

The Constitution of the Armada Area Historical Society

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Armada Area Historical Society” (also known as AAHS).

Article II: Incorporation

Section 1: The Armada Area Historical Society shall be organized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 2: The business of the corporation shall be conducted by the officers and members of the organization, each of whom must be a member in good standing (having paid their yearly membership dues) of the organization.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of the Armada Area Historical Society is to:

- 1) bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the Armada area of Michigan; to
- 2) provide safekeeping for printed or near-print materials, manuscripts, materials reproduced in any way, or through photographic processes and artifacts relating to the history of the Armada area; to
- 3) collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area; to
- 4) provide for the preservation of such material and its accessibility insofar as may be feasible, for all who may wish to study or examine such material; and
- 5) to encourage the preservation of local historical buildings, archives, monuments and markers; to
- 6) make the history of the Armada Area known and the AAHS collection available to local residents and others through discussion, presentations, exhibits, displays, and collaborations with other public and private history groups as is practical; to
- 7) support and promote AAHS and related historical activities, events, and milestones in the Armada Area; to
- 8) to promote the conduct of individual and group research on topics of interest to the Armada Area in support of furthering the historical knowledge of the area; and to

9) lend material and moral support to worthwhile historical endeavors within the Armada Area.

The corporation may hold property, both real and personal, in any amount; it may lend, sell, lease or rent such property, provided such action is consistent with the terms of the gift, bequest or conveyance, under which title was originally acquired; it may hold exhibits, erect markers, sponsor or engage in activities of any kind consonant with the major purposes outlined herein, either on its own or in cooperation with other agencies so long as the members vote to proceed with the activity.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Any person interested in the history of the Armada area, who applies for membership, and who tenders the dues specified by the By-Laws, shall be admitted to membership.

Section 2: Classes of Membership

Currently, only an individual membership is offered. A member has one vote per agenda item offered up at membership business meetings.

Section 3: Termination of Membership

A member may be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues.

Article V: Finances

Section 1: Dues

Dues of the organization shall be set by vote of the general membership and are located in the By-Laws.

Section 2: Tax Exempt Status

To comply with Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code which grants tax exempt status to the Armada Area Historical Society, all contributions to this organization for whatever purpose are recognized as being given solely to the "Armada Area Historical Society"; any incoming checks must be payable to the "Armada Area Historical Society".

Article VI: Officers

Section 1: Roster of Officers

The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Collection Manager.

Section 2: Election

Officers shall be elected by the membership at the recurring January business meeting. Terms of said officers shall be for a period of one year (from point of election through to the following January business meeting).

Section 4: Board of Directors

The officers of the Society and any standing Committee Chairs shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Vacancies

Vacant officer positions shall be filled for the remainder of the year vacated, by appointment of the Board of Directors, subject to the confirmation by membership.

Article VII: Officer Elections**Section 1: Time of Elections**

Election of officers shall be held annually at the January business meeting. The meeting shall be known as the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 2: Eligibility for Nominations

All members in good standing are eligible for nomination.

Section 3: Officer

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting. No second is required for any nomination.

Section 2: Eligibility to Vote for Officers

All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Article VIII: Meetings**Section 1: General Membership Meetings**

Meetings will be held monthly. Cancellation of a monthly meeting due to inclement weather or another factor will be made by the Board. The Board will decide on an alternate meeting date; the Secretary will inform members of the alternate date.

The dates of meetings shall be set by the membership in the By-Laws. In the event any three-month period should pass without a meeting being conducted, any member in good standing may on his own, call such a meeting by written notification to the full membership.

Section 2: Quorum

Five (5) members present at a regular monthly meeting of the general membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3: Voting

A simple majority of members in good standing, present for a motion, shall be sufficient to take action on any motion.

Section 4:

All meetings shall be generally be conducted under *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*. The President will preside over membership business meetings and run the meeting accordingly (Roberts Rules in practice, with efficiency/effectiveness, and in consideration of the meeting timing in the By-Laws.

Article IX: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by the two-thirds (2/3) count of member votes received. Any proposed change must be submitted in writing to the general membership not less than ~28 days prior to the date set for the vote.

Article X: Dissolution of the Organization

In the event of dissolution, all assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such history-based organizations as are qualified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Attachments:

- 1) Armada Area Historical Society By-Laws
- 2) Armada Area Historical Society, Membership Application

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