PHOENIX ILLINI CLUB
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
Name

Section 1. The name of this club shall be the Phoenix Illini Club (the "Club").
Section 2. This club shall serve the alumni from all three campuses and their families within the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

ARTICLE II
Objectives

Section 1. Our Club is a link between University of Illinois Alumni Association (UIAA) and Phoenix Illini Alumni.
Section 2. We provide sporting and cultural events, game watches, golf outings, speaker programs, and social events as opportunities to meet and greet, socialize, network, and continue learning.
Section 3. A secondary objective of the Club is to raise money for scholarships for local Phoenix area students to attend the University of Illinois.
Section 4. No part of the net earnings of any Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members, or other private persons, except that each Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes.
Section 5. The Club shall not attempt to influence legislation and shall not actively support any person running for public office. No Club shall participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
Section 6. The Club shall adopt December 31 as its fiscal year-end.

ARTICLE III
Members

Section 1. Paid Memberships: People with paid memberships will be recognized as supporting the Club and its activities. The Club shall convey benefits to paid members, such as but not limited to the following: a) Special recognition, b) Discounts on events, c) Ability to buy tickets in advance of non-members, d) Discounts on merchandise, e) Free raffle tickets, and f) Exclusive member-only events.
Section 2. Type of paid memberships: Both Single and Family memberships will be offered. Family members will be allowed to purchase more discounted tickets per event than single members, and each family member will be eligible to receive free raffle tickets in an events where these are offered.
Section 2. Recent-Graduate Membership: People who graduated within the last year can apply for a free single membership. The membership will be valid through the one-year anniversary of the person's graduation date. All privileges bestowed upon Paid Members will also be granted to Recent-Graduate Members.
Section 3. Unless otherwise stated, non-members can attend events, but they will not get any of the privileges granted to Members.
Section 4. Privileges of membership.
a. All members whose participation meets the requirements set forth in these bylaws, may vote.
b. Single members get one vote in an election, whereas family memberships are entitled to one vote per person up to two people per membership.
c. Only paid members in good standing may be elected to or retain office.
Section 5. Termination of Club Membership: Upon unanimous vote by the Board of Directors, a membership can be terminated due if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: 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. The President is responsible for preparing and submitting the annual report sent by the UIAA accurately within the prescribed time period, although duties can be reasonably delegated.

Section 2. Secretary: The Secretary will maintain minutes of all Club and Board of Directors meetings. Such minutes will be captured during meetings and will be distributed to all Board members for their review within 10 days. Each Board meeting will begin with a review of the prior minutes, along with approval after any modifications, if necessary, are made.

Section 3. Treasurer: The Treasurer will supervise all receipts and expenditures and financial arrangements for all meetings, programs, and events. The Treasurer is responsible for the internal controls of the Club and will make recommendations to the Board accordingly.

Section 4. VP – Events: The VP of Events has primary responsibility for the coordination of events, including but not limited to game-watches, happy hours, cultural events, networking, etc.

Section 5. VP – Communications: The VP of Communications is responsible for maintaining the website, sending newsletters, and posting to social media.

ARTICLE V
Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held once per year.

Section 2. The Board shall select an election chairperson to oversee the election process. Such person will have independence of the Board of Directors. Such chairperson could be selected from the UIAA, an Illini club in another city, or another Big Ten alumni club in the Phoenix area.

Section 3. No one can run for President if he/she has already served the previous two years.

Section 4. Effective in 2017, annual elections will be held in July, on a date to be determined by the Board. 30 days prior to the date of the election, a notice will be sent to all members to solicit people who want to run for the Board. People will nominate themselves no later than 20 days prior to the date of the election, including a statement showing their qualifications, previous activity and involvement with the club, and reasons why they would like to be on the Board. 15 days prior to the date of the election, the potential Board members will be presented to all members, along with each nominee's written statement.

Section 5. To solicit maximum involvement, an election will coincide with an event of general interest.

Section 6. Not used.

Section 7. In the event a vacancy occurs in any directorship or office (except President), the Board shall appoint a member of the Club to serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the Director or Officer to be replaced.

Section 8. To be eligible, a Board member must have had active involvement in the Club and must be a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, and must be a paid member in good standing of the Phoenix Illini Club.

Section 9. Upon receipt of the signatures from the greater of 25 paid members or 25% of the paid members within a 30-day period requesting the removal of a Board member, the remaining members of the Board will determine whether to remove that Board member. This will take a unanimous vote. The results of the Board vote will be reported to the entire membership. If, after a decision not to remove a Board member, upon receipt of the signatures from the greater of 50 paid members or 50% of the paid members within a 30-day period requesting the removal of a Board member, a special election will be called in which another member(s) can challenge the Board member for his/her position. In matters relating to the removal of a Board member, the Board member to whom the election pertains will not be able to vote.

ARTICLE VI
Scholarships

Section 1. Funding. The Board of Directors will approve any funds that are designated for scholarships. Once funds are reserved for scholarships, they cannot be transferred back to the general funds. Such funds will be reported separately on the financial statements as being restricted.

Section 2. Selection. The President will form a committee to handle the process of identifying candidates and selecting winners. Amounts of a scholarship will be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VII
Board of Directors Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Meetings will be held at least once every four months. A date shall be selected and published at least one month in advance.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called upon the written request of at least three members of the board. At least 72 hours notice (personal, written, or telephoned) shall be given. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to that noticed in the call.

Section 3. Quorum. A simple majority of the active members of the Board constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Board at a duly convened Board meeting is the minimum vote necessary for the adoption of any resolution except where otherwise noted herein.

Section 4. Attendance. Board members may attend virtually (e.g., WebEx, Goto Meeting) as long as he/she has a computer with a working web cam. Virtual attendance is limited to cases where the Board member has a family emergency, illness, or a commitment out of town.

ARTICLE VIII
Committees

Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will appoint such committees as may be necessary to carry out the aims and objectives of the Club and to properly administer its affairs.

ARTICLE IX
Dues and Funding Goals

Section 1. Annual Dues and Fees: Annual dues are $10 for individuals or $20 for families. Dues are higher for families due to the extra benefits, as listed in Article III, Section 2, and additional voting rights. Annual dues can be lowered upon agreement of at least 2/3 of the Board, and they can be raised upon unanimous agreement of the Board.

Section 2. The Club will target to have at least one year of operating expenses in its unrestricted operating funds at any given time. Exceptions can be made in the case of purchasing a block of tickets for an event whereby the Board has a reasonable expectation of reimbursement and sales.

Section 3. Operating funds will be used as directed by the Board of Directors. Examples of expenditures include but are not limited to the following Club-related activities: Promotional materials, Illini decorations, food and non-alcoholic drinks at certain events, raffle prizes and giveaways, merchandise, reimbursement of expenses to members as appropriate, sponsorship of sports teams (up to $100 each fiscal year for entry fees, uniforms, equipment, or any normal expense that a sports team might encounter, other than alcohol), etc.

ARTICLE X
Review of the Books and Records

Section 1. The Treasurer will close the annual books and records within 45 days of the end of the fiscal year. He/she shall present the financial statements to the full Board, along with a signed statement regarding its accuracy as well as the internal controls present and any financial issues that need to be

brought to the attention of the Board. The annual report will include a reconciliation of booked revenues to website revenues.

Section 2. The Board shall select a member who has a financial background (e.g., CPA, CFO) to conduct a review of the books and records each year. The Treasurer will not be involved in the selection process.

Section 3. Within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year, the reviewer shall present a signed statement to the Board regarding the results of the review. Such a report shall state the scope of the review, the results of the review, and comments on the internal controls, including recommendations for improvement.

Section 4. Should the outside review disclose material errors or internal control matters, the Board may solicit the opinion of other outside experts to review both the original Treasurer report and the reviewer's report.

Section 5. Upon full investigation, the Board may hold an election to terminate the current Treasurer if warranted.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

The Bylaws can be amended from time to time. Any proposed amendments will be distributed to the paid members for their input. No fewer than 30 days upon distribution to the paid members, the Board will review the input from the paid members and hold a vote. For an amendment to pass, at least ¾ of the Board of Directors must vote in favor. If a Board member is not present, his/her position will still be considered in the determination of whether the amendment received at least ¾ of the vote.

ARTICLE X
Bylaw Adoption

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