# By-Laws Yale Club of the Suncoast, Inc.

### Article I OBJECT AND PURPOSE

The object of the association shall be to promote, foster and advance fellowship among alumni of Yale University, and to advance the interests, influence and reputation of Yale by establishing a medium for serving the University in the Sarasota area.

### Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any graduate or former student of the University, or the parent of any graduate, former student or student, or the surviving spouse of a deceased member of this association, shall be eligible for membership in this association. By vote of the Board of Directors, other persons may be elected as honorary members, who shall not be obligated to pay annual dues but shall pay other charges for use of the association, and such membership shall extend until further action by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 2.</u> No person except an honorary member shall become a member of this association until he or she shall have first paid the prescribed dues.

Section 3. The annual dues of this association shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

### Article III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The policies of this association and the control and management of its affairs shall be vested in a board consisting of up to ten (10) directors as follows: (a) six (6) directors elected as such by the membership and (b) as ex-officio directors, each of the persons holding the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and AYA Representative and Chair, Alumni Schools Committee while holding such offices, or any of them, who is not otherwise a member of the Board of Directors. Such six (6) directors shall be elected by the membership at the regular annual meeting hereinafter provided. Two (2) of such six (6) directors shall be elected each year and serve for a term of three (3) years or until each such director's successor shall have been elected and qualified.

<u>Section 2.</u> Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3. Directors shall function as a board, and shall adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these by-laws.

<u>Section 4.</u> A quorum at any meeting of directors shall consist of three (3) directors.

### Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other positions as the Board of Directors shall determine. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors following the regular annual meeting of the membership. The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer and AYA Representative and Chair, Alumni Schools Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, as provided in Section 1 of Article III.

Section 2. Officers shall serve from the time of their respective elections until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Any officer may be removed either with or without cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a special meeting called for that purpose or at the annual meeting, and vacancies among the officers shall be filled by the Board of Directors without undue delay.

Section 3. The officers of the association shall serve as an Executive Committee for the conduct and management of the affairs of the association, together with such additional members as may from time to time be appointed by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 4.</u> The officers shall perform all duties normally incident to their respective offices.

### Article V MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular annual meeting of the membership of this association shall be held in the month of April at a time and place to be set by the Board of Directors. Notice of such annual meetings shall be mailed to each member at least five (5) days prior to the date thereof. At such annual meetings two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members attending and voting.

<u>Section 2.</u> Meeting of the association shall be held at times and places to be determined by the Board of Directors.

- <u>Section 3.</u> Meetings of the Board of Directors and of the officers shall be held at such times and places to be determined by their respective memberships.
- <u>Section 4.</u> The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors and the officers.
- <u>Section 5.</u> Procedure at all business meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order Revised.

# Article VI COMMITTEES

- <u>Section 1.</u> The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such committees as necessary to carry out the aims and objectives of this association and to properly administer its affairs.
- Section 2. At least three (3) weeks prior to the time of holding the annual membership meeting, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a nominating committee which in turn shall present its nominations of two (2) candidates for election as members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

# Article VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the association shall be from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

# Article VIII AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the whole Board of Directors present and voting.