REGIONAL CLUB HANDBOOK

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To serve the College, we:

- Communicate the mission, spirit and vitality of Barnard to all alumnae, current and prospective students and the larger community.

- Draw from alumnae the talent, knowledge, experience, time and financial resources that the College needs to maintain its excellence.

To serve the alumnae, we:

- Make connections with alumnae to promote their pride in Barnard so that they feel commitment to and personal meaning in giving back to the College.

- Work with the administration and faculty to provide alumnae with the resources they need as their lives take new directions.

- Foster a spirit of mutual support among all alumnae, through opportunities for personal, social and professional connections.

- Affirm the rights and responsibilities of Barnard women in the world.
THE PURPOSE OF BARNARD REGIONAL CLUBS

The purpose of Barnard regional clubs is to connect alumnae to each other and to the College.

For many alumnae, the principal forum for staying connected to Barnard as they grow in their lives and careers is through involvement in a regional group. This is especially true as half of the more than 33,000 living alumnae reside outside of the tri-state area surrounding the Barnard campus.

Alumnae are vital to the life of the College. Through the talents and resources of its graduates, the College is able to further its mission of excellence in liberal arts education and leadership in the advancement of women.

Regional groups should strive to make their programming relevant to an increasingly diverse alumnae body by appealing to a broad range of interests.

Objectives for regional groups include:

• Keeping alumnae informed about the College by celebrating the accomplishments of its students, faculty and alumnae.

• Providing opportunities for each alumna to contribute to Barnard in ways that are meaningful to her. In addition to serving on a club board, opportunities include serving as an alumna admissions representative, hosting events, fundraising, mentoring students, using the Alumnae Network and participating in class activities.

• Raising awareness of the ways in which Barnard can be a valuable resource to alumnae.

• Fostering a spirit of mutual support among alumnae, through opportunities for personal, social, and professional growth and friendship.

On behalf of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College, thank you for your work. Your commitment and efforts are invaluable to the College, and the Barnard community is deeply appreciative of your work.
GENERAL GUIDELINES

I. Regional clubs are granted a charter by the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC).

The AABC is a non-profit organization separate from Barnard College. For legal purposes, a Barnard club falls under the auspices of the AABC. A club does not have an independent non-profit status apart from the AABC.

All Barnard clubs should sign and file “Articles of Association” with Alumnae Affairs to confirm and protect their non-profit status. If your club has not done this, please contact the Alumnae Affairs Manager for regional programs.

II. In areas where large numbers of alumnae live, it is suggested that regional groups have:

- A minimum of four active Board members: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Some clubs have additional Board members such as Membership Coordinator, Book Club Chair, and Young Alumnae Coordinator.
- A Board that meets at least three times per year, consisting of the above positions and at least four other members.
- At least three events per year.

III. For smaller regions, a newly organized or revitalized club, a full slate of Board members is not necessary.

Two or three people may keep things going quite nicely, and one or two meetings per year may suffice. What is most important is maintaining a Barnard connection in your local community.

IV. The strongest regional clubs have set terms of office for Board members and have regular turnover in leadership.

A three-year rotation allows for both experience and novelty. After three years in one position a Board member may move to another position (Vice-President to President, for example) or become a general Board member.

It is recommended that the current Board decide on a new slate of officers in May every three years. Every year in May the Board should also replace members who may have left before their term expired and also appoint new Board members who have shown an interest. It is very important that the President be chosen from among Board members who have already served for at least one year.
V. Regional Clubs should adopt bylaws, which need not be complicated or cumbersome.

Alumnae Affairs can provide assistance with this process and sample bylaws. See page 26.

VI. Regional Clubs are funded by a combination of support from the College and from club events.

The College will pay for up to two mailings per calendar year for established clubs. Alumnae Affairs will work with groups on a case-by-case basis to determine other communication needs and expenses.

VII. Clubs are encouraged to forgo membership dues

The AABC recommends that regional clubs pay for events by charging an adequate event charge rather than by requesting dues. While some groups send out additional mailings only to dues-paying members, we ask that every alumna in your region be invited to events.

VIII. Who is a Club Member?

Every alumna in the defined geographic area is automatically a member of that regional club whether or not she actively pays membership dues.

Regional clubs should include every alumna within that area in mailings and electronic communications. Alumnae Affairs will help support outreach to the full alumnae audience.
Good leadership is essential. Leaders make sure the club is thriving, that events are diverse and well coordinated, and that alumnae are motivated to attend functions and support the club. It is very important to keep the mission of the College and the AABC in mind when planning events.

**President:** Provides the overall direction for the club. She must have the time, energy and enthusiasm to motivate others, bring new people into the group and plan events that will be of interest to a wide range of Barnard women.

The President is an ambassador of Barnard. She works closely with Alumnae Affairs, communicating regularly, especially with the Manager of programs.

**Vice-President:** Supports the President, presides at meetings when the President is absent, and may take charge of one or more events. In many cases, she will succeed as the next President.

**Secretary:** Takes minutes at Board meetings and coordinates communication among club participants, which may include newsletters and electronic communications. After an event she should make sure Alumnae Affairs receives a brief write-up on the event and a list of participants. In some clubs, she produces a newsletter sent to members.

**Treasurer:** Manages the group’s finances. Ordinarily this is not complex, however it is an essential component to running a successful group. She should set up a separate bank account for the regional club, present a brief report at each Board meeting and submit an annual report to Alumnae Affairs outlining income and expenditures, as well as the current state of the club’s finances.

**Boards should strive to have several general Board members:**

- Ordinarily these members are either new members or have already served in more demanding positions, but wish to remain involved in a supporting capacity.

- The general Board members are critical to every club. They provide new ideas for events as well as much of the initiative for the planning of events. Additionally, these new members provide a pool from which future club leaders can be recruited.
• Some of these members will be able to devote a lot of time and energy to the club, while others will wish to work on specific events. As a general rule, it’s best to be flexible and accommodating.

**Other Board positions might include:**

**Membership Coordinator:**
In larger clubs, she keeps track of current members and works to recruit more people to serve on the Board and attend events.

**Book Club Chair:**
Oversees one or more book club events sponsored by the club.

**Mentorship Coordinator:**
Works with Alumnae Affairs and others at the College to foster mentorship opportunities among alumnae and current students.

**Young Alumnae Coordinator:**
Usually a recent graduate herself, she helps coordinate events for young alumnae (defined as alumnae who have graduated in the past ten years) and recruit young alumnae to participate in the club. She might also be the point-person for planning an event for new students in the area and their parents over the summer before the students’ first year.

This position can be especially important in keeping recent graduates in touch with the College and in encouraging them to make a habit of volunteering.

**How do they work together to run a club?**

The critical components to running a successful club, whether large or small, are annual planning, setting a budget, meeting regularly, and maintaining good communication between club members and Alumnae Affairs.

Cultivating new members is a top priority. The goals are engaging as many alumnae as possible in your region, keeping them connect to and enthusiastic about the College, and making sure everyone has a good time.
STARTING AND REVITALIZING CLUBS

Starting a New Club

Alumnae Affairs welcomes and encourages new clubs. Since most large U.S. cities already have active regional clubs, in many cases these new clubs will be international or in smaller areas. This generally means that several enthusiastic alumnae can successfully organize and operate a club. The following guidelines should be a good starting point when thinking about a new club.

I. **Develop Leadership:**

   Reach out to Alumnae Affairs and speak to the Manager for regional programs. She is there to provide advice, encouragement and practical help. If you know of other local alumnae who are interested in a Barnard club, gather their support.

II. **Reach Out:**

   A list of area alumnae will be provided for you to contact, either by phone or e-mail, for a first informal gathering to share ideas and get to know one another. Depending on the region this may consist of only 2-3 people, or could be more.

   Alumnae Affairs can also send out a survey or letter to the alumnae living in your area to assess local interest in a club.

III. **Call An Organizational Meeting:**

   The next step is to call an organizational meeting where you can identify club leadership. Generally speaking, it would be helpful to select club leaders at this first meeting in order to get others actively involved and continue to build the momentum. It is critical that you set a date for your next meeting or event.

   If you are able to select club leaders, it is also advisable to adopt bylaws at this time. Alumnae Affairs can provide sample bylaws that adhere with the AABC.

IV. **Hold a Kick-Off Event:**

   Try to plan an event that will attract as many people as possible. This may be something simple such as a potluck at an alumna’s home or dinner at a local restaurant. Events that feature prominent Barnard alumnae or faculty are usually very popular, but tend to require more advanced and intricate planning.
V. Plan a Season of Events:

After your first event, have a meeting to assess how things went and determine where you want to go in the future. It is important to plan additional events in order to continue to build momentum.

Things to keep in mind when setting up a new club:

- Don’t be afraid to start small.
- Think of your first event as an occasion for getting people enthusiastic about both the club and the College.
- Set realistic goals. In areas with fewer alumnae, having one or two enjoyable events per year and a few committed volunteers may provide local alumnae with the Barnard connection they desire.
- Listen to other Barnard women and take their concerns seriously, even if every wish for the club cannot be fully accommodated.
- Many groups have run successful book clubs. A good way to get started is to read Barnard authors, of which there is an impressive number. Alumnae Affairs can provide you with a list of alumnae authors.

Revitalizing a Club

Sometimes clubs run out of steam. New leaders can’t be recruited, meetings don’t happen, events are rarely planned, and when something is planned, no one shows up.

If you live in a region with a less-active club and you wish to get involved, contact Alumnae Affairs. Since every situation is different, we can strategize with you on a case-by-case basis to get a club up and running again.
**PRINT COMMUNICATIONS**

**Invitations and Other Mailings**

If you are interested in sending a printed invitation for an event, Alumnae Affairs can help you with these mailings. Two mailings per year will be paid for in full by the College.

Advanced notice is needed in order to assist with these mailings. It takes two weeks to generate mailing lists and to print the invitations. Additional time needs to be factored in to finalize the layout of the mailing and fold self-mailers/newsletters or stuff envelopes.

Invitations should go out roughly one month before an event, so factoring in the time mentioned above, Alumnae Affairs must have all details for an invitation at least seven weeks before the event.

Since mailing is the biggest cost of running a Barnard club, it is a good idea to include two or more events on one invitation, or include this information in a club newsletter.

**Club Newsletters**

If a club would like to send a newsletter as part of its mailing allotment, it must be sent to the office ready for printing in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, or Adobe InDesign. Newsletters may not be more than four pages, including one half of the back page left blank for addressing. Three weeks’ notice is required for sending club newsletters.

**Communication with Other Clubs**

Club leaders are invited to participate in club leader conference calls. These are arranged at the discretion of the Chair of the Regional Advisory Committee and can be general calls, or topic specific such as engaging young alumnae or succession planning. Additionally, if you are interested in speaking with a club leader whose club is similar in demographics to your own, contact the Manager of regional programs.
The following section provides guidelines and best practices for using group tools on the Alumnae Network: http://alum.barnard.edu

**Group Posts**

All group members may add group posts. Posts enable group members to make announcements to each other and allow ongoing discussions. Group posts are public discussions and/or announcements to the entire group.

Potential topics for group posts include:
- Soliciting suggestions for events
- Generating enthusiasm for upcoming activities
- Announcements of interest to the group
- Notifications of changes to an event’s details
- Discussion threads to foster connections and build momentum for the club or an event

To add a group post: click “add” under the group posts heading. Enter the desired text in the text box, and click “finish.” If you have a link to an article or website that you feel is of interest to the group, click the tab on top of text box for “link.” Copy and paste the url into the appropriate box, and make sure to add your thoughts in the “comments” section.

**Group Photos**

All group members may upload photographs to the group page. Photos posted to a group page should be of club events. Personal pictures should be uploaded to personal albums. Please do not post copyrighted images.

To add a group photo, click "add" under the group photo heading. Browse to select the correct file to upload from your computer. The photographs must be in Jpeg, Gif, or Pngs file format and less than 4 MB to upload successfully. Add captions to photographs that include information about when/where the picture was taken. You may also "tag" people in the picture. Tags on photos uploaded to the Alumnae Network are not linked to an individual's profile—the tags are only visible when looking at the specific photograph on the group page.

After you choose the file to upload, click on the dialogue bubble icon that appears beneath the image. You can then enter text for the caption in the box below and click on individuals in the picture to type in their names. Click to update the image with the captions and tags and then save.
Broadcast Emails

Broadcast emails are messages sent to the email address on file for all group members. Designated club leaders may send emails after completing training.

Emails sent Monday through Thursday have demonstrated the best rate of readership. The most effective emails have a descriptive subject line and are clear and concise.

The number of emails sent to alumnae through the group should be limited to ensure that alumnae do not perceive them as spam and unsubscribe from the group’s email list. Please do not send more than 2 emails per month.

Appropriate subjects for broadcast emails include:
• Announcements of upcoming club meetings
• Event information for club events, including all pertinent details

Broadcast emails may NOT be used for:
• Personal events, movies, videos, or pictures
• Solicitations and charitable donation requests
• Topics directed to a small subset of the group
• Political advocacy
• Chain Letters or Virus Warnings
• Sending attachments
• Non-Barnard business

Sending these materials will result in the revoking of administrator privileges.

You may send emails at the request of other group members, but please use your discretion in determining whether it is something that should be emailed to the entire group. Please consult the Manager for regional programs if you have questions regarding appropriate use.

To send a broadcast email, type your desired text in a word processing program. If you are using Word 2007, check to see that the document is formatted with "straight quotes"—the system will convert any “smart quotes” to different characters. Spell check and proof the text while it is in the word processing program.

After you have selected "Email Members," enter the subject for your message—this field cannot be formatted. To copy the text of your main message, right click in the body box and click "paste as plain text." Paste your text into the box that appears and click "ok."

You may now use the formatting tools to change fonts, size, color and other features. You may click on the image manager to add pictures to the email, but do not insert large files. The hyperlink manager allows you to add hyperlinks and email links to the message—highlight the word or address you would like to be clickable and then open the hyperlink manager and fill in the relevant information.

Click "Preview" to see how your message will look. You may "Edit" to make any additional changes before previewing again and then hitting "Send."
For emails pertaining to events, please include:

- Name of the event
- Day of the week, date and time
- Location (include address, city and state)
- Full description of the event, including any bios of speakers, etc.
- RSVP deadline and contact information
- Cost (if applicable)
- Event co-sponsors (if applicable)

**Event Posts**

Designated club leaders may add events, after completing a brief training. Appropriate events to be posted to the group include:

- Club-sponsored events
- Events featuring a club member deemed to be of interest to the group

Please do not post personal invitations.

To post an event to your group page, click “add” under Group Events. Enter the name and description for the event (using the criteria below). Please note that the event descriptions are formatted into one paragraph.

When posting an event to the group, please include the same information as listed above for event emails.

**Club Group Pages**

Every club can have a group at [http://alum.barnard.edu](http://alum.barnard.edu). Clubs should select one person to manage information on this page. Please notify Alumnae Affairs of the club contact, so she may be given permission to post items.

**Requesting Staff Support**

If you would like Alumnae Affairs to send an email, please provide the text to the Manager of regional programs at least two weeks in advance. Please note that your request cannot be processed until all event details are finalized.
Creating exciting and diverse events is a big part of running a successful club. Try to attract as many alumnae as possible. In larger, more active clubs there may be room for specialized events that appeal to particular groups such as young alumnae, "Alma Mater" (alumnae who are mothers), retirees or professionals looking to network.

Try to include places of local excitement or interest, such as popular museum exhibits, athletic rivalries, local alumnae authors or people of note. If people in your area are talking about something, Barnard women are likely to be interested too.

Consider finding a Barnard connection, though the College itself need not necessarily be the topic. Alumnae Affairs encourages all clubs to remember the “Barnard” part of their mission. Cooking classes and wine tastings are great events, but ideally they should be balanced by other events that highlight a Barnard professor, a Barnard alumna, or a topic of particular interest to Barnard, such as women’s education or the advancement of women. For example, a local alumna might speak on a panel discussion, read from her recently published work, or speak about her travels to a region in the news. Or you may wish to host a discussion on an important topic and ask an alumna in a specialized field to moderate the discussion. For example, you might invite a local alumna doctor to speak about a health issue or a psychologist to host a support group discussion.

Our alumnae community is full of highly accomplished, interesting, knowledgeable women who can be called on. There are artists, musicians, professors, doctors, political leaders, and journalists, just to name a few.

**Variety is the Spice of Life**

Another thing to keep in mind is variety, especially if your club sponsors more than one or two events per year. Try not to get stuck using the same restaurant, club, or home for every get-together. Think adventurous and unusual: the kind of places people might be interested in trying out with a group. Local bookstores can host readings or lectures and galleries will often accommodate private groups. Other venues might include music clubs, museums, historical societies, parks, libraries, or the homes of area alumnae, especially if someone happens to live in a historic home or a particularly appealing area of town.
**Visitors from the College**

All invitations to speakers from the College must be issued through Alumnae Affairs. As much as we appreciate each club’s desire for a particular speaker, professors and administrators have their own time and schedule constraints and are not able to consider or accommodate individual requests. In addition, many members of the faculty are requested by multiple clubs and their schedules make it challenging to accept every invitation.

Alumnae Affairs maintains a list of potential speakers and can strategize about who might be able to speak to your club.
FINANCING EVENTS

Cost is a factor in planning which events to host. You are encouraged to charge enough for each event to cover its cost. Unfortunately, some excellent ideas will simply be beyond the means of most Barnard clubs.

EVENT EXPENSES

When discussing an event, especially one that will include food and beverages, make sure you take into account all costs including taxes, gratuities, room charges, and audio-visual needs. Understand whether the charge will be per head or a set fee, and whether any bar costs will be open, cash, or per drink.

Deciding how much to charge and whether people will pay for a particular event is a tricky business. Sometimes events you think will be wildly popular only attract a few people while other will unaccountably fill to capacity. The best rule is never to go so far out on a limb with any one event that it could make or break you.

As a last resort, events that attract too few people can be cancelled. Balancing expensive events with ones that are cost-free except for the price of the mailing, such as potlucks, are a good way to budget the year.

SPONSORSHIP

It should be noted that the bylaws of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC) dictate that club monies may not be used in support of an organization other than the College. Club events also fall under this regulation.

Events planned to support or raise monies for any organization other than the College are not covered by the legal status of the AABC as a non-profit organization. Please consult Alumnae Affairs should you have any questions about this policy when planning your events.
EVENT IDEAS

- Talk or performance by a local alumna
- Panel discussion on topics like balancing careers and parenthood, second or third careers, or issues related to aging
- Tour of local museum or business with alumna speaker
- Cultural event, wine tasting, or cooking class
- Career forum or panel discussion, such as negotiation skills
- Visitors from the College: President, Trustee, Deans, Faculty, Admissions staff
- Student panel or panel of recent graduates: discussing everything from Barnard Today, to women’s athletics, to their collaborations with Barnard faculty on cutting-edge scientific research
- Mentorship activities
- Dinner at the home of area alumnae
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Book club
- Young alumnae happy hours or coffee breaks at popular bars and cafes
- Programming based on Barnard affinity groups such as Young Alumnae, Alma Maters, or Project Continuum. Staff members working with these committees are available to strategize on how to adapt their programs to fit your club
- Participate in regional club conference calls for more event ideas: regional club conference calls are held throughout the year and are publicized to club leaders by Alumnae Affairs
EVENT CHECKLIST

• Decide what the event should accomplish. How does it fit into the year’s offerings? Can this event be used to reach out to new groups? What is the goal?

• Create a budget for the event and finalize it with your Board. Determine whether it is appropriate to charge, and if so, how much must be charged to cover costs.

• Find and visit the event site. Consider cost, accessibility for disabled alumnae, parking, and proximity to public transportation. Also consider whether you want to encourage alumnae to carpool to the event.

• Plan registration details, including the collection of RSVPs. Decide how you will publicize this event and schedule communications with Alumnae Affairs (see sections on Print and Electronic Communications for more information).

• Recruit volunteers from within the club to make follow-up calls to increase participation.

• Set the agenda for the event. Decide how much time should be allotted to each speaker, or part of the program. Communicate this agenda to all participants.

• Arrive early to make sure all of the details are in order before guests arrive.

• Have a check-in table with a sign-in sheet and a list of attendees indicating whether they have pre-paid (if applicable).

• Have several people who are familiar with the club greeting people when they arrive. When appropriate, introduce people to one another and make sure people feel connected to the group. Alumnae Affairs can provide name tags for events, upon request.

• Make sure anyone speaking at the event is formally introduced.

• After the event, write thank-you notes to the speaker(s) and host.

• Submit a brief-write up to Alumnae Affairs and a final attendee list. If you took pictures at the event, consider uploading them to your club website, to Facebook, or submitting them to Alumnae Affairs for inclusion in future print or email communications.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

Due to Alumnae Affairs by July 31

Name of club: ________________________________________________________________

Name of alumna filing this report: _____________________________________________

Title of alumna filing this report: _____________________________________________

Email address of alumna filing this report: ______________________________________

Our club was established in: __________________________________________________

What description best defines your club at this time?

- Our club/group is active
- Our club/group was inactive this past fiscal year
- Our club/group is restarting after a period of inactivity

1. BOARD MEMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR

When do you elect new officers? ________________________________________________

Please include the following list of officers, where applicable, or attach your own list to
this form.

President (or Co-President)
Name: ______________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: ____________ to ____________

Co-President
Name: ______________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________

**Vice-President**
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________

**Treasurer**
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________

**Secretary**
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________

**General Board Member**
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________

**General Board Member**
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Circle one: New Officer | Continuing Officer - Term: _____________ to _____________
2. CLUB INFORMATION

Clubs are defined by level of activity, demographics, and the number of alumnae living in an area. Which description best defines your club at this time?

- ______ Annual or bi-annual activities
- ______ Four or more activities during the year
- ______ Eight or more activities during the year

Average attendance at events: __________________________________________________

3. GROUP INFORMATION

Total # of active alumnae in your group: _________________________________________
Do you have bylaws? __________________________________________________________
Do you charge membership dues? ______________________________________________
- If yes, what are your dues? _________________________________________________
- Number of dues-paying members: ___________________________________________
Do you have a process for election of officers? ___________________________________
- If yes, please describe the process: _________________________________________
  _________________________________________________________________________
  _________________________________________________________________________

4. PROGRAMS

Do you charge a fee for events to cover costs? _____________________________________

Please list your activities of this past year, and the cost associated with them:

Event & per person cost: _______________________________________________________
Event & per person cost: _______________________________________________________
Event & per person cost: _______________________________________________________

Does your club share information or co-sponsor events with other clubs nearby (either nearby Barnard clubs or other college/university clubs)? ____________________________
If yes, which one(s)? _____________________________________________________

Does your group have a book club? _______________________________________

If yes, how often does it meet? ____________________________________________

Does your group program for affinity groups, i.e. Alma Maters, Project Continuum, young alumnae? ________________________________________________________________

If yes, please describe: __________________________________________________________________________

5. MISSION

Does your club have a mission statement or defined future goals? ________________

If yes, please state: __________________________________________________________________________

Please rank your club’s top four priorities for the upcoming year in order of importance:

Highest Priority: _____________________________________________________________________________

Second Priority: ____________________________________________________________________________

Third Priority: ______________________________________________________________________________

Fourth Priority: ______________________________________________________________________________

6. CLUB NEEDS

What does your club need from the Alumnae Association?

_____ Leadership training
_____ Communication and/or information about the College
_____ Club Consulting, i.e. operational issues, tax and insurance issues
_____ Support with technology, i.e. managing electronic communications and group site
_____ Assistance by the Admissions Office

Other Needs: ________________________________________________________________________________

Date of Submission: __________________________________________________________________________
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

Due to Alumnae Affairs by July 31

Name of Club: ________________________________

Fiscal Year July 1, 20____ to June 30, 20_____

Name of alumna filing this report: ________________________________

Club EIN Number: ________________________________

Tax-Exempt Number (If applicable): ________________________________

I. Account Balances

Account Balances as of July 1, 20___    Account Balances as of June 30th 20___

Checking Account: _________    Checking Account: _________

Savings Account: _________    Savings Account: _________

TOTAL: _________    TOTAL: _________

II. Revenue for Fiscal Year 20___

Interest from accounts: _________

Event/Program Revenue: _________

Scholarship Fundraising: _________

Annual Dues: _________

Other Revenue: _________

TOTAL: _________
III. Expenses for Fiscal Year 20___

Programming: ____________

Printing/ Postage: ____________

Scholarship Fundraising: ____________

Scholarship Gift to the College: ____________

Miscellaneous: ____________

TOTAL: ____________

I. TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD (+): ____________

II. TOTAL REVENUE (+): ____________

III. TOTAL EXPENSES (-): ____________

TOTAL BALANCE: ____________

Submitted on behalf of the Barnard Club of: ________________________________

Submitted by:

Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Date of Submission: ________________________________
The Alumnae Association of Barnard College ("AABC") hereby grants a Charter to [INSERT CLUB NAME] ("Club") subject to the following Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I: The purpose of the Club shall be to further the interests of Barnard College and to promote a spirit of fellowship among its alumnae.

ARTICLE II: The Club shall adopt bylaws for its governance not inconsistent with the bylaws of AABC, and shall file its bylaws and any amendments thereto with the Office of Alumnae Affairs or its successor ("Office").

ARTICLE III: The fiscal year of the Club shall be the same as the fiscal year of AABC.

ARTICLE IV: The Club shall annually file a report with the Office by September 1st describing its expenditures, receipts, and activities for the preceding fiscal year.

ARTICLE V: The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VI: On the dissolution or winding up of the Club, the assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Club shall be distributed to AABC or to Barnard College or, if neither AABC nor Barnard College shall be in existence at such time, then to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation having the same general purposes as AABC and Barnard College, and that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and that has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law and applicable state laws.

ARTICLE VII: All the assets and earnings of the Club shall be used exclusively for the exempt purpose set forth in Article I above, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No Club funds, wherever held, shall be contributed to, or used to promote, organizations other than Barnard College without the express written authorization of the Board of AABC. No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, members of the Board of Directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the objects and purposes set forth herein.
ARTICLE VIII: No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall concern the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements concerning) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article IX: The Club shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its income to its members, directors, or officers. The private property of the members, directors, and officers shall not be liable for the debts of the Club, except as such member, director or officer may be liable by reason of her own conduct or acts.

ARTICLE X: The Club shall keep a minute book containing a copy of its Charter and Articles of Association, bylaws, amendments, annual reports, and minutes of meetings.

ARTICLE XI: The Club shall adopt these Articles of Association and file a copy with the Director.

Charter Affirmed by AABC on this _____ day of __________, 20__

Date Charter Originally Granted: __________________________

Print Name:_______________________

Articles of Association Adopted by [INSERT NAME] Club on this ____ day of ________, 20___.

Acknowledged by: ______________________

Print Name: ______________________

Title: _______________________________
SAMPLE BYLAWS FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

Article I. **Name**
This organization shall be known as the __________________________.

Article II. **Membership**
Any Barnard alumna is eligible for membership. Any member of the faculty or administration of Barnard College may become a member.

Article III. **Officers**
Section 1. The elected officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers together with others deemed necessary shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of the members present and shall serve for ___ year terms. The President and Vice President shall be elected at the same time and the following year, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected. Half of the slate of officers shall be elected each year. Any vacancy occurring in an office shall be filled for the remainder of the terms by appointment of the Board of Directors. Any other vacancy in the Board may be appointed by the President. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in a given office.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by members.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to the offices as well as specific duties which may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Nominations for officers shall be presented at the annual meeting by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of _________ members elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Any vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the chairperson with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article IV. **Committees**
The Standing Committees shall be Program, Membership, Communications, and Nominating.

Article V. **Finances**
Events should be financed by the per person event cost charged to participants.

Article VI. **Meetings**
Section 1. There shall be at least one meeting every year.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in _______ following notification of the membership at least two weeks prior to the event.
Section 3. _____________ shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every year to plan the program for the year.

Article VII. **Parliamentary Authority**
All parliamentary questions shall be settled by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Article VIII. **Club Assets**
Upon Dissolution, club assets will revert to the AABC.

Article IX. **Amendments**
These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at any annual meeting provided that members have been notified of pending changes.