

Bylaws of The Canterbury Historical Society, Incorporated

ARTICLE I – NAME

1. The name of this society shall be The Canterbury Historical Society, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

1. The objectives of The Canterbury Historical Society, Incorporated, shall be to:
 - Promote appreciation and interest in Canterbury history.
 - Collect and preserve materials that illustrate and document Canterbury history.
 - Encourage the preservation of historic sites and/or assets in Canterbury.

ARTICLE III – BASIC POLICIES

1. The objectives of the society shall be promoted in such a manner as deemed fit by the membership, as each item arises.
2. The society shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. It shall not endorse a commercial enterprise or political candidate. The name of the society or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or a partisan interest, or for any purpose other than the regular work of the society.
3. No profits derived from the efforts or work of the society shall proceed to any director or member of the society.
4. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, at both board meetings and membership meetings, an affirmative vote of a simple majority of those voting shall be necessary to approve any properly seconded motion.
5. A copy of these bylaws shall be provided to any member in good standing who requests them.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership is open to any person interested in the objectives of the society and willing to uphold its policies and subscribe to its bylaws, without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual preference or orientation, disability, or national origin.
2. Membership dues are:
 - Annual: \$7.50 per person
 - Lifetime: \$100 per person
3. For the purposes of these bylaws, a member in good standing shall be a member whose dues are paid.
4. Annual dues are due in September. Annual membership begins on September 1st.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR SELECTION

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members, including five (5) officers who are the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, and four (4) additional members. The additional four (4) members shall be the Program Chairperson and the Curator/Librarian (both appointed by the President), plus the immediate past President of the society, and at least one (1) board member at large. If a non-officer holds more than one (1) named position, there shall be additional members at large to total nine (9) board members.
2. A committee consisting of at least three (3) society members in good standing shall make nominations for the elected board positions. The nominating committee shall be elected by the membership at the November meeting. At the December meeting, the nominating committee shall submit the name of one (1) candidate for each elected position to be filled. The nominating committee must obtain the consent of each candidate whose name is placed in nomination, and the proposed slate shall be tabled until the annual meeting in January.
3. At the annual meeting in January, the slate proposed by the nominating committee shall be untabled. At that time, the meeting shall be open for nominations from the floor. If there is but one (1) candidate for each position, the vote of the membership may be by voice. If there are two (2) or more candidates for any position, the candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected.
4. Following the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Curator/Librarian and a Program Chairperson, both of whom shall be full board members with voting privileges.
5. Following the annual meeting and the appointment by the President of the Curator/Librarian and Program Chairperson, if one or more additional members at large are needed to total nine (9) board members, those additional members shall be nominated and elected at the February membership meeting. The nominating committee shall submit one (1) candidate's name for each open position, and the meeting shall be open for nominations from the floor.
6. Board members shall serve for a term of one year. A vacancy occurring during the year in an appointed position shall be filled by an appointment by the President. Any other board vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by a vote of the board.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society's membership and board, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to that office.
2. The Vice President shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.
3. The Recording Secretary shall maintain a correct record of the proceedings of all membership and board meetings, and shall keep a record of attendance at meetings.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and notify members of all meetings, regular and special.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the society, keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and pay out funds only as authorized by the society. The Treasurer shall present a statement of accounts at every meeting of the society and at other times when requested by the board, and shall make a full report at the annual meeting.
6. The Curator/Librarian shall have charge of the collection of the society, maintain an accurate inventory of the collection, and present a report at the annual meeting. The Curator/Librarian shall promote safekeeping of and public access to the collection. The Curator/Librarian shall acknowledge all gifts, maintain a record of purchases, and create accession records for all additions to the collection.
7. The Program Chairperson, working within the budgetary guidelines established by the board, shall arrange programs for the monthly membership meetings and provide advance notice of programs to the board and membership.
8. The Board of Directors shall:
 - a) Appoint, during the month of January immediately following their election/appointment, an auditor or auditors to audit the society's financial records. The auditor(s) shall present a report to the membership following completion of the audit.
 - b) Meet at least four (4) times a year. Additional board meetings may be held at the request of the President or the written request of any three (3) members of the board. Five (5) board members shall constitute a quorum.
 - c) Have general charge of the affairs and property of the society and of all invested funds.
 - d) Review gifts and approve purchases for the collection upon the recommendation of the Curator/Librarian.
 - e) Approve routine bills.
 - f) Carry on the affairs of the society between meetings, and may require reports from committee chairpersons or face-to-face meetings to ensure committees are carrying out their responsibilities.
9. If any member of the board fails to attend 25% of board meetings without prior notification, (s)he shall be considered to have resigned from the board. The board shall have the duty to replace or reinstate him or her at its earliest opportunity.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

1. Regular membership meetings of the society shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on the second Friday of each month—except for July and August when the society does not meet. Except in the case of inclement weather or other emergency conditions, at least five (5) days' notice shall be given if there is a change of date or time.
2. Special membership meetings may be called by the board provided five (5) days' notice is given to all members in good standing.
3. The privilege of making and seconding motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to members in good standing.

4. If the membership is twenty (20) or less, six (6) members shall constitute a quorum. If the membership is more than twenty, one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
5. The annual meeting shall be the January meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors shall create such standing and ad hoc committees as required to promote the objectives and interests of the society. The board shall appoint the chairpersons of committees.
2. The chairpersons of all committees shall present reports of their work to the board and membership as requested, and shall routinely present reports of their work at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable, if not otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDING THE BYLAWS

1. The procedure for amending these bylaws is as follows:
 - a) A motion to amend the bylaws may be made at a regular or special meeting of the membership, and shall be tabled following reasonable discussion.
 - b) Written notice of the substance of the proposed amendments shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the next regular meeting of the membership.
 - c) Adoption of the proposed amendments shall be upon the approval of a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of members present and voting at the said next regular meeting of the membership.
2. Furthermore, at least every five (5) years, these bylaws shall be reviewed, and revised as needed, by a committee appointed by the board.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

1. In the event the society is dissolved, the assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended.
2. In the event the society is dissolved, no director or member shall receive or benefit from any of the society's assets.

ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 11, 2007