

Boston Illini Club

Provisional Bylaws

September 2023

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the “University of Illinois Alumni Club of Boston and New England” (“Boston Illini Club” or “Club”)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club will be to encourage and support the educational purposes of the University of Illinois, to cultivate friendship and fellowship among the members of the Club, and to express loyalty to, and promote the welfare of, the University of Illinois. The Club will be a non-profit organization, and will have at least one (1) general meeting or event each year.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

All graduates and friends of the University of Illinois are eligible for membership in this club.

Section 2

Membership dues shall be in the amount of \$15.00 for a single alumnus and \$20.00 per year for a family. Dues will be payable at the beginning of the fiscal year. All officers, Board of Director members, and committee chairs are required to pay club dues.

Section 3

The Board of Directors may, upon a majority vote, suspend the collection of dues of some or all members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The officers of this club will consist of a President; Vice President, Outreach; Vice President, Programs; Secretary; and Treasurer. All officers will serve a one-year term beginning July 1 and can serve up to two (2) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The President will perform duties that generally pertain to the office of President, including any duties specified herein. The President will preside at all meetings of the Club and will be Chairperson of the Board of Directors and an ex-officio member of every committee.

Section 2

In the absence or disability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice President, Programs will perform the duties of the President. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President, Programs will act as President until the Board of Directors elect a new President. The Vice President, Programs shall coordinate all club events and programs, with support from the Vice President, Outreach and respective committees, and will be a member of the Program Committee and its subcommittees and the Recruitment Committee.

Section 3

The Vice President, Outreach will maintain official membership roster and direct all club communications via email, postal service, social media, etc. The Vice President, Outreach shall chair the Communications Committee and be a member of the Recruitment Committee.

Section 4

The Secretary will maintain minutes of all Club and Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary will assemble, present for Board approval, and submit an annual report to the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

Section 5

The Treasurer will supervise all receipts and expenditures and financial arrangements for all meetings, programs, and events. The treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors will consist of the officers, the immediate past President, standing committee chairpersons, and no more than eight (8) Club members elected at the annual meeting. Board members shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one (1) year beginning July 1. There are no limits to the numbers of consecutive terms a Board member can serve.

Section 2

The Board of Directors will have full power to fill all vacancies.

Section 3

The Board of Directors will have the power to establish annual dues to be collected from eligible members. The Board of Directors is responsible for Club income, expenses, and financial obligations.

Section 4

The Board of Directors will meet at least once a year. Such meetings are to be held at such time and place as will be determined by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called either by the President or by three (3) members of the Board upon written request to the President.

Section 5

To complete business during a meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum of half members plus one must be established and maintained for all votes. Participation via video calls is allowed.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will appoint such ad hoc and subcommittees as may be necessary to carry out the aims and objectives of the Club and to properly administer its affairs. The President will appoint committee chairs not mandated in the bylaws.

Section 2

Committees and subcommittees must be comprised of at least three (3) Club members, not including chairs.

Section 3

The following are Standing Committees and respective Sub Committees

- Finance
- Programs
 - o Social/Volunteerism
 - o Professional/Educational
 - o Scholarship
 - o Awards
- Communications
- Recruitment

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1

Meetings of the Club will be held at least annually.

Section 2

The Director, Alumni Clubs of the Alumni Association will be informed of all club meetings and given a brief report on all meetings.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL YEAR

The membership year and fiscal year will coincide, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

Section 1

The officers and respective directors will be elected each year at the annual meeting and will hold office from July 1 to June 30. Terms of office will be one (1) year.

Section 2

Vacancies will be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI – ADOPTION

The Bylaws will be officially adopted by the Club upon its approval by a majority vote of the members attending the meeting at which the Bylaws are considered and voted upon.

ARTICLE XII – BYLAW CHANGES

Any member of the Board of Directors may propose changes in the Bylaws and can be referred to the full Club by a majority vote. These changes will become effective when approved by a majority vote of those club members at the meeting at which the changes are considered and voted upon, provided that such Bylaws will not be inconsistent with or contradictory to the spirit and intent of the Bylaws of the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

ARTICLE XIII – WORKING PROCEDURES

Section 1

Membership in the club is open to all former students, graduates and friends of the University of Illinois.

Section 2

Individuals or families may join. When both spouses qualify for membership, they do not each have to join individually - they can join as a family.

Section 3

Alums can currently reside in Massachusetts, Rhode Island or any other New England State, or in that general area especially if the area they live in does not have an alumni club

Section 4

Dues-paying members shall be afforded privileges and benefits, including ability to serve as an officer, Board Member or committee, and discounted rates for ticketed events and programs.