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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the COLORADO COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC., a non-profit organization, registered with the Colorado Secretary of State, and hereinafter referred to as the Council.

Article II - Objectives

The purpose of this council shall be to advance cooperation among heritage - related organizations through:

Encouraging the formation of the organization interested in genealogy and history;

Promoting the collection, preservation and dissemination of genealogical knowledge and information;

Informing member organizations of projects and activities of mutual interest to avoid duplication of efforts;

Upholding genealogical standards by disseminating information about ethical practices to member organizations;

Keeping member organizations informed of current projects and legislation regarding access and preservations of records;

Assisting member societies in their operation.

Article III - Membership and Dues

SECTION A. MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Council consists of two classes:

Any non-profit organization or society in Colorado interested in genealogy and related subjects is eligible for a regular membership. This class is a voting membership.

Any individual, organization or institution is eligible for an associate membership This class is a nonvoting membership.

SECTION B. DUES AND FISCAL YEAR.

The annual dues for regular membership and for associate membership shall be according to the dues structure listed in the current Standing Rules.

Annual dues shall be assessed according to a society's total membership as of the previous December.

Payment of the dues shall be made no later than January 31 of each year. The Vice-President shall notify members whose dues are not paid by January 31. If dues are not received by February 15, the society or associate member shall be removed from the membership rolls. The membership and fiscal

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year of the Council shall run from January 1 through December 31.

4. New organizations that wish to join the Council after the start of the year shall receive reduced dues rates as follows:

Join January through March	100% of full rate;
Join April through June	75% of full rate;
Join July through September	50% of full rate;
Join October through December	25% of full rate.

5. New organizations shall be those who have not been enrolled members of the Council for five years or more.

Article IV - The Council

SECTION A.

The Council shall consist of the elected officers, the standing committee chairmen and the designated voting delegate from each member society. Each shall have a vote. Persons holding dual positions shall not have more than one vote.

SECTION B.

The Immediate Past President shall serve as an ex-officio-member of the Council.

SECTION C. The

Council Shall:

Transact the business of the organization

Direct committees

Authorize disbursements

Article V - Officers

SECTION A.

The officers of the Council shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Election of the President, and Treasurer shall be at the Fall Meeting in even-numbered years.

Election of the Vice-President and Secretary shall be at the Fall meeting at the odd-numbered years.

SECTION B.

TERM OF OFFICE. The officers shall serve for a two year term or until their successors are elected and no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting following their election.

SECTION C.

The president shall appoint a parliamentarian to serve the Council.

SECTION D.

All officers shall be members of voting organizations of the Council but need not to be designated voting delegates.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

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SECTION A. 1.

President Shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Council and Executive Board
- b. With the approval of the Council, appoint all Chairmen with exception of The Nominating Committee.
- c. Be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- d. Sign, with the Secretary, all contracts and documents authorized by the Council.
- e. Present a report in summary form at any Council-sponsored seminar.

2. Vice-President Shall:

- a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of, or at the request of, the President.
- b. Assume the office and duties of the President for the remaining term in the event of a vacancy in the office of President.
- c. Maintain a current list of member societies in good standing.
- d. Present a yearly report to be placed on file covering the activities of the office.
- e. Work in conjunction with the President in assisting and advising newly formed societies and in soliciting new members.

4. Secretary Shall:

- a. Be the recording officer of the Council and the custodian of its records except such as are specifically assigned to others.
- b. Prepare and maintain a current inventory of all legal documents, records and equipment belonging to the council.
- c. Sign, with the President, all contracts and documents authorized by the Council.
- d. Send out proper notices of all meetings.
- e. Conduct and maintain a file of the Council's correspondence.
- f. Receive and distribute all mail directed to the Council.

5. Treasurer Shall:

- a. Be custodian of all funds of the Council.
- b. Sign checks for authorized disbursements on behalf of the Council.
- c. Prepare the annual budget for presentation to the Board at the July meeting for review and to the entire Council for approval at the October Meeting.
- d. Present a statement of finances at each meeting of the Council.
- e. Make all financial records available for audit at the close of the fiscal year and prior to the April meeting.
- f. Present a Financial Report of any seminar or any other special project following the seminar or completion of the project.
- g. Present, at the January meeting, an Annual Financial Report covering the entire previous year.

Article VII - Meetings

SECTION A. Council Meetings.

The Council shall hold at least four meetings per year. These meetings will be held in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, Normally in January, April, July and October.

SECTION B. Annual Meeting.

The Winter meeting shall be designated the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving annual reports of officers and committees.

SECTION C. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President or at the written request of five members

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of the Council. The call for such a meeting shall be given by written notice at least ten days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. No other business shall be conducted.

SECTION D. Quorum.

One third of the eligible voters shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION E. Delegates.

Each member society shall have one designated voting delegate to the Council selected in accordance

with the member society's Bylaws and Standing Rules. Their duties shall include:

- Attending Council meetings and reporting their society's activities with written copies to the Council President and other designated persons;
- Providing updated society officer lists to the ~~Second~~ Vice-President;
- Reporting to their member societies the proceedings of the council.

Article VIII - Executive Board

SECTION A.

The officers of the Council shall constitute the Executive Board (Board). A Council delegate elected by the Council will serve as a Board-Member-At-Large.

SECTION B.

The Board shall fix the hour and place of meetings of the Council, and make recommendations to the Council. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Council, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Council.

SECTION C.

The Board shall meet at the call of the President or upon the written request of three of its members. If necessary, the Board shall have the duty to declare a vacancy in any elective office and to conduct an election to fill said vacancy.

SECTION D.

Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX - Committees

SECTION A.

The President shall, with the approval of the Council, appoint all committee chairs with the exception of the Nominating Committee Chair. The Chair shall serve for a term of one year from the date of appointment or for the remainder of the then President's term of office, whichever comes first. Chair may be re-appointed for successive terms of office.

SECTION B.

The Standing Committees of the Council, and their duties.

1. Family Recognition Committee Shall:
 - a. Be responsible for recognition of long-established Colorado families.
3. Newsletter Editor Shall:
 - a. Prepare, duplicate and distribute the Council Newsletters to the members as directed by the Council.
5. Records Committee Shall:
 - a. Disseminate information about the abstraction or indexing of public or private genealogical records to prevent duplication of efforts by individuals or societies.

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8. Speakers Bureau Committee Shall:
 - a. Be responsible for assembling a list of available speakers and their topics for distribution.
11. Nominating Committee Shall:
 - a. Consist of three members to be elected at the Fall meeting.
 - b. Request suggestions for the nominees for both officers and Nominating Committee at the April Council Meeting.
 - c. Nominate candidates for officers to be elected at the Fall Meeting.
 - d. Nominate candidates for the Nominating Committee to be elected at the Fall Meeting.
 - e. Report the list of candidates to the Council at the regular Summer meeting. Additional nominations from the floor shall be accepted provided prior consent to serve has been received.
 - f. Not serve for more than a one year term.

SECTION C. Special Committees

Special committees shall be appointed with the approval of the Council.

Article X - Elections

Elections shall be held at the Fall meeting. Voting shall be by voice vote provided there is only one candidate for office. If more than one candidate is running for any office, the voting shall be by written ballot. Majority vote elects. If a tie vote exists, balloting will continue until one candidate achieves a majority.

Article XI - Dissolution of the Council

In the event of the dissolution of this organization all saleable assets shall be converted to cash. The monies of the Council shall be divided among the current participating societies on a percentage based on their total membership as of December 31 of the previous year. All genealogical reference materials, legal documents, records, files and equipment belonging to the Council shall be deposited with the Genealogy Division of a Colorado public library. Dissolution shall be in accordance with state and federal regulations that pertain to this organization.

Article XII - Parliamentary Authorities

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these

bylaws.

Article XIII - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote. All such proposed amendments shall be presented to the Council at least one month prior to a regular meeting.

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Standing Rules of the Council of Genealogical Societies

The newsletter of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies be published quarterly in the months following the regular meetings of the Council. (Adopted April, 9 1994)

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies newsletter shall be mailed to the President, Program Chairman (if determined otherwise to the first-named Vice-President), Newsletter Editor, Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Council of each member society; to all Institutional members; to all Council Officers and Committee Chairman; and to such other persons or entities as the Executive Board may from time to time direct. (Adopted April, 9 1994)

Each new Council member society shall receive a New Member Kit, containing a copy of then current Council Bylaws, a copy of the current Membership Directory, and the most current newsletter, as well as any other item which may be deemed appropriate.

An Attendance Sheet shall be distributed by the Council Secretary at all quarterly meetings upon which all delegates, officers, and committee chairmen shall record their attendance.

The Executive Board shall be provided a copy of its minutes within 30 days of the board meeting.

All Executive Board meeting shall be open to Council members.

Officers may not hold more than one elected office concurrently.

All member societies shall submit to the Council a listing of their officers and pertinent committee chairmen, in a manner prescribed by the 2nd Vice-President, within 30 days following the election or appointment of any such officers or pertinent committee chairmen.

Special Rules:

The President shall, with the approval of the Council appoint all chairmen of Standing Committees. Said Committee Chairmen shall appoint any sub-committee chairmen and/or committee members as may be required to accomplish the stated mission. Standing Committee Chairmen and committee members serve for one year or for the remainder of the year or for the remainder of the President's term of office, and may be re-appointed.

The President shall, with the approval of the Council, appoint all chairmen of Special Committees. Said Committee Chairmen shall appoint any sub-committee chairmen and/or committee members as may be required to accomplish the stated mission. Special Committee Chairmen and committee members serve for the duration of stated mission and, as such, may overlap society administrations.

These Standing Rules adopted: April 2005