

NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PILGRIMS
NATIONAL BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Society shall be **National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims**, also referred to by the names "National Society" and "Society."

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this Society shall be philanthropic, religious, educational, and scientific; to perpetuate the memory, and to foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Pilgrims; to commemorate publicly at stated times principal events in the history of the Pilgrims, and to erect durable memorials to historic men, women, and events; to encourage the study and research of Pilgrim history, especially as related to the foundation of civil government on the principles of religious freedom; to foster and establish such departments of study and of organization as shall seem best to promote social rights, civic virtue, industrial freedom, political equality, the supremacy of just laws, the value and sacredness of the ballot, the purity of the home, temperate and godly living, and the dependence of individuals, communities, states and nations on the guidance of Almighty God, as taught by the Pilgrims.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1. Pilgrim Ancestry. For the purpose of this Society, the term "Pilgrim" shall denote any immigrant who settled before 1700 within the territory which became the forty-eight contiguous states of the United States of America without regard to religion or place of origin.

Section 2. Regular Membership. Any person of good character having attained the age of eighteen years, in lineal descent from any Pilgrim, shall be eligible for regular membership if acceptable to a branch and the National Society. Such a regular member shall affiliate with the Society either through a branch or as a member-at-large. The membership year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each calendar year. (See Article VI Section 6a for the fiscal year.) All membership dues shall become due and payable by December 31 of each year. Any member who has not paid membership dues by the specified date will be reported by Branch Treasurers to the Treasurer General on their annual treasurer's report. The Treasurer General will in coordination with the Registrar General, delete those past due members from the society membership rolls.

Section 3. Junior Membership. Any person of good character under the age of twenty years and of Pilgrim ancestry may be enrolled as a Junior Member. A Junior Member shall not pay annual dues nor have the right to vote.

Section 4. Associate Membership. A spouse of a Regular Member in good standing may be received as an Associate Member. No Associate Member shall be eligible for membership by proven lineal descent, shall wear the official insignia of the Society, shall have the right to vote, nor shall hold office. Dues for an Associate Member may be assessed by the branch to which such member is affiliated, no part of which shall be remitted to the Treasurer General.

Section 5. Honorary Membership. The General Court may elect persons of national prominence to Honorary Membership in the Society. Honorary members shall pay no dues, shall not vote, nor hold office. Honorary members may wear the insignia and an appropriate certificate of membership may be presented.

Section 6. Application Paper. An applicant for regular or junior membership shall present an application typed on the official computer application form with endorsements by two members of the Society in good standing accompanied by the application fee and National dues for the current year. The application shall be retained by the Registrar General. The digitized application shall be electronically returned to the Branch as its copy.

(a) Branch Membership. An applicant to be affiliated with the Society through a branch shall present the application paper and supporting documentation with required fees and dues to the branch registrar. Upon preliminary approval by the Branch Registrar, the application with fees and national dues shall be forwarded promptly to the Registrar General. Upon acceptance by the Registrar General the fees and dues shall be transmitted to the Treasurer General. If the application paper is found to be finally unacceptable by the Registrar General, the national dues shall be transmitted to the Branch Registrar for return to the applicant.

(b) Membership-At-Large. An applicant desiring to affiliate with the Society as a member-at-large shall present the application paper with fees and dues to the Registrar General. Upon acceptance by the Registrar General, the fees and dues shall be transmitted to the Treasurer General, and the application paper shall be retained by the Registrar General. If the application paper is found to be finally unacceptable by the Registrar General, the dues shall be returned to the applicant.

(c) Dual Membership. A member of any branch may be admitted as a dual member to another branch upon approval of the other branch. The member seeking admission shall provide to the other branch a copy of the application paper and proof of membership in good standing in the Society. Such member may retain membership in the original branch adhering to the rules and regulations of both branches. The other branch shall notify the Treasurer General and the Registrar General of the acceptance of such new member. The primary branch is responsible for remitting the dual member's national dues.

Section 7. Membership Certificate. The Assistant Registrar General shall provide a certificate of membership to newly admitted members, duly signed and sealed by the Governor General and the Registrar General.

Section 8. Supplemental Ancestral Line. The original application paper shall include only one ancestral lineage. A supplemental lineage may be submitted to the Registrar General, accompanied by the supplemental fee, in accordance with the procedure for the original application paper. A member affiliated with a branch shall forward the supplemental application papers through the branch Registrar. A member-at-large shall submit a supplemental lineage and fee to the Registrar General.

Section 9. Transfer. A member in good standing who desires a transfer between branches should first get the concurrence of the gaining branch. The member seeking admission shall provide to the gaining branch a copy of the application paper and proof of membership in good standing in the Society. If the transfer is agreeable, the gaining branch will notify the Treasurer General, the Registrar General, and the losing branch of the approved transfer, the effective date, and the new state number. Copies of this notification will also be furnished to the Treasurer General and the Registrar General.

Section 10. Resignation. A resignation shall be granted only to a member in good standing and shall be effective as of the date notice is received by the Treasurer General.

Section 11. Reinstatement. A member who has resigned in good standing may be reinstated upon recommendation of national or branch officers and the payment of current dues. A member who has been dropped from membership or failure to pay dues may be reinstated upon recommendation of National or Branch officers and the payment of dues for the year in which the member was dropped and for the current year.

ARTICLE IV: DUES AND FEES

Section 1. Application Fee. The application fee for regular members shall be \$65 which shall include \$33 National application fee, \$25 genealogist's fee, and \$7 National dues.

The application fee for Junior Members shall be \$50 which shall include \$25 National application fee, and \$25 genealogist's fee.

Section 2. Annual Dues. The annual National dues for a Regular Member shall be \$7 and shall be sent by the Branch Treasurer to the Treasurer General prior to January 15. The annual National dues for a member-at-large shall be \$14 and shall be sent by the member to the Treasurer General prior to January 15.

Section 3. New Members. A member admitted to the Society before September 1 shall pay dues for the current calendar year. The dues of a member admitted after September 1 shall be credited to the year following. Dues for the first year of membership shall be included in the membership fee.

Section 4. Annual Report of Dues. Prior to January 15, \$7 for each branch member in good standing shall be sent to the Treasurer General by the Branch Treasurer. This payment shall be accompanied by the names of the branch members in good standing, listed alphabetically with complete names and addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses with a record of current dues paid, and other membership data: marriage, death, transfer, a member moving from Junior status to Regular membership, resignation, and any member in arrears.

Section 5. Waiver. In a case of hardship, a branch may waive the dues of a member, but the branch shall continue to remit \$7 to the Treasurer General for that member.

Section 6. Supplemental Fee. A supplemental ancestral lineage may be filed with the Registrar General accompanied by a fee of \$40, which shall include \$15 National fee and \$25 genealogist's fee, for each lineage to be verified. If a certificate is desired, an additional \$10 must accompany the supplemental application. A branch member shall forward the supplemental application papers and fee through the Branch Registrar. A member-at-Large shall send the papers and fee to the Registrar General.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers. The elected general officers of this Society shall be a Governor General, a First Deputy Governor General, a Second Deputy Governor General, a Recording Secretary General, a Corresponding Secretary General, an Organizing Secretary General, a Treasurer General, a Registrar General, a Counselor General, a Historian General, an Elder General, a Captain General, and an Editor General.

Section 2. Terms of Office. The terms of all elected general officers shall be two years or until their successors are elected, and there shall be no re-election to the same office except in cases of special competence and expertise. An officer who has served half a term shall be deemed to have served one term.

Section 3. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall deliberate confidentially and independently; at their discretion seeking advice from officers and members of the Society. They shall place in nomination the names of members of proven ability and experience. Nominees shall be chosen from among the constituent branches, giving the widest possible representation. The Nominating Committee shall seek to balance and alternate the nominations between the Sons and Daughters of the Society.

Section 4. Elections. The officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot by the General Court every second year. Should there be but one candidate for each office and there is no dissenting voice, the vote may be taken by voice vote.

Section 5. Installations. The elected officers shall be installed immediately by a Senior Honorary Governor General, or by another designated past officer.

Section 6. Final Duties. All retiring General officers shall immediately, or within thirty days following the election, deliver to their successors in office all pertinent books, records, and documents.

Section 7. Appointive Positions. A Parliamentarian, an Archivist, a Webmaster, a Social Media Manager, and an Assistant Registrar may be appointed by the Governor General to serve during that term of office. These positions do not serve on the Executive Board (however, someone who is otherwise a member of the Executive Board may be appointed to one or more of these positions).

Section 8. Honorary Officers. In recognition of faithful service to the Society, a Governor General, after having served a full term of office, may be elected Honorary Governor General for life by a majority voice vote of the General Court. Honorary Governors General shall have the right to vote at all meetings of the General Court and the Executive Board.

Section 9. Vacancy in Office. Vacancies in office other than Governor General shall be filled by appointment of the Governor General to complete the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Governor General. The Governor General shall exercise leadership and general administrative oversight of the Society as its Chief Executive Officer; shall represent the Society in public affairs; shall preside over the Executive Board and the General Court; shall appoint positions provided in these bylaws, committee members and chairmen except for the nominating committee; shall appoint members to fill vacancies occurring in the general offices of the Society; shall appoint organizing governors for branches in formation or reactivation; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee; shall sign all certificates and commissions; shall have custody of the Great Seal of the Society, and shall have immediate supervision of authorized duplication and reproduction of the same; and shall generally have concern for the welfare, interests, and activities of the Society.

Section 2. Deputy Governors General. The First and Second Deputy Governors General shall assist the Governor General by performing such duties as may be assigned them. They shall be prepared to act in their order in the absence of the Governor General. They shall automatically succeed to the offices of Governor General and First Deputy Governor General for the unexpired term in the event of the death or resignation of the Governor General.

Section 3. Recording Secretary General. The Recording Secretary General shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Court, giving due care that the minutes are deposited in the archives of the Society. The Recording Secretary General shall discharge other duties of that office as prescribed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, and by other articles of these Bylaws. The Recording Secretary may also serve as the Archivist.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary General. The Corresponding Secretary General shall have charge of the correspondence of the Society as the Governor General and the Executive Board may require. The Corresponding Secretary General shall be responsible for maintaining the active membership list for the Society working in conjunction with the Treasurer General during the annual dues period and will provide the newsletter editor with the mailing list twice annually for distribution of the newsletter.

Section 5. Organizing Secretary General. The Organizing Secretary General shall direct the formation and reactivation of branches of the Society; shall nominate candidates suitable to be Organizing Governors for appointment by the Governor General; and shall certify and recommend organized branches for approval by the General Court.

Section 6. Treasurer General. The Treasurer General shall have custody and responsibility for all funds of the Society; shall deposit such funds in a bank approved by the Executive Board in the name of the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; shall assess and receive the annual dues of the members-at-large; shall receive the annual remittances from the Branch Treasurers; shall satisfy all duly authorized financial obligations of the Society; ensure the National Society and all of its Branches are current with IRS tax filings; shall be responsible for filing the National Society's Non-Profit Corporation Annual Report in the State of Rhode Island; and shall discharge administrative functions as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Should the Treasurer General be unable to perform the duties of the office, the Recording Secretary General shall have the authority to sign checks by order of the Governor General.

(a) Financial Review. The accounts of the Treasurer General shall be closed annually on the last day of February. A copy of the books shall be submitted to the Financial Review Committee, which may request any other record or pertinent document. (See Article III, Section 2, for the membership year.)

(b) Governor General's Expenses. There shall be an amount not less than \$1000 annually budgeted for the expenses of the Governor General, which shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer General with receipts submitted by the Governor General.

Section 7. Registrar General. The Registrar General shall examine all application papers to verify the genealogical data.

Section 8. Assistant Registrar General. The Assistant Registrar General shall authorize orders for insignia of the Society; and shall issue certificates and other documents as authorized by these Bylaws; and shall maintain a database of all members of the Society, including a list of all current members and their mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Should an Assistant Registrar General not be appointed, the duties will be assumed by the Registrar General.

Section 9. Counselor General. The Counselor General shall advise the Governor General and the Executive Board in all legal matters concerning the Society as a corporation and ensure the National Society is compliant with all applicable IRS tax regulations. The Counselor General shall be an attorney-at-law. At the discretion of the Governor General, the Counselor General may also serve as Parliamentarian.

Section 10. Historian General. The Historian General shall receive and compile records forwarded from branch officers pertaining to public commemorations, historical research, and local efforts made by members of the Society in carrying out its objects. The Historian General, with the Archivist, shall have responsibility for all records of the Society.

Section 11. Elder General. The Elder General shall be the Chaplain of the Society. The Elder General may be an ordained clergyman, or shall be experienced in the conduct of public worship. The Elder General shall be the National Society's Necrologist and lead the General Court's Memorial Service honoring deceased members.

Section 12. Captain General. The Captain General shall perform the duties of a sergeant-at-arms; shall be responsible for the custody and display of the National Colors and the Banner of the Society; shall be responsible for the furnishings and arrangements for the meetings of the Society.

Section 13. Editor General. The Editor General shall be responsible for editing and publishing the PILGRIM NEWSLETTER.

Section 14. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall have detailed knowledge of these Bylaws and of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised; and shall be prepared to advise the Governor General and other officers concerning parliamentary procedure.

Section 15. Archivist. The Archivist shall have charge of the records depository of the Society; shall receive and store records forwarded by the officers and branches; shall keep an index of all records on hand; shall have custody of records and other property of branches which have been disbanded by the General Court.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be known as the General Court and shall be held in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on Monday in the week of Patriot's Day, April 19. The Governor General may change the date of the annual meeting upon the approval of the Executive Board. Any member of the Society shall be entitled to attend the General Court.

Section 2. Voting Members. The voting members of the General Court shall be the members of the Executive Board, and the delegates or their qualified alternates. Other members of the Society may speak upon recognition by the Governor General.

Section 3. Delegates and Alternates. Each branch may elect two delegates to the General Court. Branches having more than twenty-five members may elect one delegate for every additional twenty-five members. Each branch shall be entitled to one alternate for each delegate. An individual shall be a delegate or an alternate from only one branch. At all sessions of the General Court, a delegate may appoint any member present from the same branch to act as an alternate in the absence of an elected delegate or alternate, provided that the Credentials Committee is so advised.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum at sessions of the General Court.

Section 5. Reports. General officers, committee chairmen, and Branch governors shall make written reports to the General Court, and at such other times as the Governor General may request. The Governor General may waive the public reading of such reports.

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Membership. The voting members of the Executive Board of the Society shall be the elected General officers, the Branch governors, and the Honorary Governors General.

Section 2. Function. The Executive Board shall have all power and authority to conduct the business of the Society between meetings of the General Court, except that of modifying any action taken by the General Court, incurring any debt or liability other than the current expenses, or the expenditure of money for which the Society shall be held responsible. The Executive Board may make recommendations to the General Court.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Board may be in person, at a time and place set by the Governor General (including prior to the General Court, if the Governor General deems it desirable), or may be conducted by mail, teleconference, e-mail, or other electronic medium. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be closed, but the minutes shall be published.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be convened upon the written request of five members of the Board. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the call to the meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. Nine members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. The Governor General shall appoint the standing committees to serve for the term of office. The Governor General shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

(a) Financial Review Committee. The Financial Review Committee, consisting of not less than two members, shall examine the records of the Treasurer General annually and shall report to the General Court concerning their accuracy in providing a true picture of the financial condition of the Society.

(b) Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall recommend to the Society ways and means for membership growth. This committee shall supervise the giving of membership awards.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members chosen one year in advance of the biennial election of General officers. The chairman of the committee shall be the immediate past Governor General, and the remaining two committee members shall be elected by the General Court from the regular membership. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected for their demonstrated competence and devotion in their service to the Society. No member shall serve on consecutive Nominating Committees.

Section 3. Other Committees. The Governor General shall appoint a Registration Committee, and any other committees deemed necessary to the convening the administration of the General Court and the administration of the Society.

ARTICLE X: BRANCHES

Section 1. Organization. Under the supervision of the Organizing Secretary General, with the approval of the Governor General, fifteen regular members of the Society in good standing may organize a branch of this Society in a state. With the consent of the General Court, a branch also may be formed in any other geographic area such as a city, a metropolitan area, a region, or a group of states. No branch shall be considered organized until approved by a majority vote of the General Court.

Although a branch may be formed in a geographic area other than a state; such as a city, metropolitan area, region, or group of states, it may be desirable for a branch to organize itself into chapters. Any branch may organize chapters to consist of not less than fifteen regular members, with a deputy governor to conduct the chapter affairs. All chapters shall conform to all requirements of the National Society.

Section 2. Branch Officers. Branch officers shall be a governor, a first deputy governor, a second deputy governor, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a registrar, an elder, and a historian; and shall be elected for terms of two years. The duties of the branch officers shall correspond to the duties of the General officers as closely as possible as directed by these Bylaws. Branch Governors are expected to attend the General Court and participate in the affairs of the Society. A member shall be eligible to hold a branch office by providing a telephone number, postal address, and email address of such member or designee of such member to ensure communications with the Society.

Section 3. Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected branch officers. The branch officers shall be the officers of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Branch Bylaws. Branch bylaws shall be modeled after and conform to the National Bylaws as closely as possible. Upon the recommendation of the Organizing Secretary General, the bylaws of an organizing branch shall be approved by the National Executive Board prior to the approval of the branch by the General Court.

Section 5. Reorganization. Should one year pass in which the Executive Board of a branch fails to meet, should there be no annual meeting of the membership, should no branch dues be received, or should three branch members so request; the Governor General may intervene to reactivate the branch or to appoint the required leadership to do so.

Section 6. Disbandment. Should two years pass in which the Executive Board of a branch has failed to meet, should there have been no annual meeting of the membership, should no branch dues have been received, and should every effort have been made to reactivate the branch; the General Court may, upon the recommendation of the Governor General and the Organizing Secretary General, and by a majority vote, declare the branch disbanded. The Governor General and other officers of the Society shall be responsible for obtaining the records and funds of the disbanded branch for pending future efforts to organize a branch of the Society in the same area.

ARTICLE XI: SEAL

Section 1. Official Seal. The Official Seal of the Society shall consist of a depiction of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins on their way to be married at the old Forte Church on Burial Hill, the former carrying a musket on his right shoulder, with the latter walking to his left. These figures shall be surrounded by an oval of gold, and an oval rim of royal blue, upon which shall appear in gold lettering the words "Sons and Daughters" in the upper half and "of the Pilgrims" in the lower half thereof. The said rimmed oval shall be surrounded by an outer border of laurel leaves in gold.

Section 2. Replicas of the Official Seal. For all purposes, a replica of the seal of the Society may be used, printed, embossed, or impressed in royal blue. No wording or printing shall be used above the seal except on the official banner.

ARTICLE XII: INSIGNIA AND REGALIA

Section 1. Official Colors. The official colors of the Society shall be navy blue and Dutch orange.

Section 2. Official Insignia. The official insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge which shall be a replica of the official seal in navy blue and Dutch orange suspended on a ribbon, one and one-quarter inches wide, from a bar of gold on which the name of the Branch or qualifying ancestor of the member may be engraved. Such ribbon shall have a center of Dutch orange three-quarters of an inch in width with a navy blue border on each side of one-quarter of an inch in width.

Section 3. Badge of the Governor General. The Governor General shall have custody of the badge created for that office by the General Court of 1933, wearing it on official occasions, and relinquishing it to the successor in that office. If the Governor General is a daughter, she shall wear the badge on her clothing on the left side near her heart. If the Governor General is a son, he shall wear the badge suspended on a neck ribbon, one and one-quarter inches wide, having a three-quarter inch Dutch orange center with a navy blue border of one-quarter inch on each side.

Section 4. National Officers and Branch Governors, Daughters. The distinctive regalia of daughters in office shall be a sash worn over the right shoulder, and crossed over on the left side.

The Governor General shall wear a sash four inches wide, having a two inch Dutch orange center stripe with a one inch navy blue border on each side.

The sash for other national officers shall be three inches wide, having a one and one-half inch Dutch orange center stripe with a three-quarter inch navy blue border on each side.

The sash for branch governors shall be one and one-quarter inches wide, having a three-quarter inch Dutch orange center stripe with a one-quarter inch navy blue border on each side.

Honorary Governors General, past National officers, and past Branch governors shall be entitled to wear sashes of the same width as their previous offices, but with the colors reversed.

Section 5. National Officers and Branch Governors, Sons. The distinctive regalia of sons in office shall be a neck ribbon on which the Badge of his office is suspended.

The neck ribbon for National officers and branch governors shall be one and one-quarter inches wide, having a three-quarter inch Dutch orange center stripe with a one-quarter inch navy blue border on each side.

Honorary Governors General, past National officers, and past Branch governors shall be entitled to wear neck ribbons of the same width but with the colors reversed. In addition, Honorary Governors General shall be entitled to wear with formal dress, a silver star-burst pin bearing the badge of the Society.

Section 6. Miniature Insignia. The Miniature Insignia shall be identical with the badge, but reduced to miniature scale, and suspended on a ribbon identical to the official ribbon, but of miniature proportions.

Section 7. Recognition Pin. The recognition pin shall be a miniature replica of the badge of the Society made to be attached to the clothing.

Section 8. Rosette. The Rosette of the Society shall have a center of Dutch orange enclosed in a band of navy blue. The rosette shall be worn only as an identification pin and shall not be worn on formal occasions or with other insignia or regalia of the Society.

Section 9. Ancestral Bars. One golden bar representing each supplemental ancestor may be attached to the insignia ribbon of daughters.

Section 10. Ancestral Stars. One silver star representing each supplemental ancestor may be attached to the insignia ribbon of sons. One gold star may replace five silver stars.

ARTICLE XIII: BANNER

Section 1. Official Banner. The Official Banner of the Society shall be three feet high by five feet wide made in one piece of federal blue banner silk, finished with a pole heading and with the lettering in pure gold leaf, backed up and reading the reverse on the opposite side as follows:

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PILGRIMS
(seal)
Founded December 21, 1908

The banner shall be mounted on an eight-foot, two-pieced, polished wooden pole, one and one-quarter inches in diameter, with a screw joint; surmounted by a six and one-half inch polished brass army spear. A two inch gold silk bullion fringe shall enclose the outer three sides of the banner. A pair of six-inch gold colored tassels attached to twenty-four inches of blue cord shall be fastened to the top of the pole. A suitable rain cover shall be provided.

Section 2. Branch Banners. Branches may provide banners modeled in size after the official banner, with the name of the branch printed in gold at the bottom.

ARTICLE XIV: MOTTO

The Motto of the Society shall be: Land of our Fathers! Ours to Preserve. Ours to Transmit. Liberty in Union; Now and Forever.

ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all of the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of its corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United states Internal Revenue law) as the Executive Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Society is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XVI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Society and its Branches in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

ARTICLE XVII: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by any General Court of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous General Court, or provided that the proposed amendment has been circulated at least sixty days prior to the General Court.

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