



CONSTITUTION
OF THE TEXAS STATE SOCIETY

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE TEXAS STATE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the Society shall be to encourage and promote good fellowship among Texans in the area of the Nation’s Capital. Generally, the Executive Board shall cause the Society to be operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) or corresponding provision hereafter in effect.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. All members of the Society shall be known as Active Members.
- Section 2. Each member of the family in which one is or has been a Texan is eligible for Active Membership upon payment of current annual dues.
- Section 3. Further eligibility for membership, active or honorary, shall be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

An annual Business Meeting shall be held each year prior to April 30, with the Executive Board designating the exact date each year, allowing at least fifteen (15) days’ notice to the active membership.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be the President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Historian, and twelve directors, all of whom shall be Active Members.
- Section 2. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian, and Directors shall be declared elected who have received a majority of votes cast by Active Members present at the Annual Business Meeting.

- Section 3. Nominations for office shall be made verbally by a Nominating Committee, and other nominations may be made from the Floor by an Active Member. One of the nominees for a two-year term as director shall be the outgoing President of the Society.
- Section 4. The Secretary and the Treasurer must be Active Members and shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Executive Board.
- Section 5. No elected officer shall remain in the same office for more than two consecutive years.
- Section 6. The duties and responsibilities of the officers may be prescribed by the By-Laws.
- Section 7. The term of office shall be from one Annual Business Meeting to the next Annual Business Meeting, except for the Directors, six of whom shall be elected each year for two-year terms.
- Section 8. The general officers and the twelve directors of the Society, and the chairperson of each standing committee of the Society, shall constitute an Executive Board, of which the President and Secretary of the Society shall be Chairman and Secretary, respectively. It shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Society between annual business meetings. Each member of the Executive Board shall have one (1) vote, for each instance that requires a vote for the conduct of the Society's business.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

Annual dues shall be fixed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – ENACTMENT

This Constitution shall take effect when submitted by a two-thirds vote of the current Officers and Directors of the Texas State Society and ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership present at the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Business Meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present. Notice of the proposed amendments, in writing and in the exact form in which they are to be voted upon, shall be present to the Active Members fifteen days in advance of the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE IX – BY-LAWS

By-Laws of the Society, or changes or amendments thereof, may be adopted by a majority of the Active Members present at the Annual Business Meeting.