

C O N S T I T U T I O N  
O F  
T H E T E X A S S O C I E T Y  
S O N S O F T H E A M E R I C A N R E V O L U T I O N , I N C .  
\* \* \*

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Society shall be "TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those, who by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American People; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to them and the Community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as the documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American People.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible for membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain; provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

SECTION 2. The acceptance of any eligible man to membership shall first be subject to the approval of the National Society, and further subject to approval of the Board of Managers of this Society, or a committee created by the Board of Managers for such purpose, and the Local Chapter to which he is to become a member.

SECTION 3. There shall be two classes of membership: Active members and life members. There shall be no honorary members.

SECTION 4. An Active member is one who is in good standing and not a life member. By good standing as used in this Constitution and in the By-Laws of this Society, is meant a member who is current with payment of his dues and who has not been suspended or expelled from the Society.

SECTION 5. An Active member of this Society in good standing who has been an active member in good standing for a continuous period of Twenty-five years may, upon attaining the age of sixty-five and contingent upon a majority vote of the Board of Managers, become a life member.

SECTION 6. Applications for membership shall be made through any Local Chapter.

SECTION 7. The official designation of the members of this Society shall be "Compatriot."

SECTION 8. The Board of Managers may also elect to life membership those members who by reason of long length of membership, advanced age, impaired physical or mental condition, or impaired ability to pay dues, or any combination of such factors, are deemed by the Board of Managers to merit such consideration.

#### ARTICLE IV - DISTRICTS

SECTION 1. The State of Texas is subdivided into nine Vice-Presidential Districts designated as follows:

- (1). Western District
- (2). Northern District
- (3). Southwestern District
- (4). Central District
- (5). North Central District
- (6). Northeastern District
- (7). Southeastern District
- (8). East Central District
- (9). South Central District

SECTION 2. The names of the Texas Counties comprising the respective Vice-Presidential Districts are as follows:

District Number 1, Western District---Counties:

El Paso, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Glasscock, Sterling, Schleicher, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Midland, Regan, Irion, Sutton, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, Upton, Crocket, Coke, Edwards, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Terrell, Val Verde, and Tom Green.

District Number 2, Northern District---Counties:

Dallam, Parmer, Gaines, Hockley, Potter, Lubbock, Hansford, Briscoe, Borden, Gray, Dickens, Lipscomb, Childress, Fisher, Hartley, Bailey, Andrews, Terry, Randall, Lynn, Hutchison, Floyd, Howard, Donley, Kent, Hemphill, Cottle, Nolan, Oldham, Cochran, Castro, Sherman, Swisher, Dawson, Carson, Crosby, Ochiltree, Hall, Scurry, Wheeler, King, Deaf Smith, Yoakum, Lamb, Moore, Hale, Martin, Armstrong, Garza, Roberts, Motley, Mitchell, Collingsworth, and Stonewall.

District Number 3, Southwestern District---Counties:

Kinney, Zavala, Medina, Atascosa, Bee, Refugio, Maverick, Dimmitt, Frio, McMullen, DeWitt, Aransas, Real, Kerr, LaSalle, Wilson, Goliad, Jackson, Uvalde, Bandera, Bexar, Karnes, Victoria, Calhoun, and Live Oak.

District Number 4, Central District---Counties:

Concho, Mason, Blanco, Coryell, Hayes, Guadalupe, Milan, Lavaca, Menard, Gillespie, Kendall, Bell, Comal, Gonzales, Burleson, Lime-stone, Kimble, San Saba, Lampasas, Williamson, Bastrop, McLennan, Lee, McCulloch, Llano, Burnet, Travis, Caldwell, Falls, Fayette, Robertson, Madison, Leon, Brazos, Grimes, Washington, Colorado, Austin, and Waller.

District Number 5, North Central District---Counties:

Hardeman, Jones, Baylor, Coleman, Stephens, Jack, Mills, Parker, Cook, Hill, Foard, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Eastland, Hamilton, Palo Pinto, Hood, Denton, Knox, Runnels, Shackelford, Archer, Brown, Erath, Montague, Somervell, Tarrant, Haskell, Wilbarger, Callahan, Young, Clay, Comanche, Wise, Bosque, and Johnson.

District Number 6, Northeastern District---Counties:

Grayson, Ellis, Hunt, Anderson, Rains, Morris, Collin, Navarro, Kaufman, Lamar, Wood, Camp, Dallas, Freestone, Van Zandt, Delta, Red River, Upshur, Rockwall, Fannin, Henderson, Hopkins, Titus, Smith, Gregg, Cass, Cherokee, Marion, Rusk, Harrison, Bowie, and Panola.

District Number 7, Southeastern District---Counties:  
Wharton, Montgomery, Chambers, Matagorda, Harris, Hardin, Fort  
Bend, Galveston, Jefferson, Brazoria, Liberty, and Orange.

District Number 8, East Central District---Counties:  
Houston, San Jacinto, Shelby, Newton, Walker, Nacogdoches, San  
Augustine, Trinity, Angelina, Sabine, Polk, Tyler, and Jasper.

District Number 9, South Central District---Counties:  
Webb, Starr, San Patricio, Willacy, Zapata, Jim Wells, Nueces,  
Cameron, Duval, Brooks, Kleberg, Jim Hogg, Hidalgo, and Kenedy.

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Senior Vice-President, nine District Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Genealogist, Chancellor, Chaplain, and Organizing Secretary, whose duties shall be those as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting of the Society, shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The office of Chancellor may be held by any other officer except the President.

SECTION 2. At each annual meeting of the State Society there shall be elected nine Vice-Presidents, each to be designated as a District Vice-President, except as otherwise specifically prescribed by Section 1 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the State Society.

SECTION 3. All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations made by a committee for such purpose shall be considered nominations from the floor.

SECTION 4. Members of the State Society who hold membership in a Local Chapter in the District in which the annual meeting of the State Society is being held, by that fact shall be ineligible for nomination and/or election to the office of President of the State Society.

#### ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF MANAGERS

SECTION 1. The officers named in Article V, Section 1, of this Constitution upon their election and installation, during their respective term of office, the immediate Past President, the duly elected and acting National Trustee and those members in good standing who have been Presidents of this Society, and all present and past General Officers of the National Society, who during such term of National Society office were and are now members of this State Society, shall comprise the Board

of Managers of this State Society. They shall receive such compensation for the performances of such service and expense, as shall be provided in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2. The Board of Managers shall have such power and authority as conferred by this Constitution and the By-Laws of this Society.

SECTION 3. The Board of Managers shall have power to act by the use of a mail, telegram, telephone, or telephone conference ballot in lieu of a Board Meeting. The State Secretary, upon written or verbal request of the President, shall cause a mail, telegram, or telephone vote to be taken, or conduct a telephone conference, on any business that may be transacted by the Board at any meeting, unless specifically herein otherwise provided. The President may personally call and conduct such ballot if he so desires. If the President shall be unavailable, disabled, or shall refuse to call such ballot, the Secretary shall call such a ballot upon the verbal or written request of any seven members of the Board, or any such seven members of the Board, upon an agreement between them may personally call such a ballot. Not less than seven of the then existing membership of the Board shall be required to vote upon any question presented by the use of mail, telephone, telegram, or telephone conference ballot, and shall constitute a quorum therefor, and an affirmative vote of the majority of those voting shall be necessary for adoption. No prior notice of such ballot shall be required. The results of such balloting shall be given to all members of the Board of Managers and such shall become a part of the minutes of the next succeeding meeting. No such method of balloting will be permitted as to Article VIII, Sections 5 and 6.

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held each year not less than sixty days prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society, for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business brought before it, including the nomination of a National Trustee.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, and shall be called by him when so directed by the majority of the Board of Managers or when requested by at least six Local Chapters of this Society, on giving thirty days notice to the President of the Local Chapters, specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be transacted.



## ARTICLE VIII - LOCAL CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. Local Chapters now organized shall continue their existence, but subject to this Constitution and the By-Laws of this Society.

SECTION 2. One or more Local Chapters of this Society may be organized or re-activated at any time or times in any city, town or village in this State upon written application of not less than six members of this Society in good standing or not less than six persons eligible for membership in the Society and after due notification to the District Vice-President by the State Secretary, upon approval of the majority of the Board of Managers. The petition shall be addressed to the State Secretary. Provided, however, that the full amount of the dues for the current year must accompany the petition, and, if any of those signers of the petition are not members of the Society, approval of the Board of Managers shall be withheld until their membership is duly passed upon and granted.

SECTION 3. Local Chapters may adopt a Constitution and By-Laws and provide for the change and/or amendment thereof, but they shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, and any conflict shall render such conflicting provision or provisions void.

SECTION 4. Local Chapters shall hold an annual meeting not less than thirty days prior to the annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of business. The names and addresses of the officers elected shall be immediately forwarded to the State Secretary.

SECTION 5. Any Local Chapter may surrender its charter to this Society. The Charter of a Local Chapter may be forfeited or revoked by the Board of Managers of this Society for good and sufficient cause if three-fourths of the members of the Board of Managers present vote in the affirmative, a majority of those comprising the Board being present. If a charter be forfeited or revoked by the Board of Managers, the Local Chapter involved may appeal such action to the Board at the next annual meeting of this Society. The By-Laws of this Society may prescribe procedures for forfeiting or revoking a charter of a Local Chapter not inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 6. If any Local Chapter becomes defunct by surrender, forfeiture or revocation of its charter, the Board of Managers of this Society, acting as trustee, shall take over the real and personal property owned and held by such Local Chapter at such times as it becomes defunct and such property shall be disposed of in such a manner as shall be prescribed by any annual meeting of this Society.

## ARTICLE IX - INITIATION FEE AND DUES

The By-Laws of this Society shall provide for the payment of initiation fees and annual dues. If any member fails to pay the annual dues within the required time, he shall be dropped from active membership in the Society. A dropped member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office or take part in the proceedings of a Local Chapter or of this Society, but may become an active member as prescribed in the By-Laws. A dropped member is entitled to none of the privileges of membership.

## ARTICLE X - EXPULSION

SECTION 1. If any member is by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, he shall automatically cease to be a member of this Society.

SECTION 2. Any member of this Society who advocates, or has advocated, an overthrow of the Government of the United States, the State of Texas, or any other state of this Nation, by force or violence, or who advocates, or has advocated any treasonable act against the Government, whether or not an overt act is actually committed, shall be expelled from this Society upon being found guilty of such offense by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. If any member is deemed guilty of an offense designated in Section 2 of this Article he shall be charged therewith in writing. The charges shall be filed with the State Secretary who shall forthwith deliver it to the President of this Society and each member of the Board of Managers, by mail or otherwise, a copy thereof, and shall also deliver by mail or otherwise a copy to the accused. A meeting of the Board of Managers for the purpose of hearing such charge shall be called within not to exceed sixty days after receipt thereof by the State Secretary, unless a regular meeting of the Board of Managers is held within such a period of time. The accused shall receive not less than seven days notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Managers. The Board of Managers shall hear the evidence and determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. No member shall be expelled except upon the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Managers present at such hearing.

SECTION 4. If any member of this Society is found guilty by the Board of Managers of an offense set forth in Section 2 of this Article, and expelled from this Society, he shall be entitled to appeal such expulsion to the next annual meeting of this Society by giving written notice to the State Secretary of such appeal within five days from the date of expulsion. Pending final action by this Society at its annual meeting the accused shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society.

SECTION 5. Any appeal from the Board of Managers to the membership of this Society shall be governed by the rules applied by the Courts of this State to an appeal from an administrative board created by any law of this State, and the substantial evidence rule shall be applicable.

#### ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be superseded by a new Constitution, amended, or in any manner changed, at any annual meeting of the Society or at any special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the proposed new Constitution, change or amendment shall be provided in writing to all members of the Society, by the Secretary, not less than thirty days prior to the annual or special meeting of the Society at which the same is to be considered. Any changes voted by the meeting shall be incorporated therein upon final adoption. A two-thirds vote of the delegates present shall be required for adoption..

#### ARTICLE XII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall be in full force immediately upon its adoption and the meeting at which it is adopted shall be governed thereby.

GEORGE C. THOMPSON  
Chancellor  
March 31, 1982

CLOVIS H. BRAKEBILL  
President

ADRIEN F. DROUILHET  
Secretary



B Y - L A W S  
OF  
THE TEXAS SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC.  
\* \* \*

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Application for membership shall be made through a Local Chapter upon duplicate blank forms prescribed by the National Society, and shall in each case set forth the name, occupation, residence of the applicant, line of decent, and the name, residence and services of his ancestor or ancestors in the American Revolution, from whom he claims eligibility. Any application for membership containing references to persons born on or after January 1, 1930, shall not be considered unless accompanied by an affidavit of the applicant to the effect that the line of decent upon which the applicant relies is entirely by blood and included no relationship created by adoption or otherwise. However, if there is no local Chapter within the radius of one hundred miles of the residence of the applicant, the application may be made direct to the State Secretary.

SECTION 2. An applicant for membership must be endorsed by two members in good standing and he shall make oath that the statements in his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. If the application is approved by the Local Chapter, it shall then be forwarded to the State Secretary, together with the admission or registration fee. The State Secretary shall in time examine the claims of the applicant for eligibility and forward the same to the Registrar General of the National Society. No applicant shall be admitted to membership until the Registrar General of the National Society approves such application.

SECTION 3. Each member shall be entitled to receive a Certificate of Membership from the National Society duly attested by the President General and Secretary General. Such Certificates of Membership shall be countersigned by the President and Secretary of this Society.

SECTION 4. The official designation of members of this Society shall be "Compatriot."

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. Whenever the term "National Society" is used, it shall mean the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

SECTION 2. Whenever the term "this Society" is used it shall mean the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

#### ARTICLE III - LOCAL CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. The membership of the Society shall be organized in Local Chapters.

SECTION 2. Each Local Chapter shall regulate all matters pertaining to its membership and affairs, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society and this Society.

SECTION 3. Whenever any Local Chapter shall become defunct by the surrender, forfeiture or revocation of its Charter, any member thereof may, upon application made within one year after such Local Chapter so becomes defunct, if the applicant was at the time of the surrender, or loss, of said Charter, a member in good standing of such Local Chapter, be admitted to any other Local Chapter without payment of any initiation fee; subject, however, to the acceptance of such applicant in due form by the Local Chapter to which application is made.

SECTION 4. Each Local Chapter shall submit to the annual meeting of this Society a report setting forth by name any additions, transfers, deaths and any other changes in the membership, and the progress of the Local Chapter during the preceeding year, and make such suggestions as it shall deem proper for the promotion of the objects of this Society.

SECTION 5. The State Secretary may, at any time, require a report from Local Chapters, giving lists of officers, members in good standing, meetings held, an account of activities for the period covered, and such other data and information as may be desired.

SECTION 6. Whenever a member in good standing desires to transfer his membership from one Local Chapter to another, he shall first seek to be accepted by election into the Local Chapter of his choice; which election shall be reported to both the State Secretary and the losing Local Chapter by the gaining Local Chapter. However, his membership shall continue in the former until he shall have been elected a member of the latter. In the case of the formation of, or reorganization of Local Chapters, the release of charter members of the new Chapter by the old Chapter shall not be necessary.

#### ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS IN GENERAL

The duties of the officers of this Society shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed and such powers as shall be delegated to them by the

annual meeting of this Society or by the Board of Managers. They shall render reports at the annual meetings of this Society.

#### ARTICLE V - PRESIDENT

The President, in addition to his general duties, shall maintain a general supervision over the business and affairs of this Society. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for, and be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Managers, and a member of all committees of this Society.

#### ARTICLE V (A) - SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

The Senior Vice-President shall not automatically become President at the conclusion of his term as Senior Vice-President. The Senior Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees and have the responsibility for coordinating the work of the various District Vice-Presidents and committees under the direction and control of the President. The Senior Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President. However, under no circumstances shall the office and duties of the Senior Vice-President intrude into or impinge upon the functions and duties of the office of the President or any other regularly elected officer of the Society, or Chairman or member of a committee. The Senior Vice-President shall have no authority to initiate, pursue or maintain any course of action unless authorized by the President consistent with this Article.

#### ARTICLE VI - VICE-PRESIDENTS

SECTION 1. In the election of nine Vice-Presidents, one shall be elected from each of the nine districts provided for by the Constitution of this Society. If, however, at the time of the annual meeting of this Society there is no active chapter in any District, then the election of a Vice-President for any such District may be omitted, or an additional Vice-President for such District may be elected from any of the other Districts, but in no event more than two Vice-Presidents from any one District.

SECTION 2. The nine Vice-Presidential Districts provided by the Constitution of this Society have been defined therein (Section 2, Article IV) by the naming of the Counties comprising each District respectively. A map consistent therewith but subordinate thereto, outlining and identifying each District, has been prepared and shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and the State Secretary and maintained in the latter's office for reference, copies of which may be obtained by any member.

SECTION 3. At each annual meeting of the State Society there shall be elected nine Vice-Presidents, each to be designated as a "District Vice-President," except as otherwise specifically prescribed by Section 1 of Article VI of the By-Laws of this Society.

SECTION 4. The Vice-Presidents shall, in each of their respective Districts, seek in every manner to promote the interest and activities of this Society; visit the Local Chapters; and encourage the organization of new Local Chapters and the enrollment of new members. They shall represent the Society in the absence of the President on any proper occasion, but acting at all times under his direction and control.

#### ARTICLE VII - SECRETARY AND TREASURER

SECTION 1. The State Secretary, in addition to his regular duties, shall have charge of the seal, and give due notice of all meetings of this Society or the Board of Managers. He shall give due notice to all officers of this Society and Local Chapters on all votes, orders, and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties. He shall distribute all pamphlets, circulars, rosettes, and supplies, as directed by the Board of Managers, and shall also serve as Secretary of the Board of Managers and at all annual and special meetings of this Society. He shall receive such compensations as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer, in addition to his general duties, shall have the general supervision of collecting, safekeeping, depositing and disbursing all funds and securities of this Society, and shall conform to the following:

- A. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution in such accounts and depositories as shall be designated by the Board of Managers.
- B. Disbursements shall be made by check signed as designated from time to time by the Board of Managers.
- C. He shall be placed under bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Managers.
- D. The accounts of this Society shall be audited annually by Certified Public Accountants selected by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. The office of Secretary-Treasurer may be held by one and the same person.

#### ARTICLE VII (A) - ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The functions and duties of the office of the Organizing Secretary shall be those as shall be prescribed by the National Society for an Organizing Secretary of a State Society, provided that the same shall not be inconsistent with or intrude upon the functions and duties of any other officer of this Society. Upon presentation to the State Secretary of itemized, detailed expense accounts for expenses incurred toward organizing new S. A. R. Chapters in Texas, the State Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by him in a total sum not to exceed \$300.00 in any annual term of office.

#### ARTICLE VIII - REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall keep complete and accurate records of all new members, deaths, transfers, and cooperate closely with the Secretary.

#### ARTICLE IX - HISTORIAN AND GENEALOGIST

SECTION 1. The Historian shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Board of Managers and to the officers for the collection and preservation of historical and genealogical material, shall cooperate with the historians of the Local Chapters in collecting and recording information in reference to historical sites and other related matters, and shall make a report at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. The Genealogist shall keep a record of the history and genealogy of the members and render all reasonable assistance to prospective members in establishing their eligibility for membership.

SECTION 3. The office of Historian and Genealogist may be held by one and the same person.

#### ARTICLE X - CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor shall be an Attorney-at-Law and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Society when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers, and also to act as the Parliamentarian at all meetings of this Society and the Board of Managers, and shall annually prepare a revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, incorporating therein all amendments and changes to each, respectively, and deleting therefrom all repealed portions thereof and annually submit such revised copies of such documents to the Board of Managers immediately before each annual State Convention.



## ARTICLE XI - CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall be a regularly ordained and licensed Minister, and shall open and close meetings of this Society with the services usual and proper on such occasions.

## ARTICLE XII - BOARD OF MANAGERS

SECTION 1. The Board of Managers shall be the custodian of the State Headquarters Building, if and when one is constructed, and all other real and personal property belonging to the State Society. If any Local Chapter becomes defunct or its Charter is forfeited, the Board of Managers shall take over as Trustee all real and personal property belonging to such Local Chapter and same shall be disposed of as prescribed by any annual or special meeting of this Society.

SECTION 2. The Board of Managers shall have charge of and manage the business and affairs of this Society and perform such other duties as be committed to it by any annual or special meeting of this Society. However, the Board of Managers shall not have power to sell, encumber, or in any manner dispose of any real estate belonging to the State Society, or incur any liability other than for the ordinary current expenses, unless authorized by an annual or special meeting of this Society, or by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the members of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 3. The Board of Managers may in its discretion allocate reasonable sums of money for the purpose of carrying out the program of any committee or committees of this Society; and, the allocation of any such money shall be considered as "ordinary current expenses."

SECTION 4. The Board of Managers shall have the power to admit or reorganize as a Local Chapter any association of six persons duly qualified for membership in this Society. Such Local Chapters shall be admitted, or reorganized, and shall always exist under such Charters from this Society, which may be granted, and which may be revoked, altered or amended, by the Board, subject to appeal to the next annual meeting of this Society.

SECTION 5. The President may call a meeting of the Board of Managers at any time he may deem necessary, and shall call such meetings upon the written request of any seven members thereof. However, for any meeting, other than such as may be called during the session or immediately upon adjournment of an annual meeting of this Society, not less than ten days notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

SECTION 6. The Board of Managers shall designate the places where the annual meetings of this Society and special meetings of this Society are to be held, unless an annual meeting of this Society designates the place of the next annual meeting; but, the time for holding of same shall in any event be designated by the Board of Managers. If no invitation is extended at an annual meeting to convene in a given town, then the following annual meeting shall be held at or near the town in which the President resides.

SECTION 7. The Board shall have the authority to discipline or to expell any member who by conduct disloyal to the ideals or prejudicial to the interest of the Sons of the American Revolution, shall render himself unworthy of membership therein; provided the accused shall have had due notice and an opportunity to be heard. Any member who feels himself agrieved by the action of the Board acting under the power shall have the right to appeal to the next succeeding annual meeting.

SECTION 8. In the event of the death or disability of any of the officers of this Society, the Board shall have the power to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of office.

SECTION 9. The Board shall perform such other and further duties as may be conferred upon it by an annual or special meeting of this Society. However, the duties so conferred shall be ineffective if in conflict with the duties conferred by the Constitution or these By-Laws.

SECTION 10. The Board of Managers, upon presenting an itemized expense account within ten days after a Board of Managers meeting, or after any other authorized Society business, shall be allowed expenses incurred, provided these do not exceed the sum of \$25.00. This expense payment does not apply to Board meetings during and immediately prior to a State Convention.

#### ARTICLE XIII - OTHER COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The President shall appoint the following committees: Auditing, Credentials, Resolutions, Nominations, and such other committees as he may deem necessary or that he may be authorized by any annual or special meeting of this Society, or by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. The duties of all such committees shall be as usually pertain to committees of like character.

SECTION 3. Resolutions shall, so far as possible, first be submitted to and passed by the Local Chapter, and in turn, sent to the State Secretary, who shall cause the same to be reproduced in sufficient copies and made available to the annual meeting for study by members of the Resolutions Committee.

SECTION 4. The acceptance of a Committee report, whether by the Board of Managers or by the delegates at an annual meeting of the State Society, shall constitute nothing more than acceptance of the work done by the officer or committee and permission to file same with the Secretary of the State Society. In order for such a report or any portion thereof to constitute an act by the Board of Managers or of the State Society, the particular action desired to be taken shall be presented in the form of a resolution or other proper motion and shall be dealt with in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedures; otherwise the same shall constitute neither a resolution nor an expression of policy. Provided that resolutions adopted at any meeting of the State Society shall constitute and be a part of the policy of the Society and shall remain so unless or until expressly repealed.

#### ARTICLE XIV - FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The initiation fee for membership in this Society shall be \$45.50, which must accompany the application.

SECTION 2. Such initiation fee shall be distributed as follows:

- a. \$11.50 - Retained by this Society.
- b. \$ 9.00 - Remitted to the Local Chapter in which the applicant holds membership.
- c. \$25.00 - Transmitted to the National Society as the initiation fee.

SECTION 3. The annual dues to the State Society are \$22.00, payable direct to the State Secretary-Treasurer. Such dues shall be distributed as follows:

- a. \$ 7.50 - Retained by the State Society.
- b. \$ 6.50 - Remitted to the Local Chapter in which the member holds membership
- c. \$ 8.00 - Transmitted to the National Society.

SECTION 4. The annual dues shall be payable on or before the last day of December of each year. Notice of such dues shall be given by the State Treasurer to each member on or before November 1st of each year. Any member who fails to pay such dues on or before the last day of December of each year shall be deemed to be delinquent, and unless such dues are paid on or before the first day of April of the next succeeding year, may again become an active member of this Society only by reinstatement as elsewhere prescribed by the By-Laws.

SECTION 5.

- a. On or before May 15th of each year, the State Treasurer shall remit to each Local Chapter the local portion of

the dues collected from the members of such chapter prior to March 31st of said year.

- b. The State Treasurer shall remit to the National Society the national portion of the dues collected from the members of the State Society.

SECTION 6. Local Chapters of this Society may require the payment of additional dues for membership in the Local Chapters. In such event, all such dues shall be collected by the designated authority of each Local Chapter and shall not be the responsibility of this Society or its Treasurer.

SECTION 7. A male member of the Children of the American Revolution, the Children of the Revolution, and the Washington Guard, in good standing, who shall apply for membership in the Society on or before one year after his twenty-first birthday may, if eligible and elected to membership in any local Chapter, present a transfer card and S. A. R. application to the State Secretary in lieu of the initiation fee. The transfer card shall be accompanied by the cash sum, or its equivalent, of \$6.50, and he shall not be required to pay any dues until after the expiration of the next succeeding fiscal year. \$3.50 shall constitute the per capita charge of the National Society, \$2.00 shall be for Certificate of Membership, \$1.00 shall be retained by the State, such sums of money to be forwarded by the State Secretary to the National Society within the proper time.

SECTION 8. A son of a member of this Society, son of a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, or the son of a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (his parent being a member in good standing of his or her said Organization at the time of such son's application, if living, or if deceased at the time of his or her death), if eligible and elected to membership in any Local Chapter, before attaining the age of twenty-five years may be admitted to membership without payment of any initiation fee. However, such application shall be accompanied by the annual dues of this Society for the current year and the additional sum of \$2.00 for the Certificate of Membership. Exemptions from the payment of an initiation fee shall not be construed to mean exemption from the payment of one full year's dues with each application for membership, plus the then current charge of the National Society for the issuance of a Certificate of Membership, but said dues and charges shall be required, and such exemption as so construed, shall also extend to and include a grandson or a nephew of a member in good Standing of one of said organizations mention in this Section.

SECTION 9. A fee of \$15.00 shall accompany each supplemental claim to establish additional ancestral lines of eligibility.

SECTION 10. A member who is delinquent in the payment of his dues shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of a member of this Society or any Local Chapter. If any member is holding an office or the member of a committee at the time he becomes delinquent in the payment of his dues he shall automatically be dropped from such office or committee.

SECTION 11. A member who is delinquent in the payment of dues may again become an active member of this Society by payment to the State Treasurer of such annual dues for the current year and payment of \$6.00 as reinstatement fee.

SECTION 12. In the event of any changes in the dues or the charges by the National Society they shall be automatically adopted as part of these By-Laws without the necessity of any amendment thereto.

SECTION 13. As to all applications for membership approved by the National Society within the last three months of a calendar year, dues for the following year will be considered as paid. The applicant will receive his membership card showing that his dues are so paid for the following year.

#### ARTICLE XV - FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of this Society shall commence on January 1st of each year and end on the last day of December of such year.

#### ARTICLE XVI - DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The following shall be members of the Annual Meeting or any Meeting and entitled to vote therein:

- a. All resident national officers, state officers, and all Past State Presidents.
- b. One delegate at large from each Local Chapter.
- c. One delegate from every seven members or fraction thereof of each Local Chapter; provided, however, that any Local Chapter having less than seven members shall be entitled to one delegate. The delegate shall be selected in accordance with the rules prescribed by each Local Chapter; provided, however, that all delegates must be members of the Society in good standing.



- d. Local Chapters shall not be entitled to vote their entire authorized delegate strength unless the number of authorized delegates are personally present at the meeting. Only those delegates personally present shall be entitled to vote, and each such delegate shall be entitled to only one vote.
- e. Any member entitled to vote under more than one of the foregoing paragraphs shall elect under which category he casts his vote, and shall not be entitled to vote under more than one category.
- f. Delinquent dues paying members shall not be eligible to participate in any annual or special meeting of the State Society, unless his delinquency is cured at least sixty (60) days before the date of such State Meeting as shown by the records of the State Secretary.

SECTION 2. Local Chapters shall be represented at annual meetings of this Society by members chosen in either of the following manners:

- a. By members of their Local Chapter, either duly elected or who, in the absence of regularly elected delegates, may be chosen by the regularly elected attending delegates of such Local Chapter, from the members of such Local Chapter who may be present at any meeting of this Society, or
- b. In the event that a Local Chapter for any reason does not have a delegate attending any meeting of this Society, such Local Chapter shall be and is hereby authorized and in such manner as the Local Chapter shall determine, to select as its alternate at any such meeting, some member of this Society who shall be a member of another Local Chapter, which is a Local Chapter of the same District as the Local Chapter appointing an alternate delegate for a Local Chapter hereunder shall be the duly accredited representative of the Local Chapter appointing same with all the rights, powers, and privileges of a member of said Local Chapter chosen in the manner hereinabove provided in Sub-section a. of this Section 2; provided, however that no Local Chapter shall have a right to choose in excess of one proxy hereunder and no person chosen as such a proxy shall have the right to cast more than one vote in behalf of the Local Chapter designating him as its proxy on any matter coming before the meeting of this Society for which he holds a proxy, and he shall not be entitled to vote as a delegate, or otherwise, of the Local Chapter of which he is a member.

## ARTICLE XVII - PERMANENT FUND

There may be created and maintained by the Board of Managers a permanent fund of this Society. In the event of the creation of such a fund it shall be maintained and its use governed by the Board of Managers. Provided, however, that any and all action by the Board of Managers with respect to the creation or any other matter concerning such fund, shall be by two-thirds vote of those present. Provided, further, that the creation and maintenance of such fund and all regulations and rules with respect thereto may be adopted by any regular or special meeting of this Society.

## ARTICLE XVIII - SEAL

SECTION 1. If at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws a seal for this Society has been adopted, it shall remain the seal of this Society. If, however, such a seal has not been adopted, then the Board of Managers shall adopt such a seal in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 2. The seal of this Society shall be used on all documents and larger certificates.

## ARTICLE XIX - INSIGNIA

SECTION 1. The insignia of this Society shall be the insignia adopted and in use by the National Society. All such insignia shall be used in conformity with and as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society.

SECTION 2. Insignia for President. The Board of Managers of the Texas Society is hereby directed, from State Funds, to purchase the Sons of the American Revolution ceremonial badge prescribed by the National Society for State Presidents within sufficient time before the annual meeting of the Texas Society at which the officers are elected, and such ceremonial badge be presented to the newly elected President of the State Society immediately upon his induction into office.

## ARTICLE XX - OFFICIAL STANDARD

The flag of this Society shall consist of three equal vertical bars, blue, white and buff, the blue bar at the hoist. Upon the center of the white bar is the insignia of the Society and the name "THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

ARTICLE XXI - ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The following shall be the order of business at all annual and special meetings of this Society:

- a. Calling the meeting to order by the President.
- b. Opening prayer by the Chaplain.
- c. Address by the President.
- d. Appointment of Committees on:
  - Credentials
  - Rules and Order of Business
  - Official Reports and Recommendations
  - Resolutions
- e. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- f. Reading of Changes, Alterations or Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws.
- g. Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
- h. Report of Board of Managers.
- i. Report of Officers.
- j. Reports of Standing Committees.
- k. Reports of Special Committees.
- l. Old and unfinished business.
- m. New Business, including the election of Officers.
- n. Adjournment.

SECTION 2. The meeting may suspend this order of business by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE XXII - QUORUM FOR MEETINGS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS

SECTION 1. A quorum at any annual or special meeting of this Society shall be fifteen delegates from three or more Local Chapters.

SECTION 2. A quorum of the Board of Managers shall consist of seven members.

#### ARTICLE XXIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be changed, altered, amended, or substituted in whole or in part, by a two-thirds vote at an annual or special meeting of this Society; provided that a copy of such change, alteration, amendment, or substitution shall have been provided to the general membership by the Secretary not less than thirty days prior to the Convention at which the same is to be voted upon.

#### ARTICLE XXIV - PATRIOTS FUND

SECTION 1. The Patriots Fund of this Society as presently constituted and currently operating under the Resolution creating and establishing the same, adopted at Lubbock, Texas, at its Annual State Convention assembled March-April, 1978, is hereby incorporated in and made a part of the By-Laws of this Society, and in the same and identical language as that of its said adopting Resolution in 1978, which language reads as follows:

- A. Resolved: That the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution does hereby create and establish an AGENCY of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to be known by the name "PATRIOTS FUND." The purpose and functions of this agency shall be to handle and manage the assets of the Society as follows:
1. Gifts received by the Society to further its stated purposes and objects; and
  2. Assets which may be turned over to it by the Society.
- B. The assets of the "Patriots Fund" shall be maintained separate and apart from all other assets of the Society.
- C. The "PATRIOTS FUND" Shall be administered by a Board of Trustees comprising seven members of the Society who be in good standing during the period of their service. The membership of the Board shall be composed of the President and the Chancellor of the Society and five other members who shall be appointed by the President in the manner and for the terms as hereinbelow set forth. Except as below indicated, the said five members shall each serve for a period of five years in staggered terms with the term of one of said members expiring at the end of each regular annual Convention. In computing terms of tenure,

each year shall be constructed to be the period commencing at the end of one regular annual Convention of the Society and terminating at the end of the next succeeding regular annual Convention of the Society. Initially, the President shall appoint the first five Trustees and designate with respect to each the term for which each is to serve, to-wit:

- One for one year;
- One for two years;
- One for three years;
- One for four years; and
- One for five years.

Thereinafter, the then President shall annually appoint one Successor Trustee for a five year term at the expiration of the term of office of a Trustee. The Trustee shall continue to hold office after the expiration of his term until his successor has been appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring on the Board by death, resignation, disability, removal or for any other cause, shall be filled by the President, with such Successor-Trustee to serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Initially, when the Board is activated, the President shall designate one of the Trustees to be the Temporary Chairman of the Board who shall set the time and place for the organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees. At the organizational meeting and thereafter at its annual meeting, as hereinbelow provided, the Trustees shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall serve in said respective capacities until their successors are elected and qualified. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of Chairman in the absence, disability, resignation or vacancy in the office.

- D. The Trustees shall meet once a year, during or immediately before or following the regular annual Convention of the Society and the Chairman shall set the date, time and place for such annual meeting. The Trustees shall meet at such other times at the call of the Chairman. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The decisions of the Board shall require the concurrence of four of its members.
- E. When the separate office of Secretary and the separate office of Treasurer of the Texas Society is held by one person, said person shall, in his said capacities, attend each of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. Where the office of Secretary is held by one person, and the office of Treasurer is held by another person, both officers shall attend all meetings



of the Board of Trustees. Said officers shall not be entitled to a vote on the Board. The Secretary of the Texas Society shall be the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and shall keep full and complete minutes of its proceedings. Copies of same shall be furnished to each Board member within ten days after the Board Meeting.

- F. Withdrawal of money from any account maintained by the "PATRIOTS FUND" shall require the signature of any two of the following named Trustees: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer of the Board, or two of such othermembers as may be expressly authorized by the Trustees for that purpose.
- G. The Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services and shall receive no reimbursement for traveling or other expenses in attending meetings of the Board.
- H. Operating costs and expenses for administering the "PATRIOTS FUND" shall be borne by the general fund of the Texas Society.
- I. Administrative expenses for the Board of Trustees shall not exceed the sum of \$50.00 for each three month period. Upon its request, money, as needed, and not to exceed such sum, shall be made available to the Board by the Treasurer of the Society. Further administrative expenses for such period shall require the authorization of the Board of Managers or of the Convention of the Society.
- J. However worthy it may be, the Trustees shall have no authority to initiate or execute any project or any undertaking to further the stated purposes and objects of the Society or to act in the name of the Society in any such activity. The sole function and purpose of the Trustees shall be to manage and handle the assets of the "PATRIOTS FUND" as the agency of the Society within the scope and latitude hereinbelow more fully detailed. Only the Society shall have the authority to initiate and execute projects and undertakings in the furtherance of the stated purposes and objects of the Society. The Society, in projects and undertakings in the furtherances of its stated purposes and objects, shall from time to time as it deems proper, call upon the "PATRIOTS FUND" to make available to it certain specified monies and assets which request shall be complied with by the Trustees in the orderly administration of the assets of the said fund.
- K. The assets of the "PATRIOTS FUND" shall be administered in accord with this RESOLUTION and in conformity with the stated

PURPOSES and OBJECTS of this Society and the POLICIES promulgated for it by the Society, and at all times shall be subject to the ultimate CONTROL of the Society. Consistent therewith, the Trustees shall proceed in investing, reinvesting, exchanging, retaining, selling, supervising and managing said assets for the benefit of the Society, and shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing, which men of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of their capital. Within the limitations of the foregoing standards, the Trustees are authorized to acquire and retain every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, and every kind of investment, specifically including but not by way of limitation, bonds, debentures and other corporate obligations, and stocks, preferred or common, and interests in investment trusts and mutual funds, which men of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence acquire or retain for their own account.

- L. The "PATRIOTS FUND" Shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant with the expense thereof to be borne by the Society. Such audit, together with a report of the Trustees showing the condition of said fund shall be submitted to the first Meeting of the Board of Managers and to the First Annual Convention of the Society following the Audit and the preparation of the report. If the State Society publishes a paper or bulletin, the audit and report shall be published therein.

SECTION 2. The PATRIOTS FUND as a part of the By-Laws is confirmed and continued in operation without transitional change or interruption in the office or its present officers or of the membership of the individual Trustees comprising its Board and of the tenure in office of each respectively, all consistent and in accord with such original establishing Resolution and this Article XXIV.

ARTICLE XXV - EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-Laws shall be in full force immediately upon adoption and the meeting at which they were adopted shall be governed thereby.

GEORGE C. THOMPSON  
Chancellor  
March 31, 1982

CLOVIS H. BRAKEBILL  
President

ADRIEN F. DROUILHET  
State Secretary

R0146057045 CLA GEN  
976.  
4  
S699

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVO  
TEXAS SOCIETY  
ROSTER OF MEMBERS

