

BYLAWS OF THE SIGNERS CHAPTER OF THE NEVADA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I. Authorization and Name

A charter has been granted by the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to establish a chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Southern Nevada. In honor and in memory of the patriots who placed their lives and futures in jeopardy by signing the Declaration of Independence, the chapter in Southern Nevada shall be known as the Signers Chapter (hereafter referred to as "the chapter").

II. Object

The chapter has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events and those ancestors who struggled together for life and liberty, home and happiness, and in military and civil positions of high trust and responsibility by their acts, counsel, and sacrifices during the American Revolution to achieve the independence of the American people; and further, to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants, to inspire them and the community at large with a profound respect and reverence for the founders of our nation and for the principles of government established by them, to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials, to hold suitable commemorations of the prominent events of the Revolutionary period, to foster true patriotism, and to maintain, defend, and extend the institutions of American freedom.

III. Fees and Dues

A. All fees and dues due to the chapter will be collected by and paid to the chapter by the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

B. Currently, the chapter receives twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each new member of the chapter and as annual dues for each member of the chapter. These fees shall be waived for junior members of the chapter.

IV. Officers and Elections

A. The officers of the chapter shall include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, and any other officers deemed necessary for the efficient operation and management of the chapter. At the discretion of the members of the chapter, the offices of the Secretary and the Treasurer may be combined.

B. Elections of chapter officers shall be held in January of each odd numbered year and the term of office of each chapter officer shall be two (2) years.

C. In October of each even numbered year, the Chapter President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of not fewer than three (3) members of the chapter. The Nominating Committee shall report its proposed slate of officer candidates at the last regularly scheduled chapter meeting of the year.

D. Nominations in addition to any of the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates may be made from the floor at the meeting during which elections are held.

E. Chapter officers shall be elected by majority vote of those members of the chapter present at the meeting during which the elections are held.

F. Replacements for office vacancies, other than that of Chapter President, occurring between elections shall be by appointment by the Chapter President. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President shall fill the office of President for the remainder of the term.

V. Duties of Officers

A. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices and they shall have such other duties as are herein stated and such duties as shall be delegated to them by the Chapter President. Retiring officers shall, within two (2) weeks of their retirement, deliver to their successors all papers, records, funds and other property belonging to the chapter.

B. President. The President shall:

1. Preside at all chapter meetings.
2. Call any special meetings deemed necessary or when so requested in writing and signed by three (3) or more members of the chapter.
3. Appoint necessary committees.
4. Serve as a Vice President of the Nevada State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

C. Vice President.

1. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
2. In the event of the President's death, resignation or removal from office, the Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of his term of Office.

D. Secretary. The Secretary shall:

1. Record and maintain a permanent file of the minutes of all chapter meetings.
2. Attend to all chapter correspondence.
3. Maintain a directory of the email addresses of all members of the chapter.

4. Keep the Bylaws of the Southern Nevada Chapter current with all amendments reflected.

E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

1. Maintain an itemized record of all monies received and disbursed by the chapter. Retain on file all invoices, bank statements, cancelled checks and other supporting documentation for disbursements made by the chapter for not fewer than seven (7) full calendar years.

2. Discharge all debts of the chapter on a timely basis.

3. At each meeting of the chapter, present a report on the financial status of the chapter.

F. Registrar. The Registrar shall:

1. The Registrar shall have the custody of and issue all application papers and receive all applications for membership and supplemental claims. The Registrar shall carefully examine the accompanying proof and verify all statements of lineage and service. The Registrar may direct questions of service and lineage to the State Registrar for resolution with the applicant. The Registrar shall review, approve, and then submit all membership and supplemental applications with related reference documentation to the State Registrar if deemed acceptable to this society's genealogical standards following the policies and procedures established by the National Society. The State Registrar shall notify the Registrar of any pended applications, and he will work with the State Registrar, Staff Genealogist, and the applicant to resolve such matters if possible.

G. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall:

1. The Chaplain, preferably an ordained clergyman, gives the invocation and benediction at chapter meetings and ceremonies, and furnishes the membership with spiritual guidance. He conducts any religious service that is relative to chapter functions.

VI. Meetings

A. Meetings of the chapter may be held about six times during the calendar year, generally every other month at a time and place designated by the Chapter President. Should a holiday fall on the first Saturday of any month, the chapter meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of that month.

B. Special chapter meetings may be called by the Chapter President or when so requested in writing by three (3) or more members of the chapter.

C. At any chapter meeting, the members present shall constitute a quorum and decisions shall be determined by a simple majority vote, except that the voting on amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for passage.

D. For reporting purposes, the regularly scheduled January meeting of the Signers Chapter shall be considered as the chapter's "annual meeting".

VII. Recognition Awards

A. A nomination for an SAR recognition award to be presented to a deserving individual may be made by any member of the chapter. Such a nomination should be made in writing to the chapter President.

B. Awards to be presented to individuals who are not members of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be approved by a majority vote of those

chapter members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Signers Chapter.

C. An award to be presented to a member of the Signers Chapter shall be approved by a majority vote of the chapter's Executive Committee; consisting of the chapter's President, President Emeritus, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Chaplain.

1. When a member of the chapter's Executive Committee is nominated for an award, to keep the presentation of said award a secret, the committee member so nominated should be excluded from notification and voting.

2. Each chapter officer on the Executive Committee, regardless of the number of offices held, shall have only one (1) vote on any issue before the committee.

VIII. Signers Chapter Hall of Fame

A. The Signers Chapter Hall of Fame has been established to recognize those members of the chapter who have contributed in a significant way to the success of the chapter.

B. A committee shall be established for the purpose of selecting and nominating members of the Signers Chapter for the Hall of Fame. The nominating committee shall consist of the Chapter President, the Chapter Secretary, a member at-large and all previously inducted members of the Hall of Fame.

C. Criteria to be considered for nomination to the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame shall include:

1. Exemplary service to the chapter.

2. Years of service to the chapter.

3. Offices held in the chapter.

4. SAR awards received.

D. Induction into the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame may occur posthumously.

E. Election into the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame shall be by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those members in good standing attending the chapter meeting at which the nomination is considered.

F. Each inductee into the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame shall have his name engraved on the Hall of Fame plaque and shall receive an eagle statue to commemorate his induction into the Hall of Fame.

G. Any member of the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame who is asked to resign his membership in the Signers Chapter shall have his name removed from the listing of those who have been elected to the Hall of Fame.

IX. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

A. These Bylaws of the Signers Chapter were adopted by the chapter in October 2003.

B. Amendments, alterations and/or repeals to the Bylaws of the chapter shall be considered provided that written resolutions to that effect are received by the chapter at the chapter meeting prior to the chapter meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.

C. To pass, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the chapter must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members of the chapter present at the meeting.

D. All sections reflected in the Bylaws of the chapter are superseded by the Bylaws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) and by the Bylaws of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR).

E. These Bylaws were last amended January 6, 2022.