

Fresno Genealogical Society - Founding Doc. 10/19/19

FRESNO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BY-LAWS, Adopted _____

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Society shall be The Fresno Genealogical Society.

ARTICLE II - NONPROFIT CHARACTER

The Society shall be operated as a nonprofit organization no part of the net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be to exchange data and expand pedigrees, to find and exchange information, to promote interest in research, to stimulate and provide instruction in the use of efficient mechanics.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any acceptable individual interested in promoting the objects of the Society may be deemed by the Council, subject to any limitations imposed by the Society, to be eligible for membership.

Section 2.

An applicant for membership shall be recommended in writing by two members of the Society who are qualified to vote.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers shall consist of a President; Vice-President; Secretary; and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The President shall be the principal executive officer, with responsibility for the general supervision of the affairs of the Society, and he shall be the official spokesman of the Society. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Council and, except as otherwise provided, appoint all committees with the approval of the Council. He shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2.

In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties pertaining to his office. He shall discharge such other duties as may be requested by the President or proscribed by the Council.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society and of the Council, and shall notify officers of their election and committee chairmen of their appointments. He shall send out notices of meetings and shall attend to such correspondence as the Society or the Council may direct.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Society; shall deposit them in such bank or banks as may be directed by the Council; and shall make disbursements as directed by the Council. He shall mail notices of dues for the ensuing calendar year no later than January 25.

The annual report of the Treasurer shall be audited at the close of each fiscal year, and the report as audited shall be distributed to the membership.

ARTICLE VII - COUNCIL

Section 1.

The Council shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, the immediate past president, and chairmen of standing committees.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, standing committees from members and officers on: Registration, Finance, Librarian, Publicity, Historian, Program, Instruction, and Counselor.

ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1.

At the first regular meeting in January following the adoption of these By-laws, and in every January thereafter, a Nominating Committee consisting of a chairman and four other members shall be elected by a majority of the members present and voting. Of those nominated, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall serve as chairman of this committee, and the four receiving the next highest number of votes shall complete the committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for each position as officer to be filled at the next succeeding election. Members may submit in writing to the committee for its consideration the names of persons eligible and available for nomination. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented at the first regular meeting in the following February. Other nominations may then be made from the floor. The consent of each nominee must have been obtained prior to his nomination.

Section 2.

No person shall be eligible for office whose membership has not been in effect for at least six months prior to the date of his nomination.

Section 3.

All officers and councilors shall be elected by a majority vote cast by ballot submitted to the entire membership of the Society; provided that, if no candidate for any position secures a majority of the votes cast, the members present shall vote by ballot on the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in order to secure a majority. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and continue for a period of one year, or until their successors are elected or appointed as provided for hereinafter.

Section 4.

All members whose dues are paid by February 1 in a biennial election year shall be entitled to vote at that election.

Hazel Calvert - Founding 25 Mar. 1981

ARTICLE X - FILLING OF VACANCIES

A vacancy in any elective position shall be filled by the Council until the next biennial election.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Society shall meet twice monthly.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER REVISED shall govern the Society in all cases in which they are not consistent with the By-laws of the Society.

ARTICLE XIII - FEE AND DUES

Section 1.

The Initiation Fee shall be \$1.00 per member. The Annual Dues of the Society shall be \$2.50.

ARTICLE XIV - SEAL

ARTICLE XV - INSIGNIA

ARTICLE XVI - DISCIPLINE

Section 1.

Any member conducting himself or herself in a way calculated to disturb the harmony of the Society or to injure its good name or to hamper it in its work may, upon charges filed, be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Society by a majority of members voting at a regular or special meeting. The member against whom the charges are to be preferred shall be informed thereof at least 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have an opportunity to be heard in person or counsel at said meeting.

Section 2.

An officer or councillor may be removed by two thirds of the members voting at a regular or special meeting. The officer or councillor involved shall have an opportunity to be heard at said meeting.

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS

An amendment to these By-laws may be made by a two thirds vote of the members of the Society voting, such proposed amendment having been submitted to the Council at a regular meeting in writing signed by at least five members, and the notice of and ballot for such proposed amendment having been mailed - with or without the Council's endorsement - to all members entitled to vote at least 21 days before the date of voting thereon.

Kay Scholdt, Chairman
Joan Sailors
Art Daly

Presented: February 26, 1965