

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Scouts on Stamps Society International
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Article I - Name and Purpose

- Sec. 1 The name of the organization is the "Scouts on Stamps Society International", hereafter referred to as SOSSI.
- Sec. 2 The SOSSI shall have as its purposes:
- (a) to study, collect, and exchange stamps, covers, seals and related philatelic material honoring Boy Scout and Girl Scout/Guide organizations of the world.
 - (b) to encourage friendly, informative correspondence in the interest of international good will through Scout philately.
 - (c) to support efforts in behalf of stamp collecting merit badges and proficiency badges.

Article II - Membership.

- Sec. 1 Regular membership is open to any adult 18 years of age or over upon being sponsored by one active member.
- Sec. 2 Junior membership is open to anyone under 18 years of age, upon being sponsored by one active member and having the endorsement of a parent or guardian.
- Sec. 3 Application for membership shall be made in writing to the secretary and shall be accompanied by dues as established by the board of directors in accordance with the procedures as established.
- Sec. 4 Any member failing to pay his dues when payable shall be dropped from membership automatically by the secretary giving notice to the president and treasurer.
- Sec. 5 The SOSSI Journal shall be sent to all regular and junior members.
- Sec. 6 Any membership or elective or appointive positions may be revoked for conduct detrimental to SOSSI if revocation is unanimously voted by all officers, except in case of revocation of an officer's position, his vote will not be required for the unanimous action indicated.

Article III - Officers.

- Sec. 1 The elective officers of SOSSI shall be: president, 4 vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and 9 directors.
- Sec. 2 The immediate past president shall be an officer of the SOSSI and shall function at the request of the president.

Article IV - Duties of Officers.

- Sec. 1 The duties of the officers shall be:

A - President

- (1) Take general charge of SOSSI business and activities, subject to the provisions of this constitution and by-laws and all officially communicated policies of the board of directors.
- (2) Preside at all officially called meetings.
- (3) Approve all disbursements for payment by the treasurer.
- (4) Appoint the editor of the SOSSI Journal.
- (5) Appoint the chairmen of all committees.
- (6) Be ex-officio member of the board of directors and all committees except the nominating committee with a vote only in case of a tie.
- (7) Refer committees' decisions of which he disagrees, to the board of directors for final action.

B - Vice Presidents

- (1) Assist the president upon request.
- (2) Serve as chairman of any committees upon request of the president.
- (3) One vice-president, delegated by the board of directors, shall approve disbursements to be made by the treasurer in the event the president is unable to perform this duty.
- (4) One vice-president, delegated by the board of directors, shall act as president in the event that the president is unable to serve until the president is able to resume his duties or until a new president is elected.

C - Treasurer

- (1) Receive and disburse all SOSSE funds. All disbursements shall be made only upon written approval by the president, who shall be an authorized signer of SOSSE's accounts in event that the treasurer is unable to perform this duty.
- (2) Make a monthly report of the financial status (listing receipts and disbursements and balance on hand) to the president.
- (3) Send to the editor of the Journal an annual fiscal report for the year ending December 31 which shall be included in the next issue of the Journal.
- (4) Make available for audit SOSSE records of receipts and expenditures and bank statements at least once each year at a time and place designated by the president.
- (5) Notify the secretary of delinquent members for action.
- (6) Be bonded in an amount set by the board of directors.

D - Secretary

- (1) Keep all permanent records of SOSSE, including an accurate roster.
- (2) Promote new memberships and answer correspondence regarding the same.
- (3) Notify the president and editor of all additions, deletions and changes of address on the membership roll.
- (4) Forward all dues received, identified as to member paying same, to the treasurer.
- (5) Accomplish duties 3 and 4 as to renewals and reinstatements through the chairman of the membership committee.
- (6) Be bonded in an amount set by the board of directors.

E - Directors

- (1) Develop policies for guidance of SOSSE and its officers.
- (2) Appoint, by majority vote, any qualified SOSSE member to fill the unexpired term of any elected officer or to fill a newly created position.
- (3) Appoint, by a majority vote, the chairman of the board of directors for a one year term.
- (4) Serve on any committee upon the request of the president.

Article V - Committees

- Sec. 1 The chairmen of standing committees shall be appointed by the president for the same term as the president's office and for the following purposes: membership, chapter affairs, research, publicity and promotion.
- Sec. 2 The chairmen of temporary committees shall be appointed by the president to act until their purposes, as communicated by the president, have been completed, as follows: audit, convention, cachet, and such other committees as the president may designate.
- Sec. 3 All committee chairmen shall be responsible to the president and shall make written reports to the president of the committee actions passed by a majority vote. While, in case of tie votes, the president has the deciding vote as a member ex-officio of all committees, he shall refer any committee action which he disapproves to the board of directors for final action.
- Sec. 4 Committee chairmen, with the advice of the president, shall appoint as many committee members as they deem necessary to accomplish the purposes for which they were appointed.
- Sec. 4 All committee chairmen and members serve at the pleasure of the president and may be removed by him.

ARTICLE VI - Election of Officers

- Sec. 1 The nomination committee shall consist of the chairman of the board of directors, one non-director officer and one non-officer member, the latter two appointed by the president. The chairman of the board of directors shall be chairman of this committee.
- Sec. 2 Suggestions for nominations for positions may be made by any member to the nominating committee during June and July of each year.
- Sec. 3 The nominating committee shall select one nominee for each office in which the term is expiring. First consideration shall be given to qualifications, secondary to geographic coverage.
- Sec. 4 The names of the nominees shall be forwarded to the editor for inclusion in the September issue of the Journal.
- Sec. 5 An official ballot shall be included with the September issue of the Journal wherein will be listed the candidates selected by the nominating committee with a second line available for write-in votes by the members.

- Sec. 6 A simple majority vote of all members voting, cast for each office, shall be required for election. Voting shall be closed as of November 1 of the year.
- Sec. 7 Election of officers shall be announced each year in the December issue of the Journal.
- Sec. 8 Newly elected officers shall assume office on January 1 immediately following election.
- Sec. 9 The term of office shall be as follows:
- (a) President - 2 years
 - (b) Vice-Presidents - 2 years with 2 being elected each year
 - (c) Directors - 3 years with 3 being elected each year
 - (d) Secretary - 2 years
 - (e) Treasurer - 2 years
- Sec. 10 No officer shall stand for reelection to any office to which he has been already elected for 3 full successive terms unless, at least, one year intervenes between such elections.

Article VII - SOSSI Journal

- Sec. 1 The president shall appoint the editor of the SOSSI Journal, which shall be the official publication of SOSSI.
- Sec. 2 The SOSSI Journal shall be devoted to Scout philatelic news and activities.
- Sec. 3 The editor shall be directly responsible to the president and the board of directors. The editor shall determine the acceptability of all advertisements and news items submitted. When in doubt, he will seek approval of the president, the president being subject only to the constitution and policies previously forwarded to him in writing from the board of directors. The board of directors shall establish policies to determine type and scope of advertisements or articles submitted for publication in the Journal.
- Sec. 4 The editor or the advertising manager, appointed by him, may sell advertising space in the Journal at rates approved by the board of directors and shall forward funds received or account for withheld funds, to the treasurer. The withholding of funds shall be permitted only with the written approval of the president for authorized expenditures.

ARTICLE VIII - Local Chapters

- Sec. 1 Local chapters of the SOSSI may be formed with five members or more.
- Sec. 2 The purpose of local chapters shall conform to the purposes of the international parent organization as stated in Article I, Sec. 2 of this constitution.
- Sec. 3 In no case may a chapter claim boundaries beyond the territorial limits of the country in which it is founded except with the approval of the board of directors where there might exist a community of interest which might make such enlargement logical.
- Sec. 4 The officers of the chapter shall be: chairman, secretary and treasurer.
- Sec. 5 The chapter secretary shall forward the name of the chapter and its officers to the secretary of SOSSI.
- Sec. 6 Each chapter shall have a number assigned by the SOSSI secretary in order of its founding.
- Sec. 7 Chapter meetings shall be held at least once each year.
- Sec. 8 Chapter secretaries shall forward, annually, by February 1, a report of chapter activities and a financial report to the chairman of the chapter affairs committee.
- Sec. 9 The board of directors, by majority vote, may dissolve or suspend any chapter failing to comply with the terms of this article or for activity detrimental to the organization.

Article IX - Business Meetings and Conventions

- Sec. 1 Conventions may be held during any national or world jamboree of the Boy Scout or Girl Scout/ Guide organizations with the approval of the president.
- Sec. 2 All business meetings of the SOSSI shall be subject to call by the board of directors.

Article X - Dues

- Sec. 1 The amount of dues shall be established by action of the board of directors and based on budgetary facts and cost of maintaining SOSSI at an appropriate level.
- Sec. 2 Dues shall be payable on the anniversary date of the member joining or rejoining SOSSI.
- Sec. 3 Dues for reinstatement shall be paid for the current full year with Mn which falls the day on which reinstatement is requested.

Article XI - Compensation

- Sec. 1 All officers shall serve without compensation.
- Sec. 2 The editor of the Journal may be paid a sum each month for services rendered, by the direction of the president with the approval of the board of directors by majority vote.

Article XII - Amendments

- Sec. 1 Proposed amendments to the constitution and the by-laws must first be submitted in writing to the chairman of the board of directors for official action of the board.
- Sec. 2 Proposed amendments approved by majority vote of the board of directors shall be forwarded to the editor for publication in the next issue of the SOSI Journal.
- Sec. 3 This constitution and by-laws may then be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership voting using only official ballots furnished with the SOSI Journal, which must be issued within two months following announcement of a proposed change in the Journal. Balloting must end 30 days after the issuance of the said ballots.

Article XIII - Dissolution

- Sec. 1 In the event of discontinuance of the activities of SOSI, the board of directors shall instruct the treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after payment of all debts, to the Boy Scouts World Bureau for the benefit of the Baden-Powell Centenary fund.

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