

Constitution of the National Danish-American Genealogical Society
a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society

Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Danish-American Genealogical Society (NDAGS)

Article II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. Expand knowledge of Danish Ancestry. NDAGS will publish, edit and update a booklet: "Searching for your Danish Ancestors, a Guide to Danish Genealogical Research in the US and Denmark" to assist in this endeavor.
- B. Exchange ideas relating to genealogical research and methodology. To aid in this pursuit, NDAGS will maintain Branch Status in good standing with the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) which assists NDAGS and its individual members with publicity, information, library, resources and tax and insurance coverage.
- C. Provide information and instructions on topics of interest to members.
- D. Encourage interest in Danish ancestry and heritage.
- E. Provide an organization to which people interested in Danish genealogy and family history may join no matter where they live.
- F. Encourage the research and writing of family, emigration/ immigration and settlement histories and publication of Danish genealogical material.
- G. To aid in these Purposes a quarterly newsletter "The Beech Tree" will be disseminated to the membership. Articles and information submitted by members for inclusion in this publication is encouraged.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Any person or organization with ancestral ties or interest in Denmark or interest in Danish-American immigration is eligible for membership in this organization, regardless of race, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or age and may establish their membership upon meeting the requirements set forth by the Executive Committee. Membership is considered to include immediate family members of a household.

Article IV: ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of NDAGS shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. These officers along with the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may appoint individual(s) to responsible positions/sub-committees for finite terms which aid in achieving the Purpose(s) of the whole.

The Executive Committee will be responsible to monitor any such appointed committees and manage NDAGS assets, property, accruals, expenditures or disbursement which may occur thereof.

Officers shall be elected for one-year terms by members present and voting at the November annual business meeting. All officers may succeed themselves for additional terms by a vote of the membership.

Terms begin at the January meeting following the election of the officers.

If an officer is unable to complete his or her term, the vacancy will be filled by the Executive Committee as it sees fit.

Article V: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at the regular meeting of NDAGS provided that the proposed amendment has been:

- a) presented to the Executive Committee at any committee meeting
- b) presented to the membership at a previous regular meeting

Article VI: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the Executive Committee, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the National Danish-American Genealogical Society, shall arrange for the transfer of all remaining assets to its parent organization, the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS).