

**BYLAWS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Illinois State Organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution hereinafter referred to as the Illinois State Organization.

**ARTICLE II – Objects**

The objects of this society shall be to promote the objects of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society.

- (1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- (2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, “to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,” thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens;
- (3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

**ARTICLE III – Members**

Section 1. Membership. The membership of the state organization shall consist of the chapters in good standing of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in the state of Illinois.

Section 2. New Chapters. The state recording secretary shall enroll a chapter newly confirmed by the National Society as a member of the Illinois State Organization upon receipt of the following information from the chapter: name of the chapter; the date of its organization; the names of its officers and of its members.

**ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues**

Section 1. Annual Dues. The annual state dues for each chapter shall be \$8.00 per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall be postmarked no later than December 1. A

chapter whose dues have not been paid by December 1 shall be notified by the state treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the state conference.

Section 2. New or Reinstated Members. The state dues of a member admitted or reinstated on or after July 5 shall be retained by the chapter and credited for the upcoming dues year, which begins December 1.

Section 3. Dues Allocation. The eight dollar (\$8.00) state dues shall be kept in the dues holding fund until the close of Continental Congress when it shall be transferred as follows: twenty cents (20¢) per capita toward the publication of the *Biennial Proceedings*; twenty-five cents (25¢) per capita toward the expense of the *Illinois DAR News*; forty cents (40¢) per capita to defray expenses of the Illinois State Conference; and the remaining seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$7.15) per capita to the general fund for the expenses of the current administrative year.

Section 4. State Conference. A registration fee shall be collected for the state conference, the amount to be determined by the state board of management.

Section 5. State Meetings. A registration fee may be collected for state meetings other than state conference (such as DAR Days), the amount of which shall be determined by the state board of management.

## **ARTICLE V – Officers**

Section 1. Officers. The elected officers of the Illinois State Organization shall be a regent, vice regent, chaplain, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, and librarian. The regent, chaplain, recording secretary, registrar, and historian shall be elected by the voting members of the state conference in the odd calendar years; and, the vice regent, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, and librarian shall be elected by the voting members of the state conference in the even calendar years.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office shall be for two years or until their successors are elected. The term of office shall begin no earlier than at the close of the Continental Congress at which the regent and vice regent are confirmed. A member having served more than one-half a term in office shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 3. Eligibility.

- A. To be eligible for the office of state regent or state vice regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter within the Illinois State Organization for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent.
- B. To be eligible for any other office, a member shall have been a member of an Illinois chapter for at least two years.

- C. No two officers shall be members of the same chapter.
- D. A member holding two or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual state conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.
- E. No officer shall be eligible to serve the same state office for two consecutive terms.
- F. No member who has served one term in any state office shall be eligible to serve any other state office except that of state regent and state vice regent until the expiration of at least one year.
- G. No member shall hold a state office and serve as chapter regent at the same time.

Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any office except that of state regent shall be filled by the state board of management until the next state conference when the conference shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the office of state regent becomes vacant, the state vice regent shall become state regent automatically provided she has been confirmed as state vice regent.

Section 5. Honorary State Regent. In recognition of valuable service to the Illinois State Organization, the title of "Honorary State Regent" may be conferred for life by a two-thirds vote at any state conference upon a member who has served in the office of Illinois state regent.

## **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Endorsements**

Section 1. Composition and Selection of Nominating Committee.

- A. Candidates for state offices shall be selected by a nominating committee chosen by the membership.
- B. The nominating committee shall consist of one (1) member from each district.
- C. Each district shall elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate by July 1 of each election year.
- D. The election of the delegate and alternate shall be by majority vote of the district members present at a meeting prior to July 1 of each election year.
- E. No proxy voting is permitted.
- F. If the delegate becomes unable to serve, the alternate shall serve as the delegate.
- G. Eligibility of a delegate or alternate shall be limited to district members who currently serve or have served as a chapter regent and have served in at least one of the following capacities: district officer, state chairman, or state officer.
- H. A delegate shall not serve in consecutive terms.
- I. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
- J. One (1) honorary state regent shall be selected by the nominating committee to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting advisor and shall not serve in consecutive terms.
- K. Names of the nominating committee members and advisor shall be published in the *Illinois DAR News* or *VIS News*.

Section 2. Responsibilities and Procedures.

- A. The nominating committee shall review the qualifications of potential candidates for state office and prepare a slate of nominees for all state officer positions to be filled by election at state conference.

- B. The name or resume of a potential candidate for state office shall be submitted by the candidate, or by a member, to a member of the nominating committee for consideration.
- C. The nominating committee shall strive to have fair representation from the districts.
- D. Selection of a candidate by the committee is by majority vote.
- E. No proxy voting is permitted.
- F. Prior consent of each candidate shall be obtained by the committee before submission of names of state officer candidates to the state board of management.
- G. The names of the candidates selected by the nominating committee shall be sent to the state recording secretary by November 1 of the year preceding the election and shall be read at the subsequent state board of management meeting.
- H. The slate of candidates shall be published in the *Illinois DAR News* or *VIS News* not less than thirty (30) days before state conference.

Section 3. Nominations from the Floor. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the prior consent of the qualified nominee shall have been obtained.

Section 4. State Office Candidate Endorsement. No candidate shall be endorsed or announced for any state office until after the adjournment of the state conference preceding the conference at which the election for those offices is to be held.

Section 5. Endorsements for National Office.

- A. A candidate for the office of Vice President General shall have been endorsed for the office by a majority vote by ballot at a state conference of the state in which she holds membership.
- B. No candidates for national office, who are not members of Illinois chapters, shall be nominated or endorsed for such national office at the state conference.

## **ARTICLE VII – Elections**

Section 1. State Officer Elections. Officers shall be elected at an annual state conference by those entitled to vote as provided in the National Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Illinois State Organization.

Section 2. Election Procedures. Election of state officers shall be by written ballot except when there is but one candidate for each office, in which case election may be by voice. A majority vote shall elect.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Duties. The state officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the bylaws of the National Society, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the National Society. The state regent and the state board of management shall be responsible for compliance within the Illinois State Organization of all rulings of the National Society.

Section 2. The state regent shall:

- A. have general supervision of the work and the affairs of the Illinois State Organization;
- B. preside at all meetings of the state conference and other meetings of the Illinois State Organization, the state board of management and regional state meeting(s) (DAR Days);
- C. appoint all state committees, corresponding to committees of the National Society, and other standing, administrative or special committees not otherwise provided for in these bylaws;
- D. be an ex officio member of all state committees, except the nominating committee;
- E. be the chief executive officer, the official spokesman for the Illinois State Organization;
- F. appoint an assistant treasurer;
- G. appoint a parliamentarian, whose duties shall be to advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law and to give similar advice to the state board of management and to the Illinois State Organization;
- H. sign all vouchers upon the state treasurer for disbursement of funds;
- I. appoint a director for each state district;
- J. perform such other duties as the National Society may require.

Section 3. The state vice regent shall:

- A. perform the duties and responsibilities of the state regent in her absence or inability to serve;
- B. fill the unexpired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of the state regent;
- C. arrange the time and place of the regional state meeting(s) (DAR Days) with the approval of the state board of management;
- D. serve as chairman of the Illinois Supper at Continental Congress;
- E. perform such other duties as may be directed by the state board of management.

Section 4. The state chaplain shall:

- A. open all meetings with the reading of scripture and prayer;
- B. preside at the memorial service at state conference and conduct such other services as the occasion may require;
- C. perform such other duties as may be directed by the state board of management.

Section 5. The state recording secretary shall:

- A. keep a faithful record of the proceedings of all meetings of the state conference and the state board of management;
- B. be custodian of the state records;
- C. notify officers and chairmen of votes and of proceedings of these meetings which affect their duties;
- D. work with the state regent in compiling for publication the *Biennial Proceedings* of the state regent's administration to be published in book form for distribution at the fall state meeting(s). She may assist the outgoing state regent and the outgoing state recording secretary, as necessary, in its completion;
- E. sign all vouchers upon the state treasurer for disbursement of funds;
- F. perform such other duties as may be directed by the state board of management.

Section 6. The state corresponding secretary shall:

- A. send notices of all meetings to the appropriate members;
- B. conduct correspondence as the state regent or state board of management shall direct;
- C. be responsible for compiling, printing and distributing the state *Roster*;
- D. perform such other duties as may be directed by the state board of management.

Section 7. The state organizing secretary shall:

- A. organize, promote and conserve chapters;
- B. assist the state regent and the organizing regents in the formation of chapters;
- C. contact prospective members in an area where a new chapter is being organized;
- D. proceed in accordance with National Bylaws should the merger or disbandment of a chapter become necessary;
- E. maintain a list of all chapters and the counties where they are located;
- F. perform such other duties as may be directed by the state board of management.

Section 8. The state treasurer shall:

- A. be custodian of all funds and securities of the Illinois State Organization;
- B. be responsible for maintaining adequate financial records using standard, approved accounting procedures. Any change in accounting procedure recommended by the state treasurer or the certified public accountant shall be approved by the state board of management;
- C. be insured or bonded for the faithful discharge of her duties. The amount of the insurance or bond shall be fixed by the state board of management and the expense paid from the state treasury;
- D. keep the funds of the state organization in banking and financial institutions selected by the state treasurer and approved by the state board of management;
- E. submit to the state regent, state board of management, and finance committee each month an itemized report of all receipts and expenditures for the preceding month;
- F. ensure that all vouchers are countersigned by the state regent and the state recording secretary;
- G. submit a fiscal year report, including the funds of the assistant treasurer, at state conference;
- H. at the close of the fiscal year have her funds audited by a Certified Public Accountant in conjunction with the funds of the assistant treasurer. The audit shall be inclusive of all financial records of the fiscal year;
- I. coordinate with the Certified Public Accountant and be the primary point of contact with the Certified Public Accountant;
- J. provide the National Society with a copy of the appropriate IRS Form 990 or confirmation that the IRS Form 990-N e-postcard has been accepted, a copy of the state's annual financial report, and a copy of the audit report or financial review;
- K. ensure that all chapters comply with IRS and state filing requirements, receive a copy of each chapter's filed federal and state tax return(s) or confirmation that the IRS Form 990-N e-postcard has been accepted, and that any electronic state forms have been filed as required, and receive a copy of each chapter's annual financial summary report;

- L. pass to her successor the books, vouchers, and all records within sixty (60) days after Continental Congress;
- M. perform such other duties as may be directed by the Treasurer General or state board of management.

Section 9. The state registrar shall:

- A. assist the lineage research and volunteer genealogist committees with preparation of applications;
- B. be a member of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission;
- C. perform such other duties as may be designated by the Registrar General or the state board of management.

Section 10. The state historian shall:

- A. direct and encourage historical research and study among the chapters;
- B. maintain a file record of historical markers in Illinois;
- C. perform such other duties as shall be designated by the Historian General or state board of management.

Section 11. The state librarian shall:

- A. endeavor to acquire books of historical or genealogical value for the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and the Illinois DAR Library at Mount Vernon, Illinois;
- B. make periodic reports of the visits to the Illinois DAR Library in Mount Vernon to the state board of management;
- C. maintain an inventory of the DAR collection at the Illinois DAR Library for the purposes of insurance coverage;
- D. perform other duties as may be designated by the office of the Librarian General or by the state board of management.

Section 12. Additional Duties. Each state officer shall make an annual report at the state conference. Within thirty (30) days following her retirement from office, each state officer, except state treasurer, shall deliver to her successor all official properties and records in her possession.

## **ARTICLE IX – Meetings**

Section 1. State Conference.

- A. The annual meeting of the state shall be held in the months of March, April or May, unless otherwise ordered by the state board of management.
- B. All members of the National Society affiliated with chapters of the Illinois State Organization may attend the annual state conference, in addition to those elected to represent each chapter as delegates or alternates, and are entitled to the privileges of the floor.
- C. Official guests of the state conference may only be invited by the state regent.

- D. With the approval of the state regent, Daughters of the American Revolution holding membership in other states may be invited to attend as personal guests.
- E. Fifteen (15) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the state conference.

## Section 2. Special Meetings.

- A. Special meetings of the Illinois State Organization shall be called by the state regent when ordered by a majority of the members of the state board of management, or when requested by a majority of the chapters.
- B. The business for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting.
- C. All members of the National Society affiliated with chapters of the Illinois State Organization may attend a special meeting, in addition to those elected to represent each chapter as delegates or alternates, and are entitled to the privileges of the floor.
- D. Fifteen (15) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the special meeting.
- E. The delegates and alternates selected for the previous state conference shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the state which may be held prior to the annual state conference of the next year.

## Section 3. Emergency Electronic Meetings.

- A. In the event of a state or nationally declared catastrophic event where in-person gathering is not possible, prohibited or discouraged, the state board of management by majority vote, may authorize a virtual meeting of the Illinois State Organization.
- B. The meeting will be subject to all rules adopted by the state board of management. These rules shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority but may not otherwise conflict with rules or decisions of the Illinois State Organization.
- C. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot.

Section 4. Fall Meetings. Fall meetings (known as DAR Days) may be held on one or more days in the fall, arranged by the state vice regent and the state board of management, to promote the work of the National Society and the Illinois State Organization.

## Section 5. Voting Members. The voting members for state meetings shall be:

- A. the elected state officers as provided in these bylaws;
- B. the national officers and honorary national officers whose membership is within the state;
- C. the chapter regent or in her absence the first vice regent or her alternate;
- D. the elected delegates or alternates of each chapter of the state entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meeting of the National Society.
- E. honorary state regents of the Illinois State Organization whose membership is in the state.



Section 6. Limitations on Voting. A member holding two (2) or more offices, each carrying a vote at the annual state conference shall be limited to vote only in one (1) of the offices held by said member.

Section 7. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting at any state meeting.

Section 8. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the state regent and the state recording secretary, in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

## **ARTICLE X – Chapter Representation**

Section 1. Eligibility Requirements.

- A. A member must have belonged to the chapter at least one (1) continuous year preceding the state conference to be eligible to represent that chapter at said state conference, except in the case of the regent or first vice regent of a newly organized chapter.
- B. A chapter organized and confirmed by the state board of management after the first day of February shall be allowed representation by the regent only, or in her absence by the first vice regent.

Section 2. Criteria.

- A. Chapter representation shall be based upon membership composed of those whose national and state dues shall have been paid on or before the first day of December preceding the state conference.

For membership up to 12 inclusive, the regent or vice regent  
For membership 13 to 49 inclusive, the regent and one delegate  
For membership 50 to 99 inclusive, the regent and two delegates  
For membership 100 to 149 inclusive, the regent and three delegates  
For membership 150 to 199 inclusive, the regent and four delegates  
For membership 200 to 249 inclusive, the regent and five delegates  
For membership 250 to 299 inclusive, the regent and six delegates  
and one additional delegate for each subsequent fifty (50) members

- B. Chapters shall be entitled to elect alternates provided the number of alternates elected by a chapter shall not exceed twice the number of representatives to which the chapter is entitled.
- C. A chapter regent is authorized to fill chapter vacancies in its delegation to the annual state conference or a special meeting of the Illinois State Organization from duly elected alternates in the order designated by the chapter.
- D. No chapter regent, first vice regent, delegate, or alternate shall be entitled to represent her chapter at the state conference if:

- i. her national dues for the current year have not been received in the office of the Treasurer General by the December 1 deadline or do not show a federal postal service or other carrier cancellation date no later than December 1; and
- ii. her state dues have not been received by the state treasurer by the December 1 deadline or do not show a federal postal service or other carrier cancellation date no later than December 1 preceding the state conference.

## **ARTICLE XI – State Board of Management**

Section 1. Members. The officers of the Illinois State Organization shall constitute the state board of management. The parliamentarian may attend meetings of the state board of management at the request of the state regent or the state board of management, serving in those meetings without vote.

Section 2. Duties and Powers. The state board of management shall:

- A. have all power and authority over the affairs of the Illinois State Organization during the interim between meetings of the Illinois State Organization, excepting that of modifying any action taken by the state conference, or other meeting of the Illinois State Organization, provided that no debt of liability except for all ordinary current expenses shall be incurred by the state board of management;
- B. be the custodian of all real and personal property of the Illinois State Organization;
- C. approve an annual budget of the current income of the Illinois State Organization;
- D. perform such other duties as are prescribed by these bylaws and by the state conference.

Section 3. Meetings.

- A. The state board of management shall meet at the call of the state regent a minimum of four (4) times during the year.
- B. Special meetings of the state board of management shall be called by the state regent or when ordered by two (2) members of the state board of management. The business for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the state board of management.

Section 5. Electronic Voting. In case of an urgent situation, electronic voting on time-sensitive, critical issues shall be permitted. Results of any electronic vote shall be ratified at the following state board of management meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.

Section 6. Electronic Meetings.

- A. In the event an in-person gathering is not possible, prohibited or discouraged, the state board of management, by majority vote, may authorize a virtual meeting of the state board of management.

- B. The meeting will be subject to all rules adopted by the state board of management. These rules shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with rules or decisions of the Illinois State Organization.
- C. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot.

Section 7. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 8. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the state regent and the state recording secretary, in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

## **ARTICLE XII – Finances**

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Illinois State Organization shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. Disbursement of State Funds. State funds shall be disbursed with a voucher signed by the state regent and the state recording secretary.

Section 3. Signatories. The state regent, state recording secretary and state treasurer shall have their names on the signature cards of all financial accounts. The state regent, state treasurer and assistant treasurer shall have their names on the account signature cards for which the assistant treasurer is the custodian.

Section 4. Emergency Financial Authority.

- A. In case the state treasurer is unable to perform her duties, the state regent and the state recording secretary may sign checks from the organization's accounts for the period of the emergency.
- B. In case the assistant treasurer is unable to perform her duties, the state treasurer and the state regent may sign checks from the organization's accounts for the period of the emergency.

Section 5. Expenditure of Unbudgeted State Funds. The expenditure of state funds other than already provided in the budget, shall be by a majority vote of the state board of management.

Section 6. Expenses. The state regent shall be permitted to draw from the state treasury the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each quarter for the expenses of her office.

Section 7. Audit Chairman. The state regent shall appoint an Audit Chairman, who shall present the findings of the audit for the preceding fiscal year to the state conference.

Section 8. Investment Advisor. The state board of management is authorized to consult an investment advisor registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or a professional trustee licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, regarding the investment of any general or restricted funds maintained by the Illinois State Organization.

Section 9. Finance Committee. The state regent shall appoint a finance committee to provide oversight and advice to the state treasurer and state board of management on fiscal matters.

Section 10. Certified Public Accountant. The state board of management shall engage a Certified Public Accountant for the purpose of conducting an independent audit, review, or compilation of the organization's financial records to ensure accuracy, transparency, and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Section 11. Assistant Treasurer. The state regent shall appoint an assistant treasurer. The assistant treasurer shall not be deemed a state officer, nor a member of the state board of management. The position of assistant treasurer shall not carry with it eligibility to vote in this capacity at state conference.

- A. Purpose. The assistant treasurer shall serve as custodian of short-term special accounts such as District funds, Junior Membership, Junior Sales and Bazaar, State Conference, Illinois Supper, Continental Congress Bus Tour, DAR Days Bus Tour, DAR School Bus Tour, American Indians School Bus Tour, and any other such special accounts or projects that the state regent and the state board of management may wish to initiate.
- B. Reporting. The assistant treasurer shall submit to the state regent and state treasurer and to the designated representative for the special accounts for which she is responsible each month an itemized report of all receipts and expenditures for the preceding month. She shall submit a fiscal year report at state conference.
- C. Audit. At the close of the fiscal year, the assistant treasurer shall have her funds audited by a Certified Public Accountant in conjunction with the funds of the state treasurer. The audit shall be inclusive of all financial records of the fiscal year.
- D. Record Keeping and Documentation Procedures. The assistant treasurer shall maintain adequate financial records using standard, approved accounting procedures. All receipts must be properly recorded. All disbursements must be supported by appropriate documentation.
- E. Bond. The assistant treasurer shall be insured or bonded for the faithful discharge of her duties. The amount of the insurance or bond shall be fixed by the state board of management and the expense paid from the state treasury.

Section 12. State Regent's Project. At the first board of management meeting for each administration, the state regent shall recommend a motion to the board of management designating her state regent's project, including scope of work and how any undisbursed project funds shall be distributed within sixty (60) days following the end of her term.

## **ARTICLE XIII – Committees**

Section 1. Standing and Special Committees. Committees, corresponding to committees of the National Society, may be appointed, if deemed expedient, and such other committees, standing or special, as the state conference shall authorize, and such special committees as action of the state board of management shall require.

Section 2. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 3. Duties. Each state chairman shall present an annual report at the state conference as directed by the state regent. Within thirty (30) days following her retirement from office, each state chairman shall deliver to her successor all official properties and records in her possession.

## **ARTICLE XIV – Chapters**

Section 1. Chapter Master Report. The chapter regents shall report annually on the work of their chapters via the online Chapter Master Report (CMR).

Section 2. Term of Office. The terms of all chapter officers shall comply with the bylaws of the National Society.

Section 3. Disbandment. Chapter properties, funds, records, including chapter minutes, shall become the property of the Illinois State Organization and shall be sent to the state regent or the state recording secretary. These records shall be returned to the chapter if reinstated.

## **ARTICLE XV – Districts**

Section 1. Districts. The Illinois State Organization shall be divided into seven districts to be known as District I, District II, District III, District IV, District V, District VI, District VII.

Section 2. District Composition by County. The counties in each district shall be as follows:

**District I** - Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Rock Island, Tazewell, Warren and Woodford

**District II** - Boone, Bureau, Carroll, DeKalb, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee, Jo Daviess, Marshall, McHenry, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago

**District III** - Coles, Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, and Vermilion

**District IV** - Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, and Will

**District V** - Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Logan, Mason, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler and Scott

**District VI** - Bond, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Richland and St. Clair

**District VII** - Alexander, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, Washington, Wabash, Wayne, White and Williamson

Section 3. Appointment of District Director. Each district shall have a district director who shall serve by appointment of the state regent for a term of two (2) years or until her successor is appointed. Each district director must be a member of a chapter in the district in which she serves.

Section 4. Duties of District Director. The district director shall:

- A. preside at all district meetings;
- B. appoint officers and chairman for the district as deemed necessary;
- C. serve as coordinator between the chapters in her district and the state officers and state chairmen;
- D. plan the programs of the district meetings;
- E. arrange the dates and locations of district meetings in consultation with state regent;
- F. visit chapters in her district and present her program;
- G. present an annual report at state conference;
- H. transfer all official district properties and records to her successor within 30 days of leaving office;
- I. perform such other duties as requested by the state regent and the state board of management.

Section 5. Voting Eligibility of District Director at State Conference. The position of district director shall not carry with it eligibility to vote in this capacity at state conference.

Section 6. District Dues or Fees. The annual district dues or fees, or both, to be paid by each member, each chapter, or both member and chapter, shall be determined by each respective district.

Section 7. Proxy Voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 8. Electronic Meetings.

- A. In the event of a state or nationally declared catastrophic event where in-person gathering is not possible, prohibited or discouraged, the district director, with the approval of the state regent, may authorize a virtual meeting of the district.

- B. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot.

### **ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws, standing rules, or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws, or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

### **ARTICLE XVII – Amendment of Bylaws**

Section 1. Notice. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual state conference provided that:

- A. a copy of the proposed amendment(s) has been sent by the Illinois State Organization, to all the chapters of the state at least thirty (30), but not more than ninety (90) days, before the state conference; and
- B. the amendment(s) has been proposed by:
  - i. the state board of management,
  - ii. a chapter, with at least one other chapter, or
  - iii. a committee authorized by the state conference.

Section 2. Effective. Unless otherwise provided, prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt, any amendment to these bylaws shall take effect at the close of the state conference at which it is adopted.

Section 3. Mandatory Amendments. Any amendment to the bylaws of the National Society shall become the law of the state without further notice.

### **ARTICLE XVIII – Dissolution**

Although the period of duration of the state organization is perpetual, if for any reason the state organization is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the state organization or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the state organization. Upon the dissolution of the state organization, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Management and/or the Executive Committee to and only to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. (Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the local United States District Court, exclusively to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated within the meaning of section 501(c)(3), with purposes and objectives consistent with those of the state organization.)

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