

PISCATAQUA PIONEERS BYLAWS July 2012

This is an educational, genealogical, historical and patriotic society, whose membership consists of the descendants of the original settlers on each side of the Piscataqua River and its tributaries, prior to the Declaration of Independence.

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the society shall be PISCATAQUA PIONEERS (Inc. 1905).

ARTICLE II. Object

The purpose of this society is to secure and preserve the records of the pioneers of the Piscataqua River Valley between Maine and New Hampshire and of their descendants. The historical sites in this area are visited regularly to insure that generations to come will be aware of the accomplishments of the early settlers and their contributions to the advancement of America.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Fees

Section 1. The membership shall consist of Annual Members, Life Members, and Associate Members.

Section 2. Members may be elected at the Annual Meeting or at any meeting of the Council by a majority vote of those present.

Section 3. Applicants for membership shall be proposed by two Annual or Life Members on a Preliminary Application Blank bearing their signatures, and this Blank shall be referred to the Registrar. After the Registrar has established proof of eligibility, applicant shall submit proof of lineage on forms furnished by the Registrar. When completed to the Registrar's satisfaction one copy shall be placed in his/her file and one in the Lamson collection at UNH.

Section 4. The husband or wife of an Annual or Life Member may be proposed for Associate Membership, and when elected shall have the right to vote and to hold office.

Section 5. Each applicant shall pay a fee of thirty dollars to the treasurer at the time of application. Each Annual Member or Associate Member shall pay dues of ten dollars per year. The life membership fee shall be ten times the annual membership fee.

Section 6. Any Annual or Associate Member who fails to pay annual dues for three years will forfeit membership.

ARTICLE IV. **Officers**

Section 1. Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, six (minimum) to ten (maximum) Vice-Presidents (men and women chosen alternately in order), Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Curator, Auditor, Database Manager, and three to five Officers-at-Large all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office for President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Registrar, Curator, Auditor, and Officers-at-Large shall be one year. The term of the Database Manager shall be three years.

Section 2. Assistants to any of these officers may be appointed by the Council at their discretion.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Council. He/she shall appoint all Committees, and be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the Council. He/she shall record the names of all members with the date of their admission, their number, and the name of their ancestor. He/she shall send a copy of the Bylaws and a membership card to each person elected to membership. He/she shall inform all members of the date of annual and special meetings, and send a fourteen day notice thereof by mail.

Section 5. The Chaplain shall perform the customary duties of this office at all meetings of the Council and at all Annual Meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, including admission fees and annual dues, pay bills as approved by the Council, and render a detailed report at the Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The Curator shall forward all records, manuscripts, books and memorabilia pertaining to the history of the Piscataqua Region, as well as the original lineage papers of the members to the Lamson Collection at UNH.

Section 8. The Auditor shall examine the records of the Treasurer and certify to their accuracy at the Annual Meeting.

Section 9. The Registrar shall perform all duties pertaining to his/her office as recommended by the Council. He/she shall send out, receive and retain Preliminary Application blanks, send the worksheets and lineage forms, together with a set of instructions to applicants, and receive the completed forms for consideration. The names of all approved applicants shall be referred to the Council for election, or to the members at the Annual Meeting. Upon election the Registrar will retain one copy of the lineage papers for his/her files and deliver the other copy to the Curator for storage in the

Lamson Collection at UNH. If lineage forms are not filed with the Registrar within one year from the date of issue they will be void. New members will be entered in the Registrar's book in order, with the name, address, date of admission, assigned number and name of ancestor.

Section 10. The Database Manager shall compile and maintain a computerized list of all members with current addresses and status (active, inactive, deceased) provided by officers or members. The Database Manager shall provide this information for the newsletters, labels, and needs of other officers.

Section 11. Officers-at-Large shall be three to five members who will serve at the direction of the President, providing backup for the other existing officers and doing tasks that need to be accomplished.

Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members, who shall be appointed by the President and reported at the October Council meeting. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations at the May Council meeting.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings shall be held between June 1 and September 30 on a Saturday at a time and place determined by the Council, which shall be designated in the call for a meeting. The names of the nominating committee shall be included in this notice.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the order of the Council.

ARTICLE VI. The Council

Section 1. The council shall be comprised of all Past Presidents and all Officers of the Society.

Section 2. The Council shall have charge of the general affairs of the Society, may make appropriations and may fill any vacancy occurring among the officers during the year.

ARTICLE VII. Quorum

A quorum for meetings of the Society shall be twenty-five members and a quorum of the Council shall be five members.

ARTICLE VIII. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority for all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Piscataqua Pioneers will be distributed solely for charitable, educational and religious purposes as described in Section 501 C(3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Any articles in the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting, provided that they shall have been submitted to the Council and included in the notice to the members.

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