



BYLAWS

FLORIDA SOCIETY, NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Society, National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the Florida Society shall be to promote the objects of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution and to strengthen and increase the influence of the local Societies within the State by cooperation and support.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any Society of the Children of the American Revolution organized within the boundaries of the State of Florida and recognized as in “good standing” by the Senior National Board of Management shall be a member of the Florida Society upon payment of annual dues to the Senior State Treasurer.

Section 2: FLORIDA C.A.R. PATRIOTS

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution and other interested people may become contributing members of the Florida Society upon the annual payment required, and will be known as Florida C.A.R. State Patriots. They shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FEES

Section 1: ANNUAL STATE DUES of five dollars (\$5.00) per member shall be sent by the Senior Society President to the Senior State Treasurer on or before the first day of January each year.

Section 2: Members admitted by the National Society before July 1st shall pay State Dues immediately to the Senior State Treasurer for the current year. Those members admitted after July 1st shall have their State Dues paid on or before January 1st of the New Year.

Section 3: Life members of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution may become life members of the Florida Society at any time by pre-payment of annual state dues through their 22nd birthday at the rate set in Article IV, Section I of the State By-laws. No portion of a life member’s dues is refundable.

Section 4: THE ANNUAL FEES for all Senior State Officers, Honorary Senior State Presidents, Senior State Chairmen and Senior Society Presidents shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be paid to the Senior State Treasurer before January 1st, which shall entitle the above to ***The Orange Blossom*** for the coming calendar year. If a Senior is holding more than one of the above positions, only one annual fee is paid.

Section 5: The fee of DAR members who wish DAR Chapter credit shall be sent to the DAR State Treasurer who shall forward such fees to the C.A.R. Senior State Treasurer, who will credit it to the local society designated.

Section 6: TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REPRESENTATION at a State Conference, a local society shall have a majority of its members’ dues and the fee of the Senior Society President credited upon the books of the Senior State Treasurer no later than February 1st of the calendar year in which said meeting is held, and shall be credited with dues and fees paid as directed by the Bylaws of the National Society Children of the American Revolution.

Section 7: For a member to be eligible to hold State Office or State Chairmanship and for a local society to be considered for any State Awards or recognition, the annual dues and fees shall be paid according to the bylaws of the National Society and of the Florida Society, ARTICLE IV, Section 1.

Section 8: These State dues and fees shall constitute a State fund which shall be used for the legitimate expenses of State work.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1: The Officers of this Society shall be State President, State First Vice President, State Second Vice President, State Chaplain, State Recording Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary, State Treasurer, State Registrar, State Historian, State Librarian and State Curator. They shall be members in good standing of the Children of the American Revolution.

Section 2: The Senior State Officers shall correspond to those officers authorized in Section 1 above. All Senior State Officers shall be members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, or Sons of the Revolution.

Section 3: A member having served as State President may be elected Honorary President for life with privilege of voting until membership in The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution is terminated. Election may be by voice vote. Once membership is terminated, an Honorary State President may attend Senior State Board of Management meetings with the right to voice without the privilege of voting or making motions, as long as membership is maintained in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, or Sons of the Revolution.

Section 4: Anyone having served as Senior State President may be elected Honorary Senior State President for life with all privileges of a Senior State Officer as long as membership is maintained in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, or Sons of the Revolution. Election may be by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: State Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual State Conference by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting of only Children of the American Revolution members. Voice vote may be taken if there is only one candidate for an office.

Section 2: All State Officers shall serve a term of one year. Officers shall assume office at the close of the Annual State Conference with the exception of the State President who shall assume office beginning at the installation of officers at the National Convention. Only three (3) members of a society may be elected to State in the same year.

Section 3: To be eligible for the office of State President, the nominee shall have been a member of the Florida Society for at least two (2) years and shall have held at least one (1) office in the society as a State Officer. The other nominees for State Office shall have been members of the Florida Society for at least one (1) year prior to holding office.

Section 4: VACANCIES in State Office shall be filled by the State President after consultation with the Senior State President and the remaining elected State Officers.

Section 5: A NOMINATING COMMITTEE of five (5) members shall be appointed by the State President on or before October 1 prior to the Annual State Conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a slate of not more than two (2) candidates for each office to be filled at the election at the Annual State Conference. The consent of the candidate to serve, if elected, shall have been obtained. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to see that the slate of proposed candidates is provided by mail or electronic means to each State Officer, Senior State Officer, Society President, and Senior Society President no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual State Conference. Election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. Nominations may be made from the floor. Candidates must be present to be eligible for office. The Senior State President shall act as an advisor to this committee, shall appoint a Senior Chairman and shall appoint the tellers.

Section 6: Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained and a request for a Certificate of Eligibility has been received by the Senior State President no less than fifteen days before the Annual State Conference. The Certificate of Eligibility must be presented to the State Recording Secretary at the time the candidate is nominated. The Senior State President shall notify all candidates for the same office of the pending nomination(s) from the floor upon issuance of a Certificate(s) of Eligibility.

Section 7: APPOINTMENTS. The Senior State President, who shall be a member in good standing in a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution or a member in good standing in the Sons of the American Revolution or the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Florida, shall be appointed by the Senior National President after consultation with the outgoing C.A.R. Senior State President and consideration of the recommendation of the DAR State Regent and the State Presidents of the SAR and the S.R., subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management. The term of office is for two (2) years and the officer is eligible for a reappointment.

Section 8: The Senior State Officers shall be appointed by the Senior State President for a term of (2) years, to be concurrent with that of the Senior State President. They shall be from the membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, or the Sons of the Revolution.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PART A – STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: The STATE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. preside at all meetings of the State Board, the Annual State Conference and other meetings that may be sponsored by the State Society;
- b. appoint those chairmen and committees as deemed necessary;
- c. be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee;
- d. report at all meetings of the State Board, the Annual State Conference, the Southeastern Regional Meeting and at the National Convention;
- e. keep in contact with the local societies within the State;
- f. represent the members of the State Society on appropriate occasions;
- g. be invited to attend all meetings of the Senior State Board with voice, but no vote, and report on the activities of the members;
- h. under the supervision of the Senior State President, conduct necessary correspondence with members of the State Board and of the National Board of Management.

Section 2: The STATE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. perform such duties as may be required by the State President and whenever necessary perform the duties of that office;
- b. be responsible for the State Yearbook.

Section 3: The STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. perform such duties as may be required by the State President;
- b. serve as Editor of the State Newsletter.

Section 4: The STATE CHAPLAIN shall:

- a. open all meetings of the society with prayer;
- b. shall conduct other religious services;
- c. shall administer the Oath of Office to new officers;
- d. shall keep a record of deceased members.

Section 5: The STATE RECORDING SECRETARY with the Senior Recording Secretary shall:

- a. keep an accurate record of all meetings of the State Board and the Annual State Conference;
- b. submit within thirty (30) days of each meeting, a copy of approved minutes to the State President and the Senior State President.

Section 6: The STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY shall help to promote the organization of new societies in the State.

Section 7: The STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall:

- a. send out notices of meetings;
- b. conduct all necessary correspondence.

Section 8: The STATE TREASURER shall:

- a. render a report at each State Board meeting and the Annual State Conference;
- b. serve as a member of the registration committee for all state meetings, checking eligibility of those registering.

Section 9: The STATE REGISTRAR shall:

- a. keep a correct register of the names of the societies with the dates of organization and disbandment;
- b. serve as chairman of registration for all meetings of the State Society.

Section 10: The STATE HISTORIAN shall:

- a. prepare a written account of the Annual State Conference for the National C.A.R. Magazine;
- b. assist the Senior State Historian in keeping the historical scrapbook up to date.

Section 11: The STATE LIBRARIAN shall:

- a. care for all books, magazines and pamphlets which the State Society shall possess;
- b. promote the National Children of the American Revolution Library;
- c. invite members and friends to visit the library and encourage the contribution of appropriate items or money to purchase such items.

Section 12: The STATE CURATOR shall:

- a. encourage members and friends to support the National Children of the American Revolution Museum;

- b. invite members and friends to visit the museum and encourage the contribution of appropriate items or money to purchase such items.

Section 13: Each State Officer and State Chairman shall prepare a brief typewritten report to be read by the State Officer and State Chairman at the Annual State Conference. This report shall reflect the work done by both the State Officer and Senior State Officer, State Chairman and the Senior State Chairman. State Officers shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by their corresponding Senior State Officer.

PART B – SENIOR STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: The SENIOR STATE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. perform all the duties required by the National Society;
- b. preside at all meetings of the Senior State Board;
- c. call to order the Annual State Conference and present the State President who shall preside;
- d. appoint all Senior State Officers and Senior Committee Chairmen and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees;
- e. appoint, subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management, Senior Society Presidents and Senior Organizing Presidents.

Section 2: The SENIOR STATE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. preside in the absence of the Senior State President and perform the duties of that office when necessary;
- b. work in cooperation with the State First Vice President in issuing the State Yearbook.

Section 3: The SENIOR STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- a. perform such duties as may be required by the Senior State President;
- b. serve as Senior Advisor for the State Newsletter.

Section 4: The SENIOR STATE CHAPLAIN shall:

- a. keep a record of all deaths in the State;
- b. assist the State Chaplain in planning for all religious services of the State Society.

Section 5: The SENIOR STATE RECORDING SECRETARY shall:

- a. keep the minutes of the Senior State Board;
- b. see that the records of the State Recording Secretary are in order and are accurate.

Section 6: The SENIOR STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY shall promote organization of new societies in the State.

Section 7: The SENIOR STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall:

- a. send out all notices of meetings;
- b. attend to such correspondence as may be required of the Senior State President.

Section 8: The SENIOR STATE TREASURER shall:

- a. collect and receive all moneys due the State Society;
- b. deposit all moneys in such bank or banks as may be designated by the State Society to the credit of the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution;
- c. be custodian of the funds of the State Society and shall disburse such funds only upon orders approved by the Senior State President;
- d. give a report at each meeting of the Senior State Board;

e. present the books for AUDIT of the Treasurer's accounts which shall be made before each Annual State Conference by a committee of two (2) appointed by the Senior State President.

Section 9: The SENIOR STATE REGISTRAR shall keep an accurate register of the:

- a. names of all societies, dates organized, dates of disbandments;
- b. names of all members of each society together with the National Number, date of birth, date of admission to membership in the National Society, parents' address, marriage, transfer, resignation or death.

Section 10: The SENIOR STATE HISTORIAN shall:

- a. see that all records are properly kept in the Historian's Scrapbook and that the book is up to date;
- b. assist the State Historian in preparing a written account of the Annual State Conference for the National C.A.R. Magazine.

Section 11: The SENIOR STATE LIBRARIAN shall:

- a. promote interest in historical documents and the preservation of these,
- b. promote the National Society Children of the American Revolution Library;
- c. invite members and friends to visit the Library and encourage the contribution of appropriate items or money to purchase such items.

Section 12: The SENIOR STATE CURATOR shall:

- a. promote the National Society Children of the American Revolution Museum;
- b. invite members and friends to visit the Museum and encourage the contribution of appropriate items or money to purchase such items.

Section 13: Each Senior State Officer and Senior State Chairman shall assist in the preparation of the report to be read by the corresponding State Officer and State Chairman at the Annual State Conference.

ARTICLE VIII – ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1: The ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE shall be held each year at the time and place determined by the Senior State President after consultation with the Senior State Board. The Conference shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of State Officers and State Chairmen, for the election of State Officers, and for any other business that may arise. Fifteen (15) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2: The VOTING MEMBERS of the Annual State Conference shall be the State Officers, Honorary State Presidents, the Presidents or Vice Presidents, and Delegates or Alternates from the local Societies within the State, who shall be duly registered and present at the Conference and whose dues for the current year have been paid by February 1st.

Section 3: Delegates for a local Society shall be proportioned according to the membership of the local Society as follows:

- a. the local Society President or alternate shall have one (1) vote;
- b. the local Society shall elect delegates and alternates in the following ratio:

Members	Delegates	Alternates	President/Vice President	Total
6-10	2	2	1	3
11-25	4	4	1	5

26-50	6	6	1	7
51 or more	8	8	1	9

Section 4: A local Society with less than a majority of its dues paid by February 1st shall not be entitled to representation at the Annual State Conference.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Electronic meetings may occur by means of telephone conference call or other electronic means, provided that all participating members can hear and respond to all communication in real time during the meeting. An electronic meeting must also provide for the ability to vote in a compliant manner for any type of voting method. This applies to the following, including but not limited to:

- a. Annual meetings
- b. Informal, regional and packet meetings
- c. Special meetings of the Senior State Board
- d. Advisory Board meetings
- e. State Board meetings
- f. State committee meetings

ARTICLE X – STATE AND SENIOR STATE BOARD

PART A – STATE BOARD

Section 1: The State Officers, Honorary State Presidents, Society Presidents and State Committee Chairmen shall constitute the State Board.

Section 2: The State Board shall have at least one (1) meeting each year at the time of the Annual State Conference. SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the State President. No less than two (2) weeks' notice of meetings shall be given by mail or electronic means.

Section 3: Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

PART B – SENIOR STATE BOARD

Section 1: The Senior State Officers, Honorary Senior State Presidents, Senior Presidents of Local Societies and Senior Chairman of all State Committees shall constitute the Senior State Board.

Section 2: The Senior State Board shall meet at least twice a year. One (1) meeting to be at the time of the Annual State Conference. SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the Senior State President and shall be called upon written request of three (3) members. Notice of business to be transacted shall be included in the Call for the Special meeting. No less than two (2) weeks' notice of meetings shall be given by mail or electronic means.

Section 3: The Senior State Board shall have all power and authority over the affairs of the State Society during the interim between its Annual Meetings except that of modifying any action taken by the Annual State Conference.

Section 4: Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

Section 1: The State President, with the approval of the Senior State President, shall appoint from among the membership such State Chairmen as are deemed necessary. The appointments shall run concurrently with that of the appointing officer.

Section 2: The Senior State President shall appoint Senior State Chairmen as are deemed necessary, to correspond to each State Chairman appointed by the State President. The term of each Senior State Chairman shall run concurrently with that of the appointing officer.

ARTICLE XII – DISCIPLINE

Any member conducting himself or herself in a way to disturb the harmony of the Florida Society C.A.R. or to impair its good name may be reprimanded after a thorough investigation by a JOINT MEETING of the State Board and the Senior State Board.

ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Society and in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and with the Bylaws of the National Society C.A.R.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual State Conference by a two-thirds vote of those voting, a quorum being present, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the National Parliamentarian and sent to each Senior State Officer and each Senior Society President no less than thirty (30) days before the Annual State Conference and provided further that the amendment has been proposed by the Senior State Board or by a committee authorized by the Senior State Board.

ARTICLE XV – DISSOLUTION

Although the period of duration of the state organization is perpetual, if for any reason the Florida State Society wishes to disband, it shall report in writing to the Senior National President with a copy to the Senior National Organizing Secretary. Disbandment shall be affected by vote of the Senior National Board of Management. All funds remaining in the treasury shall be forwarded to the Senior National Treasurer of the National Society. The Florida State Society may designate to what use the funds may be applied provided such use is approved by the Senior National Board of Management. No part of the property of the Florida State Society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officer, senior officers, members or senior leaders of the state organization.

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