

Preliminary Meeting.

Preliminary Meeting of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Dec. 8, 1896

At a preliminary meeting held for the purpose of forming a Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, there was present the following

Present

- 1 Hon. Ira H. Evans Austin
2 Henry R. Proctor Eagle Pass
3 Philip Lindsl Dallas
4 S. M. Penland Galveston
5 H. B. McFarock
6 L. B. Allen
7 Geo. J. Allen
8 R. P. Allen
9 Lt. Col. J. W. French, U.S.A. Propy Ft. Clark
10 L. S. Kelbourne
11 Geo. D. Morgan Galveston
12 L. W. Preston
13 Geo. W. Grant Propy Weatherford
14 Lawrence V. Elder Galveston
15 Edward C. Pitkin
16 Robt. G. West Austin

Chairman and Secretary

In motion, Major S. M. Penland was

electd chairman and L. B. Allen, secretary. L. W. Preston submitted a draft of Constitution and By-Laws, which was considered section by section and adopted by a unanimous vote, Constitution and By-Laws as adopted read as follows:

Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

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- Hon. IRA H. EVANS, Pruid!!a.t.
C. W. PHESITON, Vice Pruid nt.
LT. Col. J. W. FRENCH, Jr. second Vic.e Pruid:ent.
I. P. ALLEN, Sec:itary.
GEO. O. MORGAN, Trn-urct.
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BOARD OF MANACJAIL

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CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I-NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE TEXAS Socnvn, SONS OF THE AMER;CAN EVOLUTION.

ARTICLE II--OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are to perpetuate the memory of the me:i of the American Revolution; to honor the noble women of that period, from whom we descend; to n,vive the spirit of that time; to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Wash ngton's farewell address; to encourage historical research in our War of Independence; to collect relics and records of that time; to oppose, by moral means, the spread of anarchical ideas and lawlessness; to draw together in a firm and fraternal union the descendants of the patriots of the Revolution who are willing to cherish and maintain American freedom and see that our "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

ARTICEL III-MEMBERSHIP.

Any male person is elegendible for mellbbership who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailling loyalty,

rendeled material aid to the cauille of American Independence as a soldier or seaman, or as a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot; provided he shall be found worthy.

ARTICLE IV--OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer: and a Historian. The last three offices may be filled by one member, if the Society so elects.

SEC. 2. The officers named in the preceding section, together with four other members, shall constitute a Board of Managers, and this Board shall have the power to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers of the Society or the members of the Board.

SEC. 3. The officers and managers aud delegates to the National Society shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the members voting at the annual meetings of the Society. This vote may be personal, by proxy or y letter. The officers and managers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V-AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall be altered, amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Society, the vote being either personal, by proxy or by letter. Amendments must be <?_ffered at least one month before the annual meetings, so that they can be submitted to the members of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. An applicant for admission to the Society must make application in duplicate (on forms obtained from the Secretary) enumerating the services of his ancestor in the War of Independence, together with the detailed statement of the intermediate generations of his pedigree. The applicant shall make oath that the statements of his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Such applicant must be nominated by a member of this Society, and may be elected a member by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

SEC. 2. The Board of Managers shall have power to suspend or to expel any member of the Society for sufficient cause by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board; provided, two weeks notice of the proposed action shall have been given to such member. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Society from the action of the Board of Managers.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 3. The initiation fee shall be two dollars, and the annual dues two dollars.

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MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of this Society shall take place on the twenty-second day of February of each year, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, when it shall take place on the following day. At this meeting the officers of the Society shall be elected, a majority of the votes for any officer constituting a choice.

The annual dues shall be collected at this meeting.

Special meetings of the Society may be held at the request of five members of the Society or of the Board of Managers.

QUORUM.

SEC. 5. At all meetings of the Society, not less than eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SEC. 6. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in his absence, a chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a record of the election, death or expulsion of members. He shall have charge of the seal, certificate of incorporation, and records of the Society. He, together with the presiding officers, shall certify all acts of

the Society or Board of Managers. He shall give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give due notice to the officers and members of all votes, orders, resolutions and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall perform such other duties and make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues, and shall have the care and custody of all the funds of the Society. He shall deposit the same in a bank to the credit of the Society, and shall draw them thence for the purpose of the Society only, as may be ordered by the Society or Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each annual meeting shall make report and submit his accounts for audit. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN.

SEC. 9. The Historian shall have charge of the membership records and the historical, genealogical and biographical collections of the Society. He shall make such returns as may be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

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DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SEC. 10. The Board of Managers shall have the general superintendence of the interests and business of the Society. They shall perform such other duties as may be committed to them by the Society. At each annual meeting they shall make a general report. Four members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 11. When not fewer than seven members of this Society residing in the same locality desire to organize a Chapter thereof, they shall present a written request to the Board of Managers for authority to do so, which authority being granted, they may adopt such a Constitution and By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Society, as they may deem proper.

They shall have authority to admit members to the Chapter, but all such members must first be members in good standing of this Society, and none but such shall be continued in membership in any Chapter.

The President of any Chapter having a membership of not less than twelve members shall be, ex officio, a member of the Board of Managers of this Society.

A Chapter may select one or more delegates to represent it at any meeting of the Society.

In the election of officers for this Society, such a delegate or delegation shall be entitled to cast the votes of the Chapter only by presenting proxies therefor.

Upon all other issues before this Society, a Chapter may certify its actual vote, pro and con, to this Society, and such vote shall have the same potency as if cast by members of the Society actually present and voting:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 12. At all annual meetings of this Society, the following order of business shall be observed, viz:

1. Opening exercises.
2. Calling roll of officers and members.
3. Reading minutes of last meeting.
4. Reports of officers in their order.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Election of Officers, Board of Managers and Delegates.
8. New business.
9. Final adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 13. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society, by a vote of a majority of the members of the Society; provided, that a notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to every member at least one month prior to such meeting.

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Roll Meeting for July 7, 97	<p>Board of Managers; Philip Dindley, Dallas; Robt. S. West, Austin; H. B. McCarroll, Galveston; L. S. Allen, Galveston.</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded and carried that the President be authorized to call a meeting in this city on July 4th 1897, to participate in the ceremony of celebrating that occasion.</p>																		
Stationary	<p>On motion the secretary and historian were authorized to select the necessary stationary and paraphernalia of the society.</p>																		
Adjournment	<p>On motion, meeting then adjourned</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. P. Allen, Secretary.</p>																		