or more individuals for the offices of the Club. Once

they have completed their task, the Nominating Committee shall be dissolved.

- b) Program Committee: The Vice President shall serve as the Program chair who may select other members of the Club to serve on the Committee. The duty of the Program Committee, in conjunction with and subject to approval by the Executive Committee, is to formulate creative and educational programs for the March, May, and September meetings of the members of the Club. This Committee, in conjunction with the Membership Relations Committee, will create name tags for all members of the Club and have them available at each meeting of the members. It will also be responsible for the songs and musical accompaniment at the meetings of the members.
- c) Smorgasbord Committee: The Smorgasbord Committee shall consist of three or more members appointed by the Executive Committee who shall be responsible for the annual Smorgasbord of the Club at the December meeting of the members of the Club.
- d) Other Special Committees: The Executive Committee may establish such other Special Committees as it considers desirable.

7.06 No committee other than the Board of Directors shall have or exercise the authority of the Board of Directors, nor shall the actions of any committee be binding on the Board of Directors or the Club, except to the extent authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

8.01 Annual dues for Active members for the ensuing year shall be established by the Executive Committee in the fall of each year and prior to the annual December meeting of the members. The Executive Committee, or a member thereof, shall notify all members of the amount of the annual dues and date due prior to being delinquent. Annual dues for the Active members shall be payable on or before the first annual meeting of the members in the year after being established by the Executive Committee. Dues for Active members shall not be prorated if paid after the date they are due. There shall also be no penalty for payment of delinquent annual dues. Honorary and Life members shall be non-dues paying members of the Club.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

9.01 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, provided the proposed amendment has received the approval of four members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

10.01 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of any meeting of the members of the Club and the Executive Committee.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, certify, that for the purpose of amending the existing Constitution of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska by this Amended and Restated Constitution of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, the members of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, at a duly called meeting of the members of the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, held at St. Paul's methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska on May 18, 2026, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present, adopted this Amended and Restated Constitution.

Jana Langemach Secretary