

OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the "Oregon Treasure Trail Society", hereinafter referred to as O.T.T.S. in these By-Laws.

PURPOSE:

To unite and associate persons who are interested in the recreational pastime and sport of searching for coins, jewelry, relics, artifacts, etc.

To promote education and skills in the use of metal detection equipment and enlighten members as to the care and collection of found objects.

To cooperate with and render services to law enforcement agencies, as well as assist other public and private entities as agreed upon by the members in general when our skills and assistance have been formally requested.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Memberships are open to interested persons and are described in the O.T.T.S. Constitution, Article III.

Section 2. As stated in the O.T.T.S. Constitution, Article IV, all memberships are annual from 1 January thru December 31. If unpaid more than 30 days after expiration, the membership will be terminated.

Section 3. Dues are to be reviewed by the Executive Board each year and adjustments made if deemed necessary. Current dues will appear on the OTTS Membership Application.

Section 4. Dues shall be paid on or before 1 January each year. New memberships require full annual dues if joining prior to 31 July or 2/3 of the full annual dues for the remainder of the year (effective 1/30/23).

Section 5. The four officers elected to the Executive Board, Past President (9/24/13), News

Letter Editor, and the Hunt Master (updated 01/11/2026) shall be exempt from dues while holding that position.

ARTICLE III

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These members shall make up the Executive Board. Elections for these positions shall be held in December, with nominations being requested in October and November, as well as immediately prior to elections.

These members, and the immediate Past President, shall make up the Executive Board. Additionally, there may be, at the President's discretion, an appointed Sergeant-at-Arms and two (2) Board Members whose duties follow:

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Shall keep order at the meetings.

Shall see that all members and guests sign in and are wearing some form of name tag.

Shall see that all raffles are covered.

Shall be in charge of ballots whenever voting takes place.

Shall appoint one or two persons to assist in collecting and counting votes. No person running for office may perform this function.

Board Members:

The Board Members shall attend all meetings possible, both Executive and regular. They shall assist the Sergeant-at-Arms when necessary and shall also assist if there is a need for manning a table, selling tickets, or as requested with outings or other club functions.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three (3) active members shall be appointed by the President at the October meeting. They shall contact all the Senior members to determine who may be interested in holding an office.

Section 2. There can be nominations accepted from the floor at the October and November meetings. The Nominating Committee shall report their results to the membership at the November meeting. These nominations shall be shown in the newsletter's election announcement.

Section 3. A last minute call for nominations will be accepted at the December meeting prior to any election.

Section 4. A majority vote of all members present, by secret ballot, shall determine the elected officers. In the case of only one nominee, the Chair may declare the nominee elected.

Section 5. The Elected Board shall assume duties on the 1st of the new year. The term of office shall be from Jan 1 thru Dec 31. No President or Vice President shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES

There may be committees, normally comprised of at least two members, who have been appointed by the President. All appointments shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. These may be: Find of the Month, Outings, Competition Hunt, Fund Raiser, Raffle Sales or any other committee determined to be of benefit to the general membership and efficient operation of the O.T.T.S.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws will be as outlined in Article VI of the Constitution and these By-Laws. The Constitution shall constitute the statement of organization and operation of O.T.T.S. as set forth by the most current revision. Each member of O.T.T.S. shall receive a copy of each within 30 days after payment of the initial membership dues, if not immediately upon payment.

ARTICLE VII (Updated 2/1/2023)

Section 1. Monetary awards for the top five finalists shall be limited to a minimum of \$100.00 (not to exceed \$250.00).

Section 2. Certificates of Merit shall also be awarded to positions 6 through 15.