

MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Purpose of the Organization

The business and purpose of this organization, henceforth referred to as society, shall be to bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of Monroe County, Mississippi. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life; gives us a better understanding of our state and nation; and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage.

The society's major function will be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area: its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and in war; its progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufactures, trade, and transportation. It will collect printed material such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogs, circulars, handbills, programs, and posters; manuscript material such as records, account books, charts, surveys, and field books and museum material such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, scenes, aboriginal relics, and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities of the past and the present.

The society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it, to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the county and of its cities, towns, villages, and institutions, and to undertake the preservation of historic buildings, monuments, and markers.

The society will disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material in the newspapers or otherwise; by holding meetings with pageants, addresses, lectures, papers, and discussion; by marking historic buildings, sites, and trails; and by using the media of radio and television to awaken public interest.

ARTICLE II Membership and Dues

Any person interested in the history of Monroe County who applies for membership and tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

Annual dues for individual active members shall be \$30.00.

Annual dues for family (husband/wife or any two members of the same household) shall be \$30.00.

ARTICLE III Schedule and quorum for Meetings

Section 1.

Regular meetings of the society shall be held four times annually: January, April, July, and October, during the "5th week". and specific dates will be determined each year at the annual meeting of that year. January and July meetings will be held in Aberdeen; April and October meetings will be held in Amory.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section 3.

The board of directors shall meet once between. regular meetings.
Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the President.

Section 4.

At regular meetings, those present (but not less than 3) shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV Duties of the Officers and Directors

President: Presides at meetings, guides the future of the Society, and handles problems with the advice of the Board of Directors

Vice-President: Presides in the absence of the president and aids the president in all endeavors.

Secretary: Takes notes at meetings and records all matters voted on and reports back at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Keeps an account of all funds taken in and paid out by the Society, does the taxes for the Society, writes checks, keeps the bank statements, and reports all financial matters to the Society. The Treasurer, at this time is responsible for getting the annual Journal ready for printing.

Co-Treasurer: Helps the Treasurer with advice and other duties, and stands-in during the absence of the treasurer. The Co-Treasurer also must be able to become Treasurer in the future.

Program Director: The Program Director plans each program and notifies members by email of the time, date and place of meetings. The Program-Director asks members for suggestions on speakers and programs.

Members of the Board of Directors: This board is the overall advisor and nominating body of the Society. The board of directors shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the society. It shall select candidates for office pursuant to the constitution. The board of directors shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the society and perform such other functions as designated in the bylaws or otherwise assigned to it.

At any meeting of the board of directors, those present (but not less than 3) shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V Committees

Shall be created as needed.

Standing committees shall be:

Membership Committee
Nominating Committee
Historic Sites Committee
Museum Committee
Publications Committee

ARTICLE VI Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the proceedings of the society except in such cases as are governed by the constitution or bylaws.

ARTICLE VII Amendment to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or adjourned meeting by a 2/3 vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting. Or they may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose with previous notice and a 2/3 vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

ARTICLE VIII Disbursement of Funds and Property at Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Monroe County Historical Society, Incorporated, properties and collections shall be left under guardianship of the State of Mississippi Department of Archives and History, to be held intact and returned to the county should a successor organization come into being.

The articles of these Bylaws were amended on 31 January, 2019 in compliance with the Mississippi Department of the Secretary of State. The amendments were voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors, hereby attested by a duly elected officer below.

Jerry A. Harlow (Treasurer)