

BY-LAWS of the
NEBRASKA SOCIETY OF
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

These By-Laws are pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants, adopted May 7, 1967.

ARTICLE I – BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Section 1. Duties. The Board of Assistants shall have general charge and direction over the affairs of the Society, its acts being always subject to approval by the Society.

These duties include:

- (a) Direction of financial policy within the framework of these By-Laws, including the investment and safe-keeping of funds, and auditing of the financial records.
- (b) The selection and safe-keeping of pertinent records of the Society.
- (c) Filling any vacancy in office for the unexpired term thereof, it being the Board's responsibility to determine the fact and the remaining term of any vacancy.
- (d) Acceptance of Memberships into, and termination of Memberships from, the Society, including the framing of the rules of procedure pertaining thereto.

Section 2. Approval by the Society. At each Annual Meeting of the Society the Board shall submit, for approval by the Society, a complete report of its actions for the year just closed.

Section 3. Liability of Board Members. Assuming a reasonable prudence in the exercise of their duties, individual Members of the Board of Assistants shall not be personally liable with respect of financial loss of funds belonging to the Society.

Section 4. Members of the Board of Assistants shall assume office immediately after the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

Section 1. Governor. The Governor of this Society is its chief executive officer. The Governor is Chairman of the Board of Assistants and an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The Governor shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants, and, consistent with the Constitution, shall designate the date, time, and place for all meetings of the Society and the Board of Assistants. The Governor shall appoint all committees and shall be responsible for the welfare of the Society as directed by the Board of Assistants and the Membership of the Society.

Section 2. Deputy Governor. In the absence of the Governor, or in case of the Governor's incapacity as determined by the Board of Assistants, the Deputy Governor shall assume the duties of the office of Governor during such absence or incapacity.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants, maintain all records not specifically assigned to other officers, notify applicants for membership of their election thereto, give due notice of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants, conduct its correspondence as directed by the Board of Assistants, and, acting with the Governor, certify all acts and orders of the Society. The Secretary shall have custody of the Seal of the Society, together with all other property belonging to the Society not assigned to the custody of others. He shall render a report of the Membership of the Society at its Annual Meeting, including the number of members and changes in membership during the year. The annual dues of the Secretary shall be waived during his term of office.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer is the fiscal agent of the Society. It shall be the Treasurer's duty to collect dues and receive all other moneys payable to the Society. All funds belonging to the Society shall be in the Treasurer's custody. Disbursements from such funds shall be as directed by the Board of Assistants. The Treasurer shall maintain adequate financial records, subject at all times to audit by, or under the direction of, the Board of Assistants; and shall render a complete financial statement at the annual meeting of the Society and of the Board of Assistants. During the term of the Treasurer's office the annual dues of the Treasurer shall be waived.

Section 5. Elder. The office of Elder corresponds to that of the Chaplain; it is the duty of the Elder to officiate when called upon.

Section 6. Historian. It is the duty of the Historian to examine all pedigree papers submitted by applicants for membership into this Society. Such papers, when properly completed and approved by the Historian, shall be submitted to the Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for review and action. The Historian shall notify the Board of Assistants of all acceptances and rejections by the Historian General. The dues of the Historian shall be waived during his or her term of office. It is the duty of the Historian to review all Preliminary Applications for Membership and to make proper investigation with respect to eligibility for membership into the Society, reporting all findings to the Board of Assistants; likewise it is the Historian's duty to make such investigations with respect to reinstatements, restorations, and other membership changes as may be required.

Section 7. Officer of Education and Publicity. The Officer of Education and Publicity shall have charge of activities of the Society relating to promotion of its "Objects" as stated in the Constitution, including selection, planning, and publicity thereto, subject to approval by the Board of Assistants. The Officer of Education and Publicity shall be responsible for proper publicity of other activities and projects of the Society, including regular and special meetings.

Section 8. Captain. The Captain shall carry out all of the orders of the Governor. (Amended 2012)

Section 9. Surgeon. The Surgeon shall be duly licensed to practice medicine. The Surgeon shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Governor or the Board of Assistants. (Amended 2012)

Section 10. New Officers shall assume their duties immediately after the meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE III – ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS

Section 1. At the Annual Meeting of the Society the Order of Business shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- Introduction of Guests
- Reading of the Mayflower Compact and Roll Call of Mayflower Ancestors
- Secretary - Reading of Minutes of previous meetings
 - Report of Membership, and Changes of Membership
- Treasurer - Annual Report on the financial status of the Society
- Board of Assistants - Report actions of the Board since last meeting
- Reports of Membership Officer, Historian, & Officer of Education & Publicity
- Report of the Governor
- Reports of all Committees except the Nominating Committee

Unfinished Business
New Business
Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Assistants
 Report of the Nominating Committee
 Call for nominations from the floor
 Election
“For the Good of the Order”
Benediction
Adjournment

Section 2. Semi-Annual Meeting. At the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Society the Order of Business shall be the same as for the Annual Meeting, except for the election of the Officers and Members of the Board of Assistants.

Section 3. At other Special Meetings the order of business shall be determined by the Governor, but must include the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and Benediction. If the meeting is a dinner meeting, food shall be served immediately following the Invocation; if the meeting includes a program, the program shall take place following: “For the Good of the Order”.

ARTICLE IV – NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Section 1. Prior to October first of each year, the Governor shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than two members, designating a chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to present to the Society, at the ensuing Annual Meeting, a nominee for each Constitutional Officer, together with such nominations for Members of the Board of Assistants as may be required to maintain the Board in accordance with constitutional provisions. Members of the Nominating Committee must be Active Members of the Society.

Section 2. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor, after which the election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution.

Section 3. Voting Procedures for Junior Memberships. Voting on junior members by the Board of Assistants may be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail), mail, or fax telephone facsimile.

Section 4. Voting Procedures for Other Matters. Voting on any matter by the Board of Assistants may be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail), mail, or fax telephone facsimile, if authorized by the Governor or a majority vote of the Board of Assistants or otherwise in accordance with the Bylaws of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

ARTICLE V – FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Entrance Fee shall be \$150.00. \$25 is payable to the Nebraska Society. \$125 is payable to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. (Amended 11/14/2020)

Section 2. The Annual Dues shall be forty five dollars for the calendar year, due and payable in January of each year. The payment of dues by a member elected during the three months preceding the Annual Meeting (November) shall continue his membership until the end of the next succeeding fiscal year. A Supplemental Application Fee shall be \$150.00. (Amended 11/14/2020)

Section 3. The affiliate fee shall be one dollar for the calendar year. A person residing in the State of Nebraska who is a member of another Mayflower Society shall upon payment of this fee be invited to attend the dinner meetings of this Society.

Section 4. Life Membership dues shall be as follows:

Age 18 through 44 -- \$900

Age 45 through 59 -- \$750

Age 60 plus -- \$500.

All persons with Life Memberships shall not pay annual dues.
(Amended 2011)

Section 5. Reinstatement Fee is fifteen dollars (\$15). (Amended 4/29/2013)

Section 6. Transfer Fees and Dual Membership Fees.

(b) Transfer Fees. Transfer fees shall be \$10.00 to transfer out of the State of Nebraska and \$5.00 to transfer into the State of Nebraska.

(b) Dual Membership Fees. Dual Membership fees shall be \$10.00 for a member of another state who desires to become a member of the Nebraska Society of Mayflower Descendants. Likewise, there shall be a Dual Membership fee assessed of \$10.00 for a member of our organization who desires to join another state's Mayflower Society.

Section 7. Junior Membership dues shall be \$200. (Amended 2011)

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at an Annual Meeting, or at a Semi-Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for such purpose, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Active Members present and voting; provided that at least fifteen days prior to the meeting (at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted for vote), a copy of such amendment shall have been mailed to each Active Member (at the address then showing on the records of the Society); and also that such amendment was stated in full in the call for the meeting.

Current with amendments as of 11/14/2020