

Bylaws of the Wake County Genealogical Society, Inc.

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization is the Wake County Genealogical Society, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Society.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Society is:

1. To promote genealogical study and research.
2. To serve as a medium of exchange of genealogical or historical information.
3. To encourage the preservation of genealogical or historical records.

Article 3 - Membership

1. Membership in the Society shall be open to all persons interested in genealogy, either as amateurs or professionals, and who concur with the purpose of the Society.
2. Members in the Society shall be enrolled through the completion of an application form and the payment of dues.
3. Dues shall be as stated in the Standing Rules and Procedures.
4. The membership year and budget year shall be September 1 through August 31.
5. All enrolled members shall be entitled to vote on Society proceedings, to receive the Newsletter and/or Journal, and to have access to all Society documents.

Article 4 - Meetings

1. Regular monthly meetings of the Society shall be held except in June, July, August, and December. When necessary, the president may cancel a regular meeting.
2. Special meetings may be called by the president, the Board of Directors, or at the request of five members in good standing, with 30 days written notice.
3. At least ten members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the general membership.

Article 5 - Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall be: president, president-in-training, vice-president for communications, recording secretary, treasurer, past president, membership coordinator, program coordinator, and two directors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.
2. The duties and term of each officer shall be found in the Standing Rules and Procedures.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.

Article 6 - Tax Exemption, Dissolution, and Financial Records

1. This Society is organized exclusively for the purpose set forth in Article 2, subject to the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is therefore tax-exempt as a non-profit organization.
2. No part of net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons.
3. Upon dissolution of the Society, any remaining assets shall be distributed to the Olivia Raney Library or the Friends of the Archives, Inc.
4. An independent person shall conduct an annual review of the financial records of the Society.

Article 7 - Amendments

1. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of those members voting, provided thirty days advanced notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members either at a previous meeting or through the Society newsletter.
2. Standing Rules and Procedures, when adopted by the Society, may be amended by vote of the Board of Directors, provided that notice has been given to all Board members.

--- approved by the Board of Directors meeting on 14 April 2008

--- adopted by vote of the membership at the regular meeting on 27 May 2008