

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this non-profit organization is the Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the EGC. The club flower is the edelweiss (Leontopodium alpine).

ARTICLE II-MISSION

The mission of this non-profit organization is to stimulate the love of gardening, encourage home and community beautification, promote better horticultural practices, encourage all forms of conservation, provide education and resources, and promote the programs of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (MGC, Inc.) and the National Garden Clubs, INC. (NGC, Inc.) The EGC is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Membership consists of those interested in fulfilling the mission of the EGC and willing to participate in its projects and activities.

The EGC has three (3) classes of membership.

1. Active
2. Associate
3. Honorary

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Elected officers are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Three (3) Directors.

President shall preside at all meetings of the EGC and its executive board.

First Vice President performs the duties of the President in her absence, and performs the duties of the Membership Chairperson.

Second Vice President performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President and performs the duties of obtaining suitable programs for the membership.

Recording Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings of the EGC and its executive board.

Treasurer keeps an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, prepares the budget and all financial reports as needed.

Corresponding Secretary performs the duties in absence of the Recording Secretary and contacts members as needed.

Directors (3) serve as advisers, overseeing the policy and direction of the EGC.

ARTICLE V-COMMITTEES

The board may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

ARTICLE VI-EXECUTIVE BOARD

The elected officers of the EGC constitute the executive board and may call special meetings to take actions on necessary items. All officers will be notified of the meeting date, time and location.

ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS

The EGC holds 12 meetings each fiscal year, June through May. These meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month.

Order of business: program, minutes if not previously published, communications, treasurer's report, reports from committees as needed, new business, adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII-FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the EGC shall be from June 1 through May 31 the following year.

ARTICLE IX-ELECTIONS

The nomination committee shall present a list of candidates at the March meeting to be voted on at the April meeting.

The President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and one Director will be nominated and voted into office in Odd Years. The First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and two directors will be nominated and voted into office in even years.

Elected members will take the office in June.

ARTICLE X-QUORUM

Two-thirds (2/3) of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Majority (5) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any board meeting.

ARTICLE XI-AMENDMENTS

An amendment or revision of the bylaws may be proposed at any regular meeting and presented to the Executive Board in writing for review. Changes must be voted on and approved by a Two-thirds (2/3) majority at any meeting.

Changes to operational procedures will be discussed by the board and if necessary will be presented to the members for approval.