



OO SYAK GEE LU SOCIETY

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 15, 2006

To: Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Members

From: Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Board of Directors

Subject: **The consideration of and action on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society.**

The Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Board of Directors (BOD) during its February 19, 2006 Special Meeting approved by majority vote four (4) amendments to the Bylaws. These amendments affect the following Articles and Sections and are explained further later in this notice:

- Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1: Article IV, Membership, Section 1. Eligibility.
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2: Article IV, Membership, Section 3. Admission and Fee.
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment #3: Article VI, Officers, Section 2. President.
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment #4: Article VII, Board of Directors, Section 1. Composition.

In accordance with Bylaws Article XIV, Amendment and Repeal of Bylaws, "The Bylaws of the Society may be amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting held for that purpose. Notice of the proposed amendments or repeals shall be given by the Secretary to each of the members in good standing at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting when the proposed action is to be taken."

You and your family who are currently members of the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society are invited to attend this Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Bylaws Amendments voting meeting. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: July 16, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m. promptly. Members will not be allowed to vote that are not at the meeting at this time.

Place: Hee Hing Restaurant, 449 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, HI

You must call Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 to let us know that you will attend so that the proper number of seats can be reserved for lunch afterwards. Deadline for reservations is July 2, 2006, 4:00 p.m. After this deadline, members may attend the meeting to vote, but you will not be able join us for lunch. However, you must still notify Kenneth Chang of your attendance of the meeting only.

Only one notification is being sent to each address. Please inform other members of the same address of this Bylaws amendments voting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

AMENDMENTS EXPLANATIONS:

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1

CURRENT READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article IV, Membership, Section 1. Eligibility. All persons who are from the lineal descendants of male persons from Oo Syak Village, Guangdong Province, China, and who are of good moral character, shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

PROPOSED READING:

Article IV, Membership, Section 1. Eligibility. All persons who are from the lineal descendants from Oo Syak Village, Guangdong Province, China, and who are of good moral character, shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

PURPOSE:

By voting "yes," this amendment will allow the female descendant families to become members. Currently, Chinese tradition and the Bylaws allow membership only to the male descendants (the wife and children); therefore, a daughter's family (husband and children) could not become members. It is felt that to be more equitable in these modern times, females should be treated the same. Their children have similar blood relationship as the male children, and their husbands have a similar standing as the males' wives. It was also noted that other Hawaii Chinese societies are also strongly considering this change in tradition.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2

CURRENT READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article IV, Membership, Section 3. Admission and Fee. All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 1 shall be admitted into the Society upon payment of an initiation fee of \$5 which may be waived by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article IV, Membership, Section 3. Admission and Fee. All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 1 shall be admitted into the Society upon payment of a one-time membership initiation fee of \$25, which may be waived by the Board of Directors.

PURPOSE:

By voting "yes," the one-time membership initiation fee would be raised to \$25, from \$5. The BOD felt that \$5 is too little for such a high honor of becoming a member of Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. The one time \$25 fee is still very affordable especially considering the benefits a member can receive.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #3

CURRENT READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article VI, Officers, Section 2. President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall preside at the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors. The President shall, with the approval of the Board, appoint all standing committees. The President shall countersign all checks, orders, and warrants. The President shall at the Annual Meeting submit a report of the activities of the Society and make such recommendations for the betterment of the Society. The President shall also perform other duties as may be necessary to carry out functions of this office.

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PURPOSE:

By voting "yes," this amendment will limit the office of the President. The President can only be re-elected once. He/she cannot run for a third year. A President can sit out one year and run for the office the following year. It is felt that the Society has many members capable of leading the Society. By capping the consecutive terms of the President, other members will have a better chance of providing leadership.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #4

CURRENT READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article VII, Board of Directors, Section 1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than eleven (11) members, including President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, English Secretary, Chinese Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors, all of whom shall be elected to hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year, or until their successors are elected or qualified. The Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio nonvoting Director and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 following the expiration of that President's term.

PROPOSED READING: (Area underlined denotes where change is to be made.)

Article VII, Board of Directors, Section 1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than eleven (11) members and not more than twenty (20) members, including President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, English Secretary, Chinese Secretary, Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected to hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year, or until their successors are elected or qualified. The Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio nonvoting Director and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 following the expiration of that President's term.

PURPOSE:

By voting "yes," a limit of 14 Directors is set to ensure that the total number of Directors do not get overwhelming. Currently with no limit on the amount of Directors, the number elected can become so large that there may be more effort controlling meetings and meeting the quorum. Other societies are known to have as much as 50 Directors, and they are experiencing these problems.