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This Revision Adopted
June 1976 By Unanimous
Vote of Members Present

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE FRESNO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I NAME

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

ARTICLE II NON-PROFIT CHARACTER

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

ARTICLE III OBJECTS

The objects of this Society shall be:

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

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIPS

- Section 1. Membership in this Society shall be open to all persons interested in genealogical, biographical or historical research.
- Section 2. The Society may elect Honorary members by a majority vote at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and an Editor.
- Section 2. These seven elected Officers shall constitute The Executive Board.
- Section 3. Four of these seven elected Officers shall be considered a quorum.
- Section 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

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

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

- Section 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 Chairman shall submit a concise 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.
- Section 2. The Annual Election of Officers shall be held at this Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present the names 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. Only paid-up members are eligible to vote.
- Section 3. Additional meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
- Section 4. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the paid-up members of the Society present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD & COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The Executive Board 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.
- Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the first regular January meeting of the Society. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the following Annual Meeting.
- Section 3. The Publications Committee, consisting of the Editor as Chairman, the Librarian, the Recording Secretary and three or more other members shall have as its duties, the collection and compilation of materials for publication in the quarterly Ash Tree Echo only, under the auspices of the Society
- Section 4. The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning programs, handling publicity and keeping the historical book of the Society up to date. This Committee shall consist of the Vice-President and his appointed Historian and Publicity Person.

ARTICLE IX DUES & FEES

The dues shall include all Society publications and shall be due on the anniversary date of original joining.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting or through mailing to the entire membership.

ARTICLE XI 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.
- Section 2. The member against whom the charges are to be preferred shall be informed thereof at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting and shall have an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel at said meeting.

ARTICLE XII INSIGNIA

The Society shall have an Insignia.

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Society, the Officers who serve as the Executive Board shall, after paying off all liabilities of the Society, dispose of all remaining assets of said Society so that they not accrue to any individual but shall remain available for the free use of the public as a genealogical collection.

ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Society in all cases not provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws.