

**BYLAWS**  
**PALM SPRINGS SOCIAL SUN TANNERS**  
(Revised May 2008)

**ARTICLE I - Statement of Purpose**

Palm Springs Social Sun Tanners (PSSST) is a social club primarily for gay male nudists. Membership is offered to gay, bisexual, or other male nudists who pay the dues and abide by the rules of conduct and bylaws of the club.

**ARTICLE II - Governance**

**A. Officers:** PSSST shall be governed by these elective officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. To provide continuity to the operation of the club, the four officers will be elected as follows. Terms of office are for two years. The President and Treasurer will be elected together, and on alternate years the Vice-President and Secretary will be elected.

**B. Steering Committee:** PSSST business shall be conducted at monthly or special meetings of a Steering Committee, composed of the four officers and the chairmen of the committees deemed necessary by the Steering Committee, such as Membership, Newsletter, and Events Planning. Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be conducted by the President, or in his absence the Vice-President. Current PSSST members may attend the meetings and participate in discussions, but only members of the Steering Committee may make motions or vote upon them. Meetings shall be conducted otherwise in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. Meetings shall be held at times mutually acceptable to as many of the Steering Committee members as possible and shall be scheduled by the President and publicized in the preceding newsletter.

**C. Elections:** In the March newsletter each year, there shall appear an announcement advising members to contact the Nominations Chairman before April 20 of that year if they wish to be candidates for any of the four offices of the club. The Nominations Chairman shall inform the Steering Committee of these candidates and shall publish a list of the candidates in the May newsletter. Election shall be held at the general membership meeting of the club in May of each year. Voting shall be done by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate for a particular office. The Nominations Chairman shall announce the winners, and the newly elected officers shall assume their duties as the final business of the general membership meeting.

If there is no nominee for any office, the Steering Committee shall have the power to determine the best course of action for the governance of the club.

The Steering Committee, by majority vote of those members assembled upon at least two weeks' notice in the newsletter of such pending action, may remove any officer or committee

chairman for failure or inability to perform the duties of his position, and may decide upon the best procedure for his replacement.

### **ARTICLE III - Duties**

**A. Members:** Men wishing to become members of PSSST declare their willingness to abide by these Bylaws and the rules of conduct established by the Steering Committee upon payment of their annual dues and presentation of a signed and dated application for membership. The membership year begins upon payment of the dues and concludes on the last day of that month a year later. It is expected that renewal dues will be paid before the end of the month shown on the official club roster and on the mailing label for the monthly newsletter.

Each member is expected to take an active part in club activities and must volunteer to serve as a Host/Co-Host or Party Assistant for at least one event per membership year. Members serving on the Steering Committee are exempt from this requirement.

Members must make reservations for club events by email to the reservation address, and are expected to do the same when required to cancel their attendance. Any member who does not have access to e-mail may reserve by calling any club officer. Those who do not cancel prior to the deadline for the event will be charged the per-person cost of the event, unless the non-attendance was caused by an emergency situation.

**B. President:** The duties of the President are to preside at meetings of the Steering Committee and at the annual membership meeting, as well as at any special membership meeting that may be scheduled. He may appoint the Chairmen of the various committees, subject to the approval by the majority vote of the Steering Committee. He is expected to govern the club impartially. He is to present an agenda for each meeting of the Steering Committee, and the annual or special meetings of the membership.

**C. Vice-President:** The duties of the Vice-President are to assume the duties of the President in his absence and to supervise and assist the Chairmen of the various committees. A primary function of the Vice-President is to coordinate and manage the planning and implementation of the club's party events.

**D. Secretary:** The duties of the Secretary are to keep minutes of the meetings of the Steering Committee, and of the annual and special meetings of the membership. He is to conduct the correspondence of the club and handle appropriate paperwork for the President and Vice-President. He shall prepare ballots and provide copies of club documents as necessary.

**E. Treasurer:** The duties of the Treasurer are to handle the club's financial affairs, primarily through the club's checking account, depositing and disbursing funds as necessary, and keeping accurate account of these. He is to prepare and present a statement of finances at the regular meetings of the Steering Committee and to present a statement at the annual membership meeting and at any other meetings as directed by the Steering Committee.

**F. Steering Committee:** The duties of the Steering Committee are generally set forth in the preceding sections, but the Committee is empowered to take whatever actions seem best for the welfare of the club, following recognized parliamentary procedures at their monthly meetings. All members are free to attend these meetings and present their ideas for the club's operation, but the decisions of the Steering Committee are restricted to its official members. Membership on the Steering Committee is available to any member willing to undertake the duties of an officer or chairman of a standing committee.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws shall supersede the provisions of the previous Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of members present at any subsequent general membership meeting of the club, provided notice of proposed amendments has been given in the newsletter prior to such meeting.