

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NORTH STAR CHAPTER OF
MINNESOTA

ARTICLE I – NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be the North Star Chapter of Minnesota, a non-profit organization, chartered by the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, hereafter known as AHSGR, with international headquarters at Lincoln, Nebraska, and by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society, hereafter known as GRHS, with international headquarters at Bismarck, North Dakota.

ARTICLE II – CHARTER

Chapter charter membership rests upon approval by international headquarters of AHSGR and GRHS.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSES

SECTION A. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1) To stimulate interest in individuals to pursue, study, and research the heritage of Germans from Russia.
- 2) To encourage individuals to document this historical information and communicate it to this organization and to international headquarters.
- 3) To identify and provide resources which will aid individuals in their pursuit of this historical information.

SECTION B. The North Star Chapter is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501 (c) (3) exempt organizations.

ARTICLE IV – LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the organization:

1) No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be a 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.

2) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed 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.

3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Chapter membership shall be contingent upon membership in AHSGR or GRHS. The chapter Board of Directors, as defined in the bylaws, may sanction membership in other qualified national organizations having as their mission the pursuit, study, research and preservation of the Germans from Russia heritage.

Membership shall not be limited to individuals of Germans from Russia heritage. Any individual, family, institution, or corporation interested in the objectives of AHSGR and GRHS or the preservation of the Germans from Russia heritage shall be eligible for membership.

Annual chapter dues shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the members present at the next chapter meeting. The membership year shall be concurrent with the fiscal year—January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

The chapter shall meet quarterly and at such other times as provided by the bylaws. The membership shall be notified of meetings at least one week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIVE OFFICERS

The elective officers shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The officers shall be elected to their respective offices at the last regular meeting of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM

A quorum needed to conduct official business at the regular or special meeting shall be at least 10% of the membership in good standing and three elected officers.

ARTICLE IX – OPERATIONAL POLICIES

The Executive Committee, as defined in the bylaws, shall develop such operational policies not covered in the constitution or bylaws for approval by the Board of Directors and for subsequent approval by the membership at the next regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE X – AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of those voting at the regular or special meeting called in accordance with the bylaws. Proposed amendments shall be considered by the Board of Directors and recommendations presented to the membership. The membership shall be notified of any proposed changes at least one week prior to the vote.

ARTICLE XI – CHAPTER DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the chapter, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the chapter, dispose of all the chapter assets exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, or shall distribute such assets to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office or the chapter is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

This amended and recodified Constitution of the North Star Chapter of Minnesota adopted at the organization's regular business meeting this 13TH day of JANUARY, 2007.

James J. Gessle, President
Bernelda v. Beckler, Secretary