

GALLATIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

Amended August 10, 2013

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Gallatin County Genealogical Society.

ARTICLE II: Objectives

1. The Gallatin County Genealogical Society is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of future federal tax code.
2. The Society shall be operated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Montana. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause thereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
4. To promote and encourage active interest in genealogy, compile accurate and complete genealogies, collect and preserve genealogical records.
5. To promote and encourage active interest in genealogy through courses, and instruction, through lectures, forums, seminars, workshops, publications, and other means for all ages.
6. To locate genealogical records and promote their preservation and availability to the public through cooperation with the library and by other means.

7. We agree to abide by the Montana State Genealogical Society bylaws, and shall maintain membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society.

ARTICLE III: Membership

1. Any person of good character, willing to contribute time and effort to further the organization shall be eligible for membership.
2. Membership in good standing is one that has paid the yearly dues.
3. Non-members may be invited to assist in the objectives.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

1. The Gallatin County Genealogical Society shall meet on a date set by a vote of the membership.
2. If a special meeting is necessary the president may set it, but the membership shall be notified.
3. A member must be present to cast a vote.
4. Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

ARTICLE V: Officers

1. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Project Manager, and State Liaison.
2. All officers shall be elected at the May meeting. The term of office shall be one year and officers may be re-elected.
3. The President will appoint a nominating committee at the April meeting to select a slate of candidates.
4. The duties of the officers shall be implied by their respective titles.
5. The Vice-President shall be the program chairman of the Society.
6. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and handle correspondence.
7. The Treasurer will deposit funds of the Society in a bank of the Society's choosing. All bills shall be paid by check signed by both the President and the Treasurer. There will be a treasurer's report at each meeting.

ARTICLE VI: Committees

1. The President will appoint a person to audit the books at the end of each year (May).
2. Nominating: A nominating committee of two members shall be appointed in April to nominate member(s) to each office. The slate of candidates shall be presented at the May meeting for a vote by the membership. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.
3. The President as required will appoint any other committees.

ARTICLE VII: Finances

1. The Treasurer will be in charge of the finances.
2. Annual membership dues, payable in September, shall be: Individual - \$10.00; Family - \$15.00; Family will consist of husband, wife and children living in one household.
3. Fees: In addition to dues, fees may be charged members and non-members attending a special activity sponsored by the organization.
4. If the organization is disbanded, any remaining funds shall be distributed by a vote of the membership and will go to another non-profit organization.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote.
2. Any amendment shall first be presented to the membership. Voting on the amendment shall take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX: Parliamentary Procedure

The parliamentary authority of the Society shall be *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised.