

THE FRESNO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this organization 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 object of this Society shall be:

1. To create and foster an interest in genealogy.
2. To preserve genealogical and historical data, particularly of our ancestors and the founders of our Country.
3. To aid individual members in compiling family genealogies.
4. To establish, through contributions of members, a genealogical library which will be the private property of this Society.
5. To publish a periodical bulletin containing helpful information for family research.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIPS:

Memberships in this Society shall be open to all persons interested in genealogical, biographical or historical research.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

The officers of this Society shall be:

PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, LIBRARIAN, EDITOR, and CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

These seven elected officers, shall constitute the Executive Committee. Four shall be considered a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint all standing and special committees, except the Nominating Committee.
2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when necessary, and shall serve as the Chairman of the Program Committee. He also shall appoint the Historian.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society. He shall keep the roll of the members. He shall be a member of the Publications Committee.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society. He shall disburse these funds as ordered by the Society.
5. The Librarian shall solicit and collect genealogical material for Society Library. He shall catalogue and keep accurate record of all materials placed in his care. He shall be a member of the Publications Committee.
6. The Editor shall prepare and edit the periodical published by the Society. He shall be Chairman of the Publications Committee.
7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS:

1. Meetings of the Society shall be held twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday nights. The first February meeting shall be deemed the Annual Meeting. At this meeting all officers and Committee Chairmen shall submit a full report of their activities in the Society, for the past year, and turn over to their successors all monies, records and files in their possession.
2. The Annual Election of officers shall be held at this Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present the name of the candidates for each office. All candidates must have agreed to serve. Nominations may also be made from the floor and a majority vote shall elect.
3. Additional Meetings may be called by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES:

1. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Society between regular meetings. It shall have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur during an unexpired term of office.
2. A Nominating Committee shall be elected at the first regular January meeting of the Society. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the following Annual Meeting.
3. The Publications Committee, consisting of the Editor, the Librarian and the Secretary shall have as its duties the collection and compilation of materials for publication under the auspices of the Society.
4. The Program Committee shall plan the meetings of the Society. The Vice-President is Chairman of the Committee and he will appoint a member who shall keep a scrapbook of notices and reports and other newspaper publicity pertaining to the Society and its meetings.
5. Other committees may be appointed as deemed advisable for the growth and success of the Society.

ARTICLE IX

DUES AND FEES:

The dues shall include all Society publications and shall be due on or before the 31st day of January. Dues must be paid for members to be able to vote at the first meeting in February.

ARTICLE X

These Bylaws and Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present at that meeting. The proposed amendment being read at the regular business meeting and voted on. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Society in all cases not provided for in these Bylaws and Constitution.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the officers who serve as the Board, shall, after paying of all liabilities of the Society, dispose of all assets of the Society as dictated by the membership at the time of the dissolution.

ARTICLE XII

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ARTICLE XIV

DISCIPLINE:

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.

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

REVISED AND ADOPTED:

FEBRUARY 12, 1969.