

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS SOUTH CAROLINA STORYTELLING NETWORK

Article I

The purpose of the South Carolina Storytelling Network:

1. To create a storytelling infrastructure
2. To publish a current directory of South Carolina Storytellers and a newsletter with storytelling information for members and others.
3. To promote opportunities for storytelling.
4. To promote storytelling statewide as an art and necessary for preservation of our heritage.
5. To promote gatherings of South Carolina storytellers and listeners.

Article II

The mission of the South Carolina Network shall be to increase appreciation of story telling and listening, proficiency of the South Carolina Storytellers and interaction among its members.

Article III

Membership shall be open to all storytellers and others interested in promoting the purposes of the Network. Dues paying members shall have the right to hold office and vote at Network meetings. They shall receive all mailings and notification of meetings. Resignation notices shall be sent to the Secretary/Membership Director. A member may be expelled from the Network if it is considered in the best interest of the Network but requires a vote of three-fourths of the Officers and Board of Directors.

Article IV

Election and Duties of The Board of Directors:

Section I: Board of Directors

Membership:

The Board of Directors shall consist of 7 members, including a President, Vice-President, Secretary (Membership), Treasurer, and 3 At-Large members. The At-Large members shall represent the Lowcountry, Midland, and Upstate. The Past-President shall serve as an Ex-officio member of the Board, but shall have no vote. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs, funds and properties of the South Carolina Storytelling Network. Membership dues shall be set by the Board and approved by the membership. It shall be the duty of the Board to carry out the purposes stated in the Constitution and ByLaws or other governing documents. The Board shall appoint such committees as needed to carry out the business of the organization.

Election:

The names of nominees and ballots shall be mailed to all members no later than September 15 annually. Ballots shall be returned to the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than October 1 with results of the election announced in the Network Newsletter. The Officers and Board of Directors shall be installed at the Annual Meeting in January. In the event a vacancy occurs, the President shall appoint a replacement until the next election.

Duties:

The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly. They shall fix time, date and location of Board meetings, giving no less notice than 15 days prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors shall set membership dues, prepare and present an annual budget for member approval at the Annual meeting. The Board shall recommend Standing Rules or Policies for the Network to its members for approval. The Board shall arrange for the Annual Meeting in January notifying the members no less than 30 days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Board or by petition of 6 members for a special purpose and no other business may be discussed. 15 days notice shall be given.

Term of Office:

All Directors shall serve a term of one (1) year except for the Vice-President who serves two (2) years (the second year as President) and the Treasurer who serves two (2) years. At-Large members shall serve two (2) year terms. Directors may succeed themselves if elected to do so.

Quorum:

Ten Percent (10%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Network. A simple majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Board.

Compensation of Directors:

Any compensation for the Board of Directors shall be set by the Board and require approval of the members of the Guild.

Article V

Duties of the Directors:

The President shall:

- A. Represent the South Carolina Storytelling Network with the power to carry out business of the Network within its policies.
- B. Preside at the Board of Directors meetings, the Annual and any special called meetings of the Network.
- C. Appoint an Editor with the approval of the Board. The Editor shall publish a Directory and Newsletter for the membership.
- D. Appoint Standing or Ad Hoc Committees with the approval of the Board.
- E. Appoint replacements for any Board of Directors vacancy.
- F. Maintain a current file of all matters during their term of office. This file shall be delivered to the Directors' successor within 10 days after the Annual meeting.

The Vice-President shall:

- A. Preside in the absence or incapacity of the President and perform those functions necessary in the absence of the President.
- B. Fill the unexpired term of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office.
- C. Maintain a file of information as Vice-President to pass to the successor within 10 days after the Annual meeting.

The Secretary/Membership Director shall:

- A. Create and maintain minutes of Director and Guild meetings, modifying them so as to be approved by the Board of Directors or Guild members.
- B. Maintain an accurate, up-to-date membership roster.
- C. Receive new and renewal membership application with fees. Fees shall be given to the Treasurer.

- D. Issue membership cards and/or receipts.
- E. Maintain a mailing list to be used for mailing information to members as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- F. Mail membership renewal notices.
- G. Keep accurate files pertaining to the office of Secretary/Membership and deliver them to their successor within 10 day after the Annual meeting..

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Be custodian of all funds and keep an account of all financial business of the Network.
- B. Pay all bills. Checks exceeding \$100.00 shall be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- C. Submit a Financial Report at all meetings of the Board of Directors and/or Network.
- D. Prepare a budget with the Finance committee and submit it to the Board of Directors and members for approval.
- E. Submit an Annual Financial Report to the Annual Network Meeting.
- F. File any necessary reports with the Internal Revenue Service or other agencies.
- G. Keep accurate files pertaining to the office of Treasurer and deliver them to their successor within 10 day after the Annual meeting.

Members-At-Large shall:

- A. Attend all meetings of the Board, after reviewing the agenda
- B. Serve in any capacity required by the President of the Board of Directors.

The Editor of the Network Newsletter shall:

- A. Publish the Newsletter and Directory as directed by the Board..
- B. Distribute the Newsletter and Directory to the membership by mailing.

C. Keep accurate files pertaining to the office of Editor and deliver them to their successor within 10 days after the Annual meeting.

Article VI

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by changes proposed by either the members of the Network or the Board of Directors. Approval requires a majority vote of those present and voting at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been stated in the notice of the meeting.

Article VII

Dissolution:

Upon the dissolution of the Network, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State or Local Government for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office is located, exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands to these By-Laws of SOUTH CAROLINA STORYTELLING NETWORK this ____ day of _____, 2001

President

Secretary