Stanford Alumni Club Categories

All clubs are required to have a formal agreement with SAA. Clubs are branch organizations of Stanford University, and as such are required to operate under Bylaws or a sponsored agreement that have the approval of the University. Authority for this oversight is given to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and their sub-committee on Club Charters. There are two types of clubs:

- **Chartered clubs** are required to prepare detailed annual reports that include officer lists, event lists, participant lists, copies of bylaws, etc. Chartered clubs are considered branch organizations of the University, and as such, must also report annual financial activity to Stanford for tax-reporting purposes.

- **Sponsored clubs** are less formal than Chartered Clubs. The main distinguishing feature would be whether or not a club needs a bank account; groups that fall into the Sponsored Clubs category do not need bank accounts. Given the nature of these groups, we also feel that it is less important for them to have a structured board, bylaws, volunteer succession plans and other requirements we make of chartered clubs.

Please refer to the club categories requirements spreadsheet that describes the offerings and the expectations of both categories.