

National Society Southern Dames of America, Inc.

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Amended Bylaws 2013

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this Society shall be National Society, Southern Dames of America, Inc. The Charter, granted under Georgia law on April 14, 1963 continues. The annual registration shall be made with the Secretary of State set forth in notification as resident agent is required for a non-profit corporation. Patents and copyrights using the name of National Society Southern Dames of America shall be procured when deemed necessary by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be: (1) to provide the support of the entire Eye Program through contributions for ophthalmic research, donations to Eye Banks, signatures on Eye Donor cards, assistance to the blind or those visually handicapped; (2) the advancement of knowledge through the study of Southern culture which includes history, literature, art, music, and creative arts.

ARTICLE III – Eligibility

Active members shall be women of Southern Ancestry pertaining to the Southern States of the United States of America and by invitation. Each application form shall bear the personal signature of the State Registrar, sponsoring applicant, and signatures of two (2) additional members of Southern Dames of America to whom the applicant is personally known and acceptable. Each applicant shall be personally acceptable to the State Society through which she joins. Each applicant shall provide sources of proof, including all dates for all Southern ancestors listed on the application.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1. Active Members

Active members shall have the right of voting, holding office, serving on committees and serving as delegates.

Section 2. Junior Members

Junior members shall be those members from birth to age of twenty-two (22 years). Upon reaching the age of twenty-two years, she shall automatically be eligible for Active membership.

Section 3. Associate Members

Associate members may be chosen by the Society. Nominees shall be women not eligible for Active membership who wish to render service to the Society. Associate members may have the privilege of the floor, but without the right to vote or to hold office.

Section 4. Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be conferred by the Assembly upon a man or woman in recognition of outstanding service to the Society or to the South. Honorary members shall at no time exceed twenty. Nominees for Honorary Membership shall be by written endorsement of ten Active Members in good standing. The endorsements shall be sent to the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30)

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days before the Annual Assembly. The name of each nominee with qualifications shall be presented to the Assembly for vote.

Section 5. Founder Members

Founder members shall be the first one hundred fifty members.

Section 6. Charter Members

Charter members are those received through June, 1963(numbers 151-324).

Section 7. Certificates of Membership

Certificate of Membership shall not be issued until application papers and payment of fees are submitted and approved.

ARTICLE V – Fees, Dues, Budget, Reinstatement, Financial Institutions and Investments

Section 1. Active Members Application Fee

The application fee for Active Members shall be forty-five (\$45.00) dollars, thirty-five dollars of which shall be entrance fee; ten dollars shall be annual dues, five dollars of which goes to the state of entrance. The fee must accompany the application papers.

Section 2. Junior Members Application Fee

The application fee for Junior Members shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), five dollars of which shall be annual dues.

Section 3. Associate Members Application Fee

The application fee for Associate Members shall be forty-three dollars (\$43.00), twenty-five dollars of which shall be entrance fee and eight dollars shall be annual dues. Four dollars shall go to the state of entrance. The fee must accompany the application papers.

Section 4. Annual National Dues

Annual National dues for Active Members shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), Junior Members five dollars (\$5.00) and Associate Members eight dollars (\$8.00). Annual dues shall be payable in October and delinquent if not paid by February 25th of the following year. If not paid by the following October 31st, the member shall be dropped.

Section 5. After June 1st Enrollment

Members enrolled after June 1st shall not pay dues again until October of the following year.

Section 6. Resignation – Reinstatement

A member who resigns in good standing may be reinstated by payment of current year dues.

Section 7. Dropped – Reinstatement

A member who is dropped for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of the current year's dues and a reinstatement fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

Section 8. Annual Budget

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Annual Budget shall be prepared by the Budget Committee and presented to the Board of Management for recommendation to the Assembly.

Section 9. Financial Institution

An FDIC financial institution shall be chosen by the National Treasurer with approval from the Executive Council.

Section 10. Investments

Investments shall be in United States Government Securities, Certificates of Deposit or deposited in FDIC, financial institutions.

ARTICLE VI – Nominations, Elections & Term of Office

Section 1. Officers

For the purpose of nomination and election only, the sequence of officers of the National Society Southern Dames of America shall be: National President, National 1st Vice President, National 2nd Vice President, National Recording Secretary, National Corresponding Secretary, National Treasurer, National Registrar, National Chaplain and National Historian.

Section 2. Term of Office

These officers shall be elected every two years on the even year. No officer shall serve more than one term in the same office with the exception of the National Treasurer and National Registrar, who may serve two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Eligibility for Office

Eligibility for office shall be limited to those who have been members for at least four years prior to nomination and shall have attended at least two previous National Assemblies. They must have served or must be serving as a State Society Officer, have access to a computer or be computer literate, and be a member in good standing.

Section 4. Vacancies

Should the office of National President become vacant, the National 1st Vice President shall become National President. Other vacancies among the national officers shall be filled by the National President with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 5. Election of Officers

At the National Assembly the Nominating Committee shall present the name of one nominee for each office. Further nominations may be made from the floor for each officer preceding the elective ballot for each office. Prior to the nominations, all nominees shall have given written consent to serve if elected and shall meet the requirements of eligibility. Election shall be by written ballot. If there are no nominations from the floor for each office called for in sequence, by general consent the ballot may be dispensed with and the vote taken for the entire ticket by voice. If there are nominations from the floor for one or more offices, separate elective ballots shall be taken. A majority of votes cast shall elect.

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ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The National Officers of the National Society, Southern Dames of America, Inc. shall perform the duties prescribed in this Article and such others as the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the National Society, the National Board of Management or the parliamentary authority adopted by the National Society.

Section 2. National President

The National President shall be Chief Executive Officer, the official spokesman of the National society and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society. She shall sign jointly with the National Treasurer all contracts made in the name of the National Society. The National Assembly contracts will be signed by the National President and Host Assembly Chairman. She shall preside at all of the meetings of the National Society, the Executive Council, and the National Board of Management. She shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal. She shall be custodian of the Flags of the Southern States and the Southern Dames Banner. She shall appoint a Parliamentarian for National Assembly.

Section 3. National 1st Vice President

The National 1st Vice President shall aid the National President. In the absence of the National President, she shall perform all duties of that office; and in death or resignation of a National President, she shall succeed to that office. She shall be Membership Committee Chairman and be responsible for the member files.

Section 4. National 2nd Vice President

The National 2nd Vice President shall aid the National President. In the absence of the National President and the National 1st Vice President she shall perform all duties of that office. She shall be National Eye Program Chairman.

Section 5. National Recording Secretary

The National Recording Secretary shall keep accurate record of all minutes of the Executive Council, Board of Management, and Assembly. She shall also furnish information on the action taken at the Assembly to the Journal within thirty (30) days after the meeting. She shall send copies of the minutes to the National President within thirty (30) days. She shall aid the National President when requested. In the absence of the National President, National 1st Vice President, National 2nd Vice President, the National Recording Secretary shall call the meeting to order and preside until the immediate election of a Chairman pro tem is completed.

Section 6. National Corresponding Secretary

The National Corresponding Secretary shall handle all correspondence as called upon by the National President. She shall approve the purchase of the Insignia for members. She shall order sashes for the National Officers and State Society Officers.

Section 7. National Treasurer

The National Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and securities of the National Society. These funds shall be deposited in the name of the National Society, Southern Dames of America, Inc. in a

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FDIC financial institution chosen by the National Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Council. The National Treasurer or National President shall draw on the funds as authorized. The National Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount determined by the Executive Council. She shall be Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee. The books of the National Society shall be reviewed annually by an auditor appointed by the National President. The National Treasurer shall keep a current roll of members. The current membership Roster shall be sent annually to each State Society President and the National Executive Officers and Past National Presidents.

The National Society, State and Chapter Societies exemption under IRS Code Section 501 (c)(3) allows tax deductible contributions to be received from members. Any contribution of \$250 or more must be acknowledged with a letter or receipt.

The National Treasurer shall coordinate with the State Treasurers and the Chapter Treasurers verification that all 990-N filings are made annually. The 990-N annual filings are necessary for the organizations to remain in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and compliance with their requirements. Failure to file the required 990-N filing shall be referred to the National Treasurer for guidance.

Section 8. National Registrar

The National Registrar shall receive all applications and transfers for membership together with necessary dues and fees. If the applications conform to the requirements of the Southern Dames of America, the National Registrar shall sign the application papers, date when accepted and assign a National Number. Upon ascertaining the validity of the application papers, the National Registrar shall send application papers and fee to the National Treasurer for her signature. Upon the return of the application papers from the National Treasurer, the National Registrar shall record the name, address, date of admission and National Number in the National Registrar's Membership Book. After the acceptance, she shall notify the National President, the Registrar of the inviting society, the Editor of the Journal, and the applicant of her acceptance, a certificate of membership signed by the National President and the National Registrar shall be issued to the new member. The National Registrar keeps a file of all accepted application papers and furnishes application papers to State Registrars.

Section 9. Chaplain

The National Chaplain shall keep a record of deceased members by name, number and date of death. Names of deceased members shall be reported by May 25th to the National Chaplain by the State Society Chaplains. She shall open all meeting with prayer. She shall arrange a Memorial Service For deceased members at National Assembly and shall conduct such religious services as the occasion may require.

Section 10. National Historian

The National Historian shall promote the study of Southern History and Culture as stated in Article II- Purposes. She shall have printed in the Journal possible program topics for use by State and Chapter Societies. She shall keep a yearly written account of the Society's activities during her term of office. She shall assist the Atlanta Historical Society in placing the Southern Dames Journal stories and histories in the Doris Walker Lyle library. The library is in the Atlanta History Center, 3101 Andrews Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305.

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Section 11. Immediate Past National President

The Immediate past National president shall act as advisor to the Executive Committee. The Immediate Past National President shall be responsible for contacting the members of the Executive Council if a National Officer is unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of her office as defined in the Bylaws. The National Officer that is identified as unable or unwilling to serve shall be subject to removal from office by a 3/4 's vote of the Executive Council.

Section 12. Office Records

The records of all officers shall be given to the incoming officer's immediately after election or shall be sent to them within thirty (30) days after the Assembly.

Section 13. Officers Annual Reports

Each National Officer shall submit a typed Annual Report in triplicate on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper ready for filing. One copy to the National President, one copy to the National Recording Secretary and one copy to remain in her file for the incoming officer. The Assembly Host Credentials Chairman shall prepare a list of members and guests attending Assembly from the Assembly Chairman for the Journal Editor's publication.

ARTICLE VIII – Honorary Officer

The title of Honorary National President and Founder shall be conferred only once by the Society. This honor was conferred upon Mrs. Murray Forbes Wittichen in Richmond, Virginia, November 1962 at the Organizational Meeting.

ARTICLE IX – Executive Council

Section 1. Executive Council Composition

The Executive Council shall be composed of the National President, National 1st Vice President, National 2nd Vice President, National Recording Secretary, National Corresponding Secretary, National Treasurer, National Registrar, National Chaplain, National Historian and the Immediate Past National President.

Section 2. Duties

The Executive Council shall aid the National President and shall have charge of the business of the Society in the interim between Board of Management and Assembly meetings.

Section 3. Copyrights and Patents

The Executive Council shall procure necessary copyrights and patents and be responsible for any renewals of same.

Section 4. Meetings

The Executive Council shall meet at the call of the National President or upon written request of three members.

Section 5. Quorum

Five members shall constitute a quorum, three of whom shall be current National Officers.

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ARTICLE X – Board of Management

Section 1. Board of Management Composition

The Board of Management shall be composed of the Executive Council, the State Presidents and all National Standing Committee Chairmen.

Section 2. Review Committee

The Review Committee, composed of 3 members one of whom is a Past National President shall arrange with the National Treasurer to have her records reviewed annually.

Section 2. Voting

No member may hold two voting positions.

Section 3. Duties

The Board of Management is the administrative and managerial body of the National Society. It shall have all power and authority over the affairs of the National Society between meetings of the National Assembly. The Board of Management shall approve the Budget prior to voting on same at Assembly; make recommendations for Bylaw amendments and other items important to the Society.

Section 4. Meetings

The Board of Management shall meet prior to the opening of the National Assembly or when called by the National President.

ARTICLE XI – Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees shall be Auditing, Assembly Meeting Place, Budget & Finance, and Bylaws & Standing Rules, Eye Program, Creative Arts, History, Nominating and other such committees as are deemed necessary.

Section 2. Review Committee

The Review Committee composed of 3 members, one of whom is a Past National President, shall arrange with the National Treasurer to have her records reviewed annually. The review report shall be presented to the annual National Assembly. The Committee shall make any necessary recommendations.

Section 3. Assembly Meeting Place

The National Assembly Committee shall rotate annually in alphabetical order to hostess states. The State Society hosting the National Assembly shall arrange necessary details for the Assembly with approval by the National President. The host state shall present the invitation including place, date, and hotel at the Assembly the year prior to its hosting.

Section 4. Budget & Finance

The Budget & Finance Committee shall be composed of three members including the National President, National Treasurer and a Past National President, who shall prepare the Annual Budget and present same to the National Board of Management for recommendation to the Assembly.

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Section 5. Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee

The Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee shall receive recommendations for amendments from the Board of Management and the Society. This committee may also recommend amendments. It shall abide by the procedure on amendments in these Bylaws. State Society and Chapter Bylaws may not conflict in any way with the National Bylaws. Local bylaws must be approved by the National Bylaws Chairman.

Section 6. Eye Program Committee

The Eye Program Committee shall be composed of a member from each of the participating State Societies. This Committee shall support the entire Eye Program as defined in the Purposes (Article II). They shall send an Annual Report to the National 2nd Vice President (Eye Program Chairman) by May 25th.

Section 7. Creative Arts Committee

The Creative Arts Committee shall plan an Annual Exhibit of Creative Arts. Articles must have been completed by members whether absent or present, within the past two years. Also a section of "Oldies & Goodies" must have been completed by members. All forms of handicrafts (knitting, crocheting, weaving, pottery, and painting) and all forms of writing and music, etc. are included.

Section 8. History Committee

The History Committee shall work under the guidance of the National Historian who shall be the chairman.

Section 9. Journal

The Journal shall be edited, published and distributed two (2) times a year. It shall contain news of interest to all members of the National, State and Chapters. The Immediate past National President shall be responsible for the first Journal issue following the end of her term of office. The incoming President shall be responsible for the next four issues of the Journal.

Section 10. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall encourage the increasing of membership in State and Chapter Societies.

Section 11. Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Fund Committee shall be composed of five (5) members (2 for five year terms and 3 for three year terms), the Chairman to be selected by the Committee members. The members shall be elected by the National Assembly. They shall report to the National Assembly the amount of interest accrued from the Endowment Fund for the fiscal year. This Committee shall keep a running record of State Societies receiving funds and shall give a full report at National Assembly. The National Assembly shall decide by vote the amount of interest to be distributed and the recipients. The annual checks should be made payable to Universities which do Eye Research.

Section 12. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) members elected by the Assembly in the odd year. It shall be the duty of this Committee to elect a chairman and to present names of qualified members to fill the National Officers position. Before the names are presented to the Assembly,

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written consent of the candidates to serve, if elected must be secured. Societies in good standing may nominate a candidate for office by February 1, prior to the National Assembly. Nominations may be made from the floor provided written consent has been obtained from the candidate. A member who has previously served on the Nominating Committee is ineligible to serve for the next succeeding administration.

Section 13. Special Award Committee

State Presidents with no Chapters may appoint a Special Awards Committee composed of three (3) members, the first member of which shall be the chairperson.

In States with Chapters, a president may appoint a Special Awards Committee composed of five (5) members, the first member of which shall be the chairperson.

This state committee will be charged with NSSDA Citation(s) for OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE NATION OR TO THE SOUTH which may be awarded to a man or woman. The state resolution regarding this service shall be signed by five (5) members in good standing with personal knowledge of the service. After approval, a decision will be made as to whether it be presented at a state meeting or a National Assembly after which it shall be signed by the State President, dated and forwarded to the National Special Awards Committee for further action.

Upon receipt of a resolution by a state, the National Special Awards Committee, which is composed of five members nominated by the Executive Council, who serve a three (3) year term, shall consider the resolution after which it will be presented to the National Executive Council, Board of Management and National Assembly for a vote. Approval shall be required before the Citation is issued.

With approval by the National Society, the Citation will be presented at either the State Meeting or National Assembly having been determined by the state issuing the Citation. The complete cost incurred for travel to the designated site of presentation will be borne by the state presenting the Citation.

In considering awarding a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT to an individual who has performed Outstanding Service to the Community/State/South, the same guidelines will be followed as that of awarding a Citation for Outstanding Service rendered to the Nation/South with the exception that the Certificate of Merit form shall be signed by two (2) members in good standing with personal knowledge of his/her services. The complete cost incurred for travel to the designated site of presentation will be borne by the state presenting the Certificate of Merit.

The Special Awards Committee shall be in charge of the NSSDA Certificate(s) of Merit for recognition of a man or woman for outstanding service to the Community, State or the South. Name(s) shall be sent to the chairman by the State Society President with written service and endorsements by two (2) members in good standing. The committee will present the name(s) of the candidate for approval of the Executive Council, Board of Management and the National Assembly. Approval shall be required before the Certificate is issued.

ARTICLE XII – Societies (State & Chapter)

Section 1. Membership

Membership shall be in the National Society, Southern Dames of America, Inc.; but for the purposes of administration, members shall be organized into States and Chapter Societies.

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Section 2. Organization

States and Chapters may be organized provided there are ten (10) or more members. These Societies will lose status if membership drops below ten.

Section 3. Organizing or State Society Presidents

The National President may appoint an Organizing President to establish a State Society. Each State Society shall select a State President who shall be a voting member of the Board of Management.

Section 4. Meetings

In order to further the Society's two purposes (Eye Program and Southern culture), all societies are required to have at least two (2) meetings (one may be a state meeting, the other may be a chapter meeting) a year.

ARTICLE XIII – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. Date of Meeting

The National Assembly meeting shall be held annually in the month of June with the date to be determined by the Host Society with approval by the National President. The National President should sign all contracts with the Hostess Chairman.

Section 2. Purpose

The meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving reports, annual budget, election of officers, planning and promoting projects and other such business as may be necessary.

Section 3. Members of Assembly

Members of the Assembly shall be all those Active Members in the Society in good standing present and registered. Nineteen (19) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Call for Assembly

The Call for the National Assembly shall be sent to all members sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. It shall be printed in the Spring Issue of the Journal and shall include all pertinent information.

No chapter or state society will sell any money raising product without the advance consent and permission of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE XIV – Seal, Insignia, Coat of Arms, Ribbons, Flags, Song

Section 1. Seal

The Seal of the National Society shall be a circle two and three quarters (2 3/4) inches in diameter. The words "National Society Southern Dames of America, Inc." shall be inscribed on the circumference. The word "SEAL" with the word "Georgia" beneath it shall appear in the center of the circle. The National President shall keep the Seal.

Section 2. Insignia

The Insignia shall be a circle of gold one inch in diameter with four spokes. The words "National Society" shall appear on the upper half of the rim with the words "Southern Dames of America" on the lower half. These letters shall be raised and highly polished. The spokes shall support an enameled shield which is divided diagonally. The upper left of the shield shall be white enamel and

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the lower half shall be gold colored enamel. The insignia is worn as a pin and placed over the heart with no ornament or corsages above it. The Insignia may be ordered as a charm. Insignia shall be ordered from Hamilton Jewelers Insignia and Business Gifts Corporation through the National Corresponding Secretary.

Section 3. Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms of the Society shall consist of a simple shield divided diagonally, left to right, surrounded by two ribbons, the upper bearing the words, "NATIONAL SOCIETY" and the date, "1962", the lower ribbon bearing the two colors white and gold. The surrounding ribbon in blue and white. The gold represents richness of heritage, and the white purity of purpose. The blue of the scroll symbolizes loyalty – to the Organization and to the Country.

Section 4. Ribbons

The ribbon is worn by the National President, National Executive Officers, Past National Executive Officers, State Society Presidents, and Past State Society Presidents. The National President shall wear a four (4) inch wide gold ribbon. Other National Officers shall wear a three (3) inch wide gold ribbon. Past National Presidents shall wear a three (3) inch wide gold ribbon with a 3/8" white center stripe. State Presidents shall wear a two (2) inch wide gold ribbon. Past State Presidents shall wear a two (2) inch wide gold ribbon with a 1/4" white center stripe. The official ribbon must be worn in a uniform manner, over the right shoulder and under the left arm. The ribbon should be below the knee. Only two pins should be worn on the ribbon. One to fasten the ribbon at the shoulder and one at the hip. National and Past National Officers, State Presidents and past State Presidents should wear their ribbons at National Assembly, State Society meetings, and strictly formal occasions. The NSSDA ribbon is not to be worn while attending a function for another organization unless the member is attending in her official NSSDA capacity. The ribbon, like the Insignia should not be worn on the street, in restaurants, cocktail lounges, nor in a public place unless an official NSSDA function is take place then and there. The ribbon may not be worn over a top coat of any kind except a suit coat or with a woman's suit having long trousers and a matching or coordinated coat or coordinated jacket.

During the Installation Service, the outgoing National President places the ribbons. In the absence of this officer, a Past National President places the ribbons. The National President and National Executive Officers ribbons are the property of the National Society. The State Presidents and Past State Presidents ribbons are the property of the individual Society.

Section 5. Banner

The Banner of the Society shall be white with fringe of gold on three sides and with a wide gold border at each end. The map of the sixteen Southern States and the District of Columbia shall be outlined in blue, the same color being used to outline each state. The words "National Society" shall be embroidered above the map, and the words "Southern Dames of America" below the map. The official Banner shall be three by five (3'x5') feet. No salute is given to the banner.

The NSSDA Salute to the Flags of the Southern States shall be "I salute the Flags of the Southern States of America, the emblems of their freedom and sovereignty." (Written by Mrs. Henry Frost Chadeayne, St. Louis, MO) The salute is given with the right hand and arm extended toward the flags, palm up.

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Section 6. Song

"This Is My Country" composed by Don Raye and Al Jacobs, shall be the NSSDA song. This song shall be sung or the words recited at each National Assembly.

ARTICLE XV – Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the Assembly, provided the Amendment has been proposed by the Board of Management, any authorized committee of the Society or a State Society or a Chapter. Amendments must have been submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee by November 1st of each year and printed 60 days prior to the National Assembly.

ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Recently Revised, shall be the Parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XVII – Indemnification

Section 1. The corporation shall indemnify officers and other persons in accordance with the Georgia Code 14-3-856 et seq. of the Georgia Code Annotated.

Section 2. The Officers (Directors) of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty in their capacity, provided that the foregoing shall not limit the liability of an officer for (a) appropriation, in violation of her duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation; (b) acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (c) the types of liability set forth in GA Code under Section 14-3-831; or (d); receipt of an improper personal benefit under Georgia Code annotated.

ARTICLE XVIII – Dissolution

Section 1. State or Chapter Dissolution Clause

When a State Society decides dissolution may be necessary, they must notify the National President. When a Chapter Society decides dissolution may be necessary, they must notify the State President and the National President.

Although the period of duration of the Society is perpetual, if for any reason the Society is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the Society. Upon dissolution of the chapter, assets shall be distributed by the State Executive Board and to and only to the State Society. Upon dissolution of the State Society, assets shall be transferred to the National Treasurer who will continue to hold said asset in trust until such time the State Society is reorganized. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the United State District Court, exclusively to such organization as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3), with the purposes and objectives consistent with those of the Society.

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Section 2. National Society Dissolution Clause

Although the period of duration of the National Society is perpetual, if for any reason the Society is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or insure to the benefit of any of the directors or members of the society. Upon dissolution of the Society, assets shall be distributed by the National Board of Management and/or Executive Committee of the Society for one or more exempt purposes with the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Codes and consistent with the purposes and objective of the society. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the United States District Court of Georgia, exclusively to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated with the meaning of Section 5i01 (c)(3) with purposes and objectives consistent with those of the society.

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