

AMENDED BYLAWS

LAKE HAVASU CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lake Havasu City Historical Society (herein after called the Society), is to preserve and promote the history of Lake Havasu City and the surrounding areas. This will be accomplished by procuring by gift, exchange, loan or purchase any books, maps, papers, or artifacts pertinent to such history and will include information and artifacts of aboriginal inhabitants, early explorations of the area, and past and present immigrants to the area and their descendants. The information and artifacts will be made available to the public at the Lake Havasu Museum of History. The Society will be responsible for the hiring and supervision of paid and volunteer Museum staff, and will also provide for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Museum.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is open to all persons or businesses who are interested in the preservation of the history of the area. Members in good standing will receive free admission to the museum and to any private showings and previews.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP is available to any person eighteen (18) years of age or older upon payment of the annual dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is available to families upon payment of the annual dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP is available to any business upon payment of the annual dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

PATRON MEMBERSHIP is available to any person or business upon payment of the annual dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be proposed by the Board of Directors for persons or businesses that have rendered distinguished or important services to the Society, to Lake Havasu City, to Mohave County, or to the State of Arizona. The candidate shall require an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at a regular Board of Directors meeting. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.

VOTING RIGHTS: The privileges of voting and holding office shall be open to all members eighteen (18) years of age or older. Each membership, regardless of category, is entitled to one (1) vote. The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. Members who join between January 1st and June 30th pay full price dues. Members who join between July 1st and December 31st will pay half the yearly dues. A yearly renewal notice will be mailed by the Secretary to all current members in December of each year.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Store Manager and a Board of Directors which includes the Officers and six (6) members at large. All except the Store Manager shall be elected at the annual meeting in November to take office in January of the next year. The Museum Director, Museum Curator and Museum Office Manager, along with the Immediate Past President, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

Term of Office for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be for two years or until a successor is elected.

The Store Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Term of Office for the Members-at Large of the Board of Directors: Each Director shall be elected for a term of three (3) years on a rotating basis, with two (2) elected each year.

Officers and Board Members are eligible for re-election.

Vacancies among the Officers or Board Members may be filled by the Board until the next regularly scheduled election.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors, and shall determine the order of business of these meetings. The President shall enforce the provisions of these bylaws and shall see that all officers and committees perform their duties. In case of any disagreement, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

The President shall appoint such committees as may be needed to further the goals of the Society. Committees shall typically consist of Board members but may also include non-Board members whose expertise would facilitate the objectives of the committee.

The President shall have the authority to grant leave of absence to any officer or member of the Board of the Society and to appoint a suitable person to act in his or her behalf with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall exercise the same power and authority as the President.

The Treasurer shall maintain a written record of all receipts and disbursements and shall report them at each regular meeting.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society, shall record its bylaws, shall preserve a register of the names of members, and shall conduct such correspondence as ordered by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

The Store Manager shall be responsible for the operation of the Museum Store, including financial and inventory record keeping, and maintaining adequate inventory for projected sales.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the conduct of business of the Society, but may delegate specific items to an officer, committee, or task force.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

The regular monthly meetings of the Society shall be held from September through May, on a day and time to be determined by the board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in November. The President of the Society may, for reasonable cause, change the meeting date for any single monthly meeting, provided adequate notice is given to the membership.

At the annual meeting a summary of the business conducted by the Board for the Society during the year will be available.

The slate of Officers and Board Members to be elected at the annual meeting shall be chosen by a nominating committee appointed by the President. The slate will be presented to the membership of the Society in the notice of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the annual meeting. In the case of more than one candidate for an office or board seat, the candidate with a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared the winner.

The Board of Directors shall meet once a month, September through May, typically the week prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Society, and at such other times as may be required by Society business.

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, from any regular meeting, the members in attendance shall elect a President Pro-tem from among the members present.

At all general meetings of the Society a quorum shall consist of those members present.

At all board meetings, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the board.

ARTICLE VI – CHANGES

The bylaws of this Society shall not be altered or amended except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular monthly meeting, and all such alterations and amendments shall be proposed at a regular monthly meeting at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

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