

**BYLAWS
of the
SUMMIT COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I - NAME

- Section 1.01 - The name of this organization shall be the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, hereafter referred to as the "Chapter."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

- Section 2.01 - To encourage active membership in the Chapter, and to support the objectives of, and membership in, The Ohio Genealogical Society.
- Section 2.02 - To support the preservation, collection and publication of historical and genealogical records pertaining to Summit County and the State of Ohio, and to make them available for use in genealogical research.
- Section 2.03 - To operate solely for educational purposes as provided in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2002, or a corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 3.01 - Any person may become a member of the Chapter upon completion of the Membership Application form and the payment of dues.
- Section 3.02 - Categories of membership:
3.02.1 - Individual – one person receiving a single subscription to the Chapter newsletter.
3.02.2 - Joint – two individuals residing at the same address and receiving a single subscription to the Chapter newsletter.
- Section 3.03 - Dues are for the calendar year of January 1 through December 31, and will be set by the Executive Board with the approval of the Chapter at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- Section 4.01 - The Chapter's Elected Officers are President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the Chapter's Bylaws, Standing Rules, and the Executive Board Manual.
- Section 4.02 - The President and at least one other officer must be a member of The Ohio Genealogical Society.
- Section 4.03 - The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than two consecutive terms, unless a candidate cannot be found and the Executive Board approves.
- Section 4.04 - Term of all offices is from January 1 through December 31 of the year following the election.
- Section 4.05 - Election shall be by majority vote of the members present at the October meeting.
- Section 4.06 - Installation of officers will be held during the November meeting.
- Section 4.07 - Officer vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 5.01 - The Executive Board shall be comprised of all elected officers, the immediate Past President, and the Chair of each Standing Committee as defined in the Chapter's Standing Rules.
- Section 5.02 - The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the Chapter between Chapter meetings.

- Section 5.03 - Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President as required, but no less than four times a year.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Section 6.01 - A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Executive Board, no later than the June Chapter meeting. The Nominating Committee shall select its own chairperson.
- Section 6.02 - No member shall be appointed to the Nominating Committee who served in the prior year, or who is a current Elected Officer of the Chapter.
- Section 6.03 - The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of one (1) candidate for each elective office at the September Chapter meeting.
- Section 6.04 - Nominations may be made from the floor. The consent of all candidates shall be obtained prior to presenting their names in nomination for a Chapter office.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTER MEETINGS

- Section 7.01 - The Chapter shall meet monthly, holding at least eight meetings a year.

ARTICLE VIII - QUORUM

- Section 8.01 - At Chapter meetings, a quorum will be the members present.
- Section 8.02 - At Executive Board meetings, a quorum will be the members present.

ARTICLE IX - TAX EXEMPTION

- Section 9.01 - This Chapter is organized as a nonprofit, educational organization, exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II, Section 2.03.
- Section 9.02 - In the event of dissolution, and upon majority vote of the members present at a Chapter meeting, funds of this Chapter shall be distributed to a genealogical organization also exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2002, or a corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

- Section 10.01 - These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Chapter, provided that:
10.01.1 - The Bylaws amendment was previously published in the Chapter newsletter, and
10.01.2 - A written copy of the Bylaws amendment was distributed to all members present at the preceding Chapter meeting.
- Section 10.02 - When a Bylaws amendment is brought to the floor for a vote, it may be amended by a majority vote of the members present.
- Section 10.03 - Newly-adopted Bylaws shall take effect at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 11.01 - Orderly parliamentary procedures shall govern all meetings. All questions of procedure not otherwise covered herein shall be determined in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Bylaws Adopted 01-16-1971
Chapter Chartered 04-17-1971
Bylaws Amended 09-21-1996
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