

Constitution of the South Carolina Society

As Amended on 16 MAY 2015

ARTICLE I - Authority, Name, Jurisdiction

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 2: This organization was organized April 17, 1889 and is a chartering member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution operating in a manner consistent with the authority and limitations outlined in Bylaw 2 of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 3: The jurisdiction of this Society shall be the territorial limits of the State of South Carolina unless otherwise directed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - Objectives

The objectives of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III - Eligibility for Membership

Any male shall be eligible for membership in this Society being a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or any one of the several Colonies or States, as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland who rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized Patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

ARTICLE IV – Administration of the State Society

SECTION 1: General Administration

The administration of the general affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and the Officers of the Society. Whenever the Board of Governors is not in session, the administration of the Society shall be vested in the Officers or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2: Board of Governors

- (a) The Board of Governors shall consist of the National Trustee, the Alternate National Trustee, the elected officers of the Society during their terms of office, all living past presidents of the Society, and two members from each Chapter in the Society consisting of the chapter president and one additional member selected by the Chapter, and the chairs of each committee appointed by the President of the Society.

- (b) The Board of Governors shall perform such duties as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws and as may be committed to it at any meeting of the Society.
- (c) The Board of Governors or President of the Society may delegate specific duties or responsibilities to permanent and ad hoc committees as established by either party. The President shall appoint the chairman and approve the membership of each committee, except where such chairmanship and membership is defined within the Constitution and/or Bylaws. The following permanent committees have been established by the State Society.
 - (i) Americanism
 - (ii) Historic Sites
 - (iii) Medals & Awards
 - (iv) Membership & Retention
 - (v) Nominating
 - (vi) Patriot Graves
 - (vii) Publicity & Communications

SECTION 3: Executive Committee

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Past President of the Society appointed by the President.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall be the custodian of all property, real and personal, belonging to the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary between the meetings of the Board of Governors to manage the business and affairs of the Society and perform such duties as may be committed to it by any meeting of the Society, provided, that it shall not have power to sell, convey, or encumber any real estate belonging to the Society or incur any liability other than for ordinary current expenses, except when it be ordered at a meeting of the Society by a two-thirds (2/3s) vote of the members present.
- (c) Any actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 4: Officers

- (a) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Senior Vice President, five (5) regional Vice Presidents, a Vice-President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization, a Vice-President for Chapter Formation and Development, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Chancellor, and a Genealogist.
- (b) The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society; and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified, elected, and installed.
- (c) The officers shall serve without compensation in such capacities except for the reimbursement of ordinary expenses incurred in the performance of their office as provided for in the annual budget of the Society.
- (d) The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles shall, by custom, indicate and as may be defined within the Bylaws of the Society or as assigned by the President, the Board of Governors, or the Executive Committee.
- (e) No officer of the South Carolina Society shall hold any elective or ex officio office of any other State Society.

SECTION 5: National Officers and Delegates

- (a) National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to serve as National Trustee. The National Trustee shall be considered the Head Delegate to the Annual Congress from the Society.
- (b) Alternate National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to serve as Alternate National Trustee.
- (c) Delegates to Annual Congress: The Society shall elect a Delegate At Large to attend the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and such other Delegates as it may be entitled to as defined and assigned by the National Society. Said delegates to be selected in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society.

ARTICLE V – Meetings and Quorum

SECTION 1: Board of Governors Meetings

- (a) The Board of Governors shall meet at least quarterly, including the Annual Meeting. The normal quarterly meeting shall be on the third Saturday of each quarter except when such dates conflicts with a National Society event, commemoration, or religious holiday. In the event of a conflict the State President shall have the discretion to move the date of the meeting by seven (7) days.
- (b) The business of the Board of Governors Meeting shall consist of the reception of quarterly activity reports by the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen as well as other such business that needs to be transacted unless specifically defined within another meeting.

SECTION 2: Annual Meeting

- (a) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held each year between January 1 and thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on a date, excepting Easter weekend, and at a place designated by vote of the Board of Governors.
- (b) The business of the Annual Meeting shall consist of the reception of the annual reports of the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen, the election and installation of officers, the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws, and any other business that needs to be transacted.
- (c) Notice of the Annual meeting will be given to each member within the Spring Edition of The Palmetto Patriot at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting specifying time and place.
- (d) The Annual Meeting shall conclude with an Awards Banquet, the Installation of Officers, and an address by the incoming State President.

SECTION 3: Special Meetings

- (a) Special meetings may be called by the President, and shall be called by him when so directed by the Board of Governors or when so requested by fifteen (15) members of the Society representing at least twenty-five (25%) of the Chapters in the Society.
- (b) Notice of a Special Meeting must be given to each member specifying the date and place of the meeting as well as the business to be transacted at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This notice can include, but is not limited to, publication in The Palmetto Patriot or a notice mailed to each member whether by regular mail or by electronic format.
- (c) The business of a Special Meeting shall be limited to the business published in the required meeting notice.

SECTION 4: Quorum

- (a) Provided that no member can be counted more than once in establishing the quorum, a quorum will be defined as having a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the elected officers including either the President or Senior Vice President and at least one (1) representative from twenty-five percent (25%) of the chapters of the Society.
- (b) A quorum shall be established at the beginning of a meeting. In the event of the failure to meet a quorum, the only action that can be taken is an adjournment.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the membership of the society, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the said meeting.

By Laws of the South Carolina Society
As Amended on 16 MAY 2015

BYLAW 1 - Membership

SECTION 1: Classifications of Membership

- (1) A Regular Member shall be any male member of the age of eighteen (18) years and over, excepting those members described in Subsections (2) through (4) of this Paragraph, who meets all requirements for membership as defined in this Constitution and Bylaws of the South Carolina Society.
- (2) A Junior Member shall be any male member under the age of eighteen (18) years who has met all requirements for membership as defined in this Constitution and Bylaws of the South Carolina Society.
- (3) A Youth Registrant shall be a male under the age of eighteen (18) years who was approved and accepted under this program which has since been discontinued through action of the National Society. No new memberships shall be granted within this category and all existing members shall be grandfathered until they are no longer eligible for this designation.
- (4) A State Emeritus Member designation shall be granted to any member of the South Carolina Society, who is in good standing (a) upon the attainment of ninety (90) years of age or (b) upon the payment of fifty (50) years of regular member state dues cumulatively from the date of approval. State Emeritus Members shall be absolved from paying annual State Society dues for the remainder of their natural life. National and chapter dues shall still apply.
- (5) A State Life Member designation shall be granted to any member of the South Carolina Society, who is in good standing, as defined in Section IV of this Article.
- (6) A Memorial Membership designation shall be granted to a deceased male of the same family, providing that the deceased is not prior to the second generation from the generation of the current member in good standing, whose application has been approved by the National Society and upon payment of a one-time fee equal to ten (10) times the annual dues of the Society.
- (7) A Dual Member designation shall be granted to any member of another society who wishes to obtain membership within this Society upon furnishing evidence of the member's good standing in their primary state society. Members of this Society may obtain Dual Memberships in other State Societies in accordance with those society's established procedures.
- (8) The official designation and form of address for a member of the South Carolina Society shall be "Compatriot."

SECTION 2: Application for Membership

- (1) Application for membership in the South Carolina Society shall be made through the Secretary of this Society in accordance with the applicable articles and sections of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society upon submission of duplicate, original applications on the proper form and paper prescribed by the National Board of Trustees, a single copy of supporting documentation and accompanied by the proper application fees and dues for the current year. In the event an application is rejected, all dues will be refunded.
- (2) An applicant for membership must be endorsed by two (2) members of this Society who are currently in good standing.
- (3) The application must first be reviewed by the Chapter Registrar and/or Genealogist prior to submission to the State Registrar who will then review and endorse the application prior to remitting same to the State Secretary who will review and endorse the application, officially accepting it on behalf of this Society before remitting the application to the National Society for final review and approval.
- (4) Membership within the South Carolina Society is expected to be through a local chapter, but may be granted on an At Large basis if no local chapter is available, residence outside the State of South Carolina, as a holding place for members forming a new chapter or if reasons of health or disability prevent active chapter membership.
- (5) Male members of the Children of the American Revolution may apply for membership in this Society at any time. Such application shall consist of a Certificate of Good Standing, which shall be accepted in lieu of an application fee, provided that the request is submitted no later than one (1) year after his twenty-first (21st) birthday. Such transfers shall pay the prescribed dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

- (6) Any son of a member of this Society, or the son of a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who is between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25), may be admitted without payment of the admission fee, provided that his parent is a member in good standing, or if deceased, was a member in good standing at the time of death. Such applicant shall pay the prescribed dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

SECTION 3: Changes in Membership

- (1) Members who are able to establish their eligibility for membership on more than one (1) ancestor may submit Supplemental Applications for each additional ancestor using the prescribed application form, in duplicate, providing a single copy of supporting documentation and submission of the appropriate application fees to the State Registrar for review and endorsement prior to submission to the State Secretary.
- (2) Members may be dropped from good standing, and thus membership within this Society, if they fail to remit the required annual dues payments as billed each year and proper notification of such action from the State Secretary.
- (3) A member may reinstate their membership upon the submission of a written request upon the prescribed form by the National Society and payment of current dues and the established state reinstatement fee.
- (4) A member may transfer his membership either into another State Society or from another State Society, provided that he is in good standing at the time of the transfer request, upon submission of the appropriate Transfer of Membership form as prescribed by the National Society and upon submission of the appropriate dues payments.
- (5) A member in good standing may resign his membership at any time upon written notification to the State Secretary.

SECTION 4: State Life Membership Program

- (1) The State Life Membership Program is provided as method for members in good standing to pre-pay their annual state dues at a rate equal to 50% of the total annual dues owed for the period from their current age to age ninety (90). If a member is below the age of forty (40), they shall pay the rate equivalent to that of a forty (40) year old member.
- (2) Eligibility for State Life Membership is open only to members who are also National Life Members. Application for both Life Membership Programs may be made concurrently.
- (3) Any member enrolled in the State Life Membership Program shall be responsible for the continued payment of any chapter dues and any special assessments as may be adopted by the South Carolina Society from time to time.
- (4) Any member enrolled in the State Life Membership Program shall not be responsible for paying any difference between the annual dues rate at the time of enrollment and any higher annual dues rate as may be adopted at some point in the future.
- (5) The State Life membership is not transferrable to other state societies or any successors or heirs, nor shall any refund of the initial fee be made if the member dies prior to reaching age ninety (90).
- (6) Upon reaching age ninety (90), State Life Members shall be granted the State Emeritus Member designation as defined in Section II, Paragraph 3.

BYLAW 2 - Dues

SECTION 1 -The annual dues of this Society will be determined from year to year by the Executive Committee with approval of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2 - The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, remit the annual dues of any member.

SECTION 3 - Any Chapter in this Society may assess and collect from its members such dues as it may deem advisable beyond the minimum described in Section 1 of this Article.

SECTION 4 - The fiscal year of this Society shall conform to that of the National Society.

BYLAW 3 - Chapters

SECTION 1: A Chapter of this Society shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing, residing in a specific community within the jurisdiction of the Society.

SECTION 2: Each chapter shall regulate all matters, including membership, pertaining to its own affairs, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of this Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 3: Ten (10) or more members of this Society, residing in any community within the Society's jurisdiction where a Chapter does not exist or a former chapter has become inactive, may organize themselves into a Prospective Chapter of this Society upon the approval of the Executive Committee. The Prospective Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development and shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of both this Society and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 4: Application for a Chapter Charter shall be by written petition to the Executive Committee, setting forth the location of the Chapter, the name of the Chapter, the names of the chartering members at the time of the petition, the definition of the chartering period, the names of the chapter officers and a copy of the Bylaws of the Chapter. The Executive Committee shall review the written petition in consultation with the Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development and either recommend adoption by the Board of Governors or return the petition with recommended changes.

SECTION 5: All petitions for Chapter Charters shall be approved by the Board of Governors by a two-thirds (2/3s) affirmative vote of all members present and voting at a meeting of the Board of Governors. Presentation of the Charter shall be made at a time, date and place to be determined by the new Chapter.

SECTION 6: Chapter Charters may be revoked for cause by a two-thirds (2/3s) affirmative vote of the Board of Governors at either a regularly scheduled meeting or at a specially called meeting.

SECTION 7: Each chapter shall at a minimum:

- (1) Notify the State Secretary of the election and/or appointment of all chapter officers no later than thirty (30) days of said election/appointment. This notification shall be in writing and include the names of the officers, date of election/appointment and a signed copy of the Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement Form.
- (2) Notify the State Secretary of the death of any member of the chapter upon learning of said death.
- (3) Provide a written report of all chapter activities on a form provided by the State Secretary by the stated deadline for each quarterly Board of Governors Meeting and Annual State Meeting.
- (4) Send the minimum representation as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Society to the announced meetings of this Society.
- (5) Perform other such duties or requirements of this Society as defined by the Board of Governors and/or Executive Committee from time to time.

SECTION 8: Chapter membership shall not in any way change the relations of members to the State Society, nor impair obligations of the payment of dues and other such assessments or obligations as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

BYLAW 4 - Officers

SECTION 1: The duties of the officers of the Society shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed and such powers as shall be delegated to them by an Annual or Special Meeting of the Society, the Board of Governors, or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2: No member shall be eligible for nomination as a Regional Vice President, the Senior Vice President or President who has not (a) been a member of the Board of Governors for at least two (2) years prior to

nomination, (b) attended at least two-thirds (2/3) of the quarterly state meetings including both annual state meetings during that two (2) year period, and (c) who has committed to attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the meetings during his tenure in office excepting that the attendance provisions may be waived by the Nominating Committee in the event of consideration of health or family matters.

SECTION 3: The President, in addition to his general duties, shall maintain a general supervision over the affairs of the Society; he shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for, and shall be chairman of the Board of Governors and a member of all committees. The President will be considered the designated National Trustee nominee under normal circumstances.

SECTION 4: The Senior Vice President

- (a) The Senior Vice President shall assist the President in the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and shall represent the Society at Chapter meetings or other affairs when the President is unable to attend.
- (b) In the absence of the President, he will preside over meetings of the Society and, in the event of death, disability or resignation of the President, he will assume the duties of the President until a new President is elected at a special meeting of the Society. Such service as an interim president shall not disqualify the Senior Vice President from serving a full term as President at the conclusion of his term as Senior Vice President.
- (c) The Senior Vice President will be considered the designated nominee for President under normal circumstances. No member of the Society shall be nominated for Senior Vice President unless he has served at least one (1) term in another office of the Board of Governors within the past five (5) years.

SECTION 5: The Regional Vice Presidents shall seek in every manner to promote the interest and activities of the State Society; visit and be responsible for the chapters in his area including, but not limited to, consulting with chapters on methods to revitalize the chapter from time to time; encourage and assist the Vice President of Chapter Formation and Development in the formation of new chapters and the enrollment of new members and the training of new chapter officers.

SECTION 6: The Vice President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization shall direct and assist chapters having difficulties either (a) at the written request of a minimum of three (3) chapter members detailing specific areas of difficulty, (b) at the direction of the SCSSAR Executive Committee or (c) when the chapter fails to have representation at three (3) consecutive Board of Governors meetings inclusive of the Annual State Meeting.”

SECTION 7: The Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development shall guide, direct and assist in the formation of new chapters within the Society. He shall provide a written assessment including a recommendation to the Executive Committee when a provisional chapter submits its chartering petition. He shall serve as an advisor to these chapters as an ex officio member of the chapter’s executive committee for one (1) year after the Charter is approved.

SECTION 8: The Secretary shall have charge of all the records of the society, shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, Executive Committee or Board of Governors and shall give due notice to all State Officers, and Chapters of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties. The Secretary shall obtain name and address mailing labels as required for all members, a local permit for bulk mail and distribute the Palmetto Patriot newsletter. He shall provide a list of the new members to update the State Society Roster annually. He shall distribute all pamphlets, circulars, rosettes, and supplies as directed by the Board of Governors. He shall also serve as Secretary of the Board of Governors. He shall issue certificates of membership to members entitled thereto.

SECTION 9: The Treasurer shall have custody of the General Fund of the Society. He shall collect all money due the Society, including application fees and dues, and keep account of the same. He shall pay to the Treasurer General the annual dues as required by the National Society. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and expenditures. He shall deposit all uninvested funds in the name of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in a reliable bank or savings institution. He shall prepare and submit a budget for approval and adoption at the Annual Meeting. General budget line items may only be added to the budget at the Annual Meeting of the Society. Expenditure of funds for items not budgeted for may only be made from the General

Fund, any Contingency Fund, Special Designated Fund, or gifts to the Society upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 10: The Registrar shall examine all applications for membership and if found acceptable approve them before submission to National Headquarters for final approval and registration. A duplicate copy of all applications of all members shall be retained for the records of this Society by the Secretary or the Registrar. The Secretary, or Registrar, shall keep a Register of the names and dates of election, transfer, resignation and death of all active members.

SECTION 11: The Chaplain (preferably a regular ordained minister) shall open and close meetings of the Society with the services usual and proper for such occasions.

SECTION 12: The Historian shall have the care and custody of all historical papers, manuscripts and documents belonging to and pertaining to the Society, and shall keep a correct list of the same including, but not limited to, collecting copies of *The Palmetto Patriot*, chapter newsletters, minutes of the state and chapter meetings, and all other material related to the activities and events of the Society. He shall endeavor to be present at all exercises of the Society, and call attention to, and give information regarding, points of historic interest. He shall keep records of his historical and commemorative meetings, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of any historical publications of this Society. He shall be a member of the Americanism Committee. He shall prepare a summary of activities for presentation at the annual State Convention.

SECTION 13: The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law and shall give opinions on legal matters affecting the Society when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Chancellor shall act as the Parliamentarian at all meetings of the Society.

SECTION 14: The Genealogist shall provide assistance to prospective members in preparing applications and in reviewing applications when requested by the Registrar or Secretary.

BYLAW 5 – Permanent Committees

The following permanent committees have been established by the State Society with their duties delineated in the South Carolina Society Handbook. The composition of each permanent committee is defined as follows.

- (1) Americanism – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the chairman appointed by the State President, the State Historian and one (1) other member.
- (2) Bylaws
- (3) Historic Sites – The committee shall consist at a minimum of at least one (1) member from each region of the State as appointed by the State President. The State President shall appoint the chairman.
- (4) Medals & Awards – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall be the chairman of the committee, the State Secretary and at least one (1) member from each region of the state as appointed by the State President.
- (5) Membership & Retention – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall be the chairman of the committee, the State Secretary and the Regional Vice Presidents.
- (6) Nominating – The committee shall consist of seven (7) members of which three (3) shall be elected by the Board of Governors at the October meeting and four (4) appointed by the State President such that each region of the state shall have at least one (1) representative. The committee shall elect its own chairman. The State Secretary shall serve as an advisor to the committee.
- (7) Patriot Graves – The committee shall consist at a minimum of at least one (1) member from each region of the State as appointed by the State President. The State President shall appoint the chairman.
- (8) Patriot Medal – The committee shall consist of five (5) former recipients of the Patriot Medal appointed by the State President with one (1) representing each region of the state. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
- (9) Publicity & Communications – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall serve as chairman, the Webmaster and the Editor of *The Palmetto Patriot*.

BYLAW 6 - Special Funds

SECTION 1 - There are three (3) special funds of the State Society: (1) the Education Fund, (2) the Colonial Ball Fund and (3) the 2014 Congress Fund. Proceeds from the former Endowment Trust Fund and Life Membership Fund are to be transferred to the General Fund so as to eliminate the annual need to disburse funds to the General Fund. The functions of these funds are defined in the following sections.

SECTION 2 - The Education Fund will receive contributions from members and non-members. The proceeds of the Fund shall be used to promote the educational goals of the Society.

SECTION 3 - The Colonial Ball Fund will receive all fees paid for participation in the Colonial Balls sponsored by the Society as well as any contributions made specifically to the Ball or the Fund. The Fund shall be used to pay for costs incurred in producing the Colonial Ball. Proceeds of the Ball shall be used to fund the SCSSAR Scholarship Contest.

SECTION 4 - The 2014 Congress Fund will receive all dues surcharges, donations and fund-raising proceeds related to the 2014 National Congress. The funds shall be used to pay all expenses owed by the Society incurred in the planning and execution of said Congress.

SECTION 5 - The Special Funds of the Society shall be in the custody of the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall keep an accurate accounting of all funds, revenues and expenses related to the Special Funds to be reported on at Board of Governors and the Annual State Meetings. Special Fund accounts may be audited by person(s) selected by the Board of Governors at any time.

SECTION 6 - Properties may be retained in the form received or converted to cash, in the considered judgment of the Trustees. Investments will be insured accounts and expenditures will be made only as provided in Sections 2 through 5 above, or as directed by the Executive Committee or Board of Governors.

BYLAW 7 - Elections

SECTION 1 - Nominations for officers and the National Trustee shall be made by the Nominating Committee provided for in Article IV, Section 12 (d) of the Bylaws. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

SECTION 2 - Election of officers shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and a majority of all votes cast shall be required for election.

SECTION 3 - The term of office shall be for one year and until a successor shall be elected.

SECTION 4 - Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by presidential appointment.

SECTION 5 - Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

SECTION 6 - Members in good standing with the Society shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting of the Society and at any properly called meeting of the Society unless specifically prohibited by National or State Bylaws. Such voting members must be registered and pay any applicable fees prior to the meeting. No member shall be allowed to cast more than one ballot irrespective of hold multiple offices on a chapter, state, or national level. The presiding officer shall be allowed to vote in any meeting.

BYLAW 8 - Order of Business of the Annual Meeting

- (1) Calling the meeting to order by the President.
- (2) Opening prayer by the Chaplain.
- (3) Pledge to the S. A. R.
- (4) Address by the President.
- (5) Appointment of necessary committees.
- (6) Reading minutes of last meeting.
- (7) Reports of Officers.

- (8) Reports of Committees.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) New business.
- (11) Address by Special Guests.
- (12) Election of Officers.
- (13) Installation of Officers.
- (14) Adjournment and Benediction.

Provided that the President may suspend this order of business.

BYLAW 9 - Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentary Authority for all meetings of the Society, the Board of Governors and Committees shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Recently Revised, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution and Bylaws.

BYLAW 10 - Amendments

The Bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at an Annual or Special meeting of the membership of the Society provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the said meeting.