

Bylaws
The Tri-State Genealogical Society
Evansville, Indiana

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be THE TRI-STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED (The Society).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- A. The purpose of The Society is to promote and stimulate knowledge and interest in the study of genealogy, to provide an opportunity for exchange of information among members, to provide educational programs and workshops, and to assist members in genealogical research.
- B. The Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, "Tax Exempt Organization," or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Dues

- A. The Society does not discriminate on any basis. The Society reserves the right to deny membership to any person or group whose purpose conflicts with the Society's Purpose.
- B. The membership dues shall run on a continuous 12-month basis.
- C. The fiscal year shall run from June 1 through May 31.
- D. Renewal dues shall be paid no later than the end of a 30-day grace period following the last month of membership or membership and its associated benefits shall automatically terminate.
- E. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the membership on recommendation by the Board, payable yearly on or before the June meeting. Members not paying dues by July 1 will be dropped and deleted from access to the Society member section of the webpage.

ARTICLE IV

Relationship with Willard Library

- A. Materials of genealogical interest acquired by the Society by gift or purchase, and unable to be installed on the Society's website, shall be donated in the name of the Society to Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana, thereupon allowing the Society and the

Public to have access to them in accordance with library regulations.

- B. If Willard Library, by resolution of its Board of Trustees, request the Society to cease using Willard Library as its usual place of meeting, ownership and control of any materials donated to Willard Library shall revert to the Society.
- C. Any such materials withdrawn by Willard Library from its collection shall be returned to the Society.
- D. If resolution of the membership decides to cease using Willard Library as its usual place of meeting, ownership and control of materials donated to Willard Library by the Society shall remain with Willard Library.

ARTICLE V

Officers

- A. The elected officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Information Technology Coordinator, Treasurer, Program Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Editor of Publications.
- B. These officers shall perform the duties set forth in the Job Descriptions approved by the Board of Directors and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

Election of Officers and Board Members

- A. The officers and board members shall be elected in May of each year to take office at the following June meeting for a one-year term. They may succeed themselves if reelected. Officers may hold an additional office, but no more than 2 offices per term.
- B. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office. In case of a vacancy in any other elected office the Board of Directors shall nominate a candidate to fill the office for the unexpired term, who will be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

The Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors of the Society (the Board) shall consist of no less than seven (7) but not more than fifteen (15) persons.
- B. A representative appointed by the Director of Willard Library shall be a member ex-officio of the Board.
- C. The organizational meeting of the Board shall be held in June of each year, and thereafter on those dates determined at the organizational meeting; provided, the Board shall meet at least once in each calendar quarter of the year.

- D. Meetings may be called by the President or by the joint action of at least three (3) members of the Board. Notice of called meetings shall be given to each member of the Board at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.
- E. The quorum for meetings of the Board shall be at least fifty percent of the current Board.
- F. Approval of any action may be obtained without a meeting of the Board if the consent of at least fifty percent of the Board is obtained. Such approval, including a description of the matter approved and identification of the directors granting such approval, shall be reported in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.
- G. The Board of Directors (the Board) is primarily concerned with advising the officers on matters of the Society.
- H. The Board will be familiar with the Society's Purpose as defined in Article II of the Bylaws.
- I. The Board members are encouraged to promote the collection, preservation and dissemination of genealogical materials.
- J. The Board members will have oversight of the financial affairs of the Society.
- K. The Board members are encouraged to attend all Board meetings. This is especially important when a quorum is needed to vote on issues concerning the Society.

ARTICLE VIII Remuneration

Officers, directors, and committee members will serve without remuneration except for reimbursement for expenses incurred in the execution of their responsibilities.

ARTICLE IX Meetings

- A. The regular meetings of the Society will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise announced. Meetings will be open to members and the general public. Questions and matters coming before these meetings and requiring a vote may be decided by a majority of those members present.
- B. The business of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X Publications

The Society shall provide access to information to further the purpose as set forth in Article II of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI
Other Services

Monetary charges made to members and non-members for any service rendered in the name of the Society shall be set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII
Use of Unexpended Funds

Funds not necessary for the general conduct of the Society may be expended in the acquisition of genealogical materials.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendment of Bylaws

- A. Amendments to these Bylaws which have been previously approved by the Board may be read into the minutes and opened for discussion at any regular meeting of the Society.
- B. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall be disbursed to each member of the Society at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Society at which time it may be accepted by a majority vote of those members present. In the event of major revisions, a copy of the entire revised Bylaws shall be sent.

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