

**STANDING RULES OF  
VIRGINIA BEACH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
October 11, 2007**

1. The Society shall hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month from September through June unless otherwise directed by the Executive Board. There are no scheduled meetings in July and August. Regular meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m.
2. A surname book shall be maintained in which the members can list the lineages being researched. The surname book shall be available on the Society's Web page and in the Local History and Genealogy area of the Central Library.
4. Visitors are welcome at all meetings and may attend special events of the Society upon paying the required fee and abiding by the rules governing members.
5. Any member wishing to address the assembly at any regular or special meeting of the Society shall notify the Secretary or President in advance of the meeting date of the nature of his presentation and ask to be put on the agenda for that specific meeting.
6. The following types of items shall be deemed appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter:
  - Articles on history, genealogy, and archaeology.
  - Information about the Society's meetings, seminars, speakers, trips, or other Society-sponsored functions.
  - Information about other genealogical or historical societies' meetings, seminars, trips, or functions of interest to this Society's membership.
  - Information about archives, libraries, museums, court houses, churches, public and private organizations, historical societies, and other repositories of genealogical and historical data, and how to access them.
  - Photographs, maps, drawings, charts, and diagrams of genealogical and historical interest.
  - Obituaries of Society members.
  - Various forms of descendency and ascendancy charts of Society members.
  - Information about writing genealogies and family histories.

Reviews and notices of newly published or republished genealogical or historical records compilations, histories, biographies, or instructional (how-to) genealogical books.

Reviews and notices of newly released computers, genealogical or genealogically useful software, and how to obtain and use them.

Problem-solving advice.

Inquiries from members and other readers.

Letters to the Editor.

Notices of classes on genealogy and on using computers for genealogical purposes.

## 7. FUND RAISING

Since its founding the Society has been supported primarily by membership dues. The Society is a non-profit organization but may find it necessary to raise additional funds to support its activities. The following policy shall govern the fund-raising activities of the Society.

- a. The Society shall support only those fund-raising activities that are legal, are supportive of the purpose of the Society, and reflect favorably on the Society.
- b. Any activity to raise funds for the Society must receive approval of the Executive Board.
- c. Members who offer their genealogical talents and services for a fee may advertise in the Society's newsletter. Decisions about size of advertisements, cost per line, number of inclusions per member, and subject matter shall be left to the discretion of the Newsletter Editor.
- d. All funds raised by the Society shall be forwarded to the Treasurer within ten (10) days of receipt.

### **Amendment of Standing Rules**

The standing rules may be amended without prior notice to the membership at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present or by a majority vote if written notice has been given at the previous regular meeting.