

ST. ANDREW SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Society shall be the “St. Andrew Scottish Society of New Mexico”.

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

To perpetuate an interest in the culture of Scotland and to encourage the study of Scottish history, literature, and the performing arts.

To engage in fellowship with persons who value and appreciate the history and culture of Scotland.

To celebrate St. Andrew’s Day, November 30th, Robert Burns’ birthday, January 25th, Tartan Day, April 6th, Hogmanay, December 31st, and such other special events that are consistent with the Society’s objectives.

To sponsor and, when the Executive Board deems it appropriate, provide financial support to affiliated groups who are engaged in teaching and performing the arts and culture of Scotland. This may include, but is not limited to, singing and dancing, piping and drumming, reciting poetry, and speaking Gaelic.

The Society is nonprofit, nonpolitical and nonsectarian.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be extended to any person who endorses the objectives of the Society.

Section 2. No member shall engage in activity which tends to injure the good name of the Society, disturbs its well being, or hampers it in its work.

2a.: The dismissal of any members shall be decided by the Board of Directors for conduct detrimental to the aims and purposes of the Society. Any officer elected by the membership; President, Vice-President (Events), Vice-President (Publications), Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) may be impeached by a charge made at a General Membership meeting and shall be relieved of his/her duties by a 2/3 vote of a quorum at a General membership meeting.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be set by the Executive Board and published in the most current issues of the “Thistle Epistle”. The current dues rates are: \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, and \$5 for students.

Section 4. Active membership in the Society shall be limited to members in good standing. A member shall be adjudged to be in good standing when dues are fully paid. Dues are due and payable April 1st and are delinquent after June 1st. The Society’s fiscal year shall run from April 1st through March 31st. Applicants who join the Society during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year will be considered paid in full until April 1st of the following year.

Section 5. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote in elections and in other instances where a vote of the membership is required. Only those members who are over the age of eighteen are eligible to vote

ARTICLE IV OFFICES

Section 1. The elective Officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice President (Events), Vice President (Publications), Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall perform those duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society and those additional duties outlined by the bylaws.

Section 2. In addition to the elective Officers there shall also be six Directors elected every year. The responsibilities of the Directors shall be general oversight of the Society.

Section 3. The term of office for the Officers shall be for a period of one year commencing on the first of April. The term of office for the six Directors shall be for a period of one year commencing on the first of April. There shall also be a position and one year term of office for the previous year’s president designated as Past President to ensure continuity during transition of the Board. There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms any Officer or Director may serve.

Section 4. If, for any reason, an office of the Society becomes vacant, the President shall nominate a replacement. The replacement officer will then be confirmed with the consent of the Executive Board.

4a. Any board member missing five or more regularly scheduled meetings during a one-year period may be dismissed from Board service pending a motion and vote by the board and a replacement appointed by the President.

Section 5. Responsibilities of the Officers

Two members of an immediate family may serve on the Board but cannot serve as president and treasurer of the Board of Directors nor co-sign for withdrawals from a Society account.

President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall have primary responsibility for its proper governance. The President shall have the authority to appoint committee chairpersons and oversee the activities of the various committees. All committee chairpersons serve at the pleasure of the President. The President may also make such additional appointments as may be needed to enable the Society to achieve its objectives, *e.g.* Parliamentarian, Historian, etc. The President may also set a schedule for regular Society meetings and call special meetings of the general membership as the needs arise.

Vice President (Events) – The Vice President shall preside at Society meetings and perform any other duties normally performed by the President during the President’s absence. The Vice President (Events) will coordinate all activities related to the Robert Burns Supper.

Vice President (Publications) – This Vice President shall supervise the publication of the Society newsletter, “The Thistle Epistle”. Also, this Vice President shall supervise any publication the Society undertakes.

Secretary – The Secretary shall record the minutes of all business meetings of the Society and maintain all necessary correspondence.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall record all items of income and expense and maintain accurate accounting of Society funds. The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the Executive Board a monthly financial report. It will also be the responsibility of the Treasurer to ensure that bills presented for payment are for goods and services that have been previously approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held during the month of March for the purpose of electing any offices becoming vacant on the Executive Board.

Section 2. Other meetings may be called for special events by the President or Executive Board.

Section 3. The executive Board will normally meet once a month at a place to be determined by the President and shall be open to any member of the Society. During such meetings, any member may ask for permission to be recognized for the purpose of bringing a matter to the attention of the Board. Only Board members vote at such meetings and a simple majority decides all matters before them.

ARTICLE VI
QUORUM

Section 1. At all meetings of the membership a quorum shall consist of those members in good standing present.

Section 2. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of no fewer than five members.

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE BOARD

An Executive Board composed of the Officers and Directors shall govern the Society. The Executive Board shall have full responsibility and control over the Society's activities and finances.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTIONS

Election of the Executive Board shall be undertaken at the annual meeting of the Society during the month of March. Nominations for the Executive Board will be taken from the floor from those members present and a simple majority will decide all voting. Except where stated otherwise, voting on all matters before the Society will be decided by a simple majority of those members present at any properly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX
BYLAWS

Section 1: Amending the bylaws shall only be undertaken at a meeting specifically scheduled for that purpose, properly announced to the membership and shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of those members present.

Section 2: These Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon approval by the General Membership. These Bylaws should be reviewed by the board every two years.

ARTICLE X
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of The Scott, Foresman Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern in all cases where they are applicable. In those instances where they may be inconsistent with the bylaws of the Society, the bylaws of the Society shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION

The Society shall be considered dissolved under the following circumstances;

- (1) A motion must be brought before the Board recommending dissolution.
- (2) The Board must vote unanimously on the recommendation
- (3) The issue must then be brought before the membership at a meeting specifically scheduled for that purpose
- (4) The motion must be approved by 3/4 of all active membership.

The assets shall be donated to a charity or other organization determined by the remaining membership in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ENDORSEMENT

At a General Membership meeting on June 1st, 2008, the above Bylaws were presented and adopted by the General Membership.

/s/ _____, President
Edith J. Henderson

/s/ _____, Secretary
Patricia French Barger