

By-Laws of the Central District Sons of the American Revolution

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Central District Sons of the American Revolution.” This District is part of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. As defined by the National Society, it shall consist of the following state societies: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTS

The objects of this organization are the same as those stated in Article II of the Constitution of the National Society of The Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Any member in one of the State Societies listed in Article I shall be a member of the Central District Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

4.1 Vice-President General (VPG): At the annual meeting of the Central District a member of the District, whose name may be presented by the State Society next in order, shall be nominated for election at the next Annual Congress for this position. The order of rotation of the State Societies is Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. The incumbent may not succeed himself. In the event the Vice-President General is unable to complete his term of office, the Board of Management of the state society he represents shall be entitled to recommend a successor to the President General to serve for the remainder of his term. His duties shall consist of the following:

- 4.1.1 Have the power to call meetings of the District.
- 4.1.2 Preside at the District meeting.
- 4.1.3 Promote the interest and activities of the State Societies within the Central District and the National Society.
- 4.1.4 Assist and represent the State Societies of his District at the Annual Congress and Leadership/Trustee Meetings.
- 4.1.5 Shall endeavor to visit each Society during their annual meeting.
- 4.1.6 With the concurrence of the State Society, visit local chapters or events; and encourage formation of new chapters within the District.
- 4.1.7 Perform additional duties within his respective District as may be delegated or assigned to him by the President General, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Trustees.
- 4.1.8 Contact State Presidents on matters of great urgency.
- 4.1.9 Appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Parliamentarian and Audit Committee, for his term of office. The Audit Committee shall consist of three appointed present District members for the

purpose of reviewing the financial records. The committee shall report their findings during the Saturday business session of the District meeting.

4.1.10 Be responsible for the organization, implementation and financial success of the annual District meeting.

4.2 Secretary- Treasurer: He shall be appointed by the VPG of the District to serve for his term. If desired by the VPG this position may be divided. His or their duties shall be as follows during his term:

4.2.1 Shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the District. In addition, shall collect and distribute the current Society reports and the previous year District minutes.

4.2.2 Shall be responsible for notification to the State Boards of Management of the Member Societies of the time and place of the District meetings.

4.2.3 Shall account for all monies collected and distributed associated with his term of office.

4.2.4 Shall be responsible for collecting from the Societies the District annual dues of twenty-five cents per member based upon the Society membership on July 1st.

4.2.5 He shall maintain as a separate line item the special funds of the Central District

4.2.6 He may dispense monies from the special funds in accordance with the procedures ratified at the annual meeting or upon a written request from the Vice-President General and endorsed in writing from at least three Society Presidents.

4.2.7 He shall present the District monetary records for audit at the annual meeting

4.3 District Parliamentarian: Shall advise the Vice-President General on procedural matters, in accordance with the National Society Constitution and By-Laws, and these By-Laws.

4.4 Historian: The historian is elected annually at the District meeting for a term of one year. He is eligible to succeed himself.

His duties shall be as follows:

He shall maintain a permanent archive by year of reports by the Vice-President General, Secretary-Treasurer, Audit Committee Chairman, District minutes, submitted Society reports or other annual reports submitted at the District meeting.

ARTICLE 5 ENTITLED TO VOTE AND PARTICIPATE

5.1 All members in good standing with one or more of the Societies shall be considered a voting delegate provided at least one of the two following qualifications are met:

- 5.1.1 Primary chapter of participation is located in one of the Societies comprising Central District.
- 5.1.2 For at least three months in a calendar year reside in one of the States comprising Central District.
- 5.1.3 In case of ambiguity, the Vice President General shall certify the eligibility to vote.
- 5.2 Dual members and other members of the National Society will enjoy the privilege of the floor in discussions but are not a voting member.

ARTICLE 6 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Central District Sons of the American Revolution will be held prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The annual District meeting shall include, but not be limited to the following items:

- 6.1 Calling the meeting to order by the Vice-President General.
- 6.2 Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR
- 6.3 Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 6.4 Vice President General's Report and reports of the State Societies both verbal and written
- 6.5 Committee Reports
- 6.6 Unfinished business.
- 6.7 New business to include nomination for Vice President General and may include election or appointment of other officers of the District.
- 6.8 May conduct a National Candidate Forum.
- 6.9 May conduct training workshops.
- 6.10 Invitation by the host Society to the succeeding District meeting.
- 6.11 Benediction
- 6.12 Adjournment

ARTICLE 7 QUORUM

Eleven members of the District representing at least three of the state societies listed in Article I who are entitled to vote under the provisions of Article 5 shall constitute a quorum.

Article 8 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

"The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the District may adopt."

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the District by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been mailed at least 90 days prior to the meeting to the President and Secretary of the Member Societies for distribution to their Boards of Management.

Adopted/amended at a meeting of the Central District, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution held in Huntington, West Virginia on October 24, 2009 at which a quorum was present.

Attest:

Lance Carter
Secretary