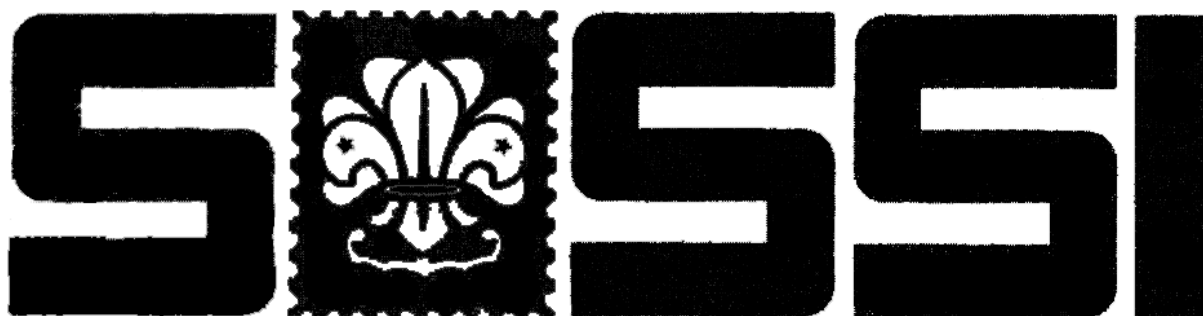


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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Scouts on Stamps Society International

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Article I--Name and Purpose

Section 1

The name of the organization is the "Scouts on Stamps Society International," hereafter referred to as SOSI.

Section 2

The SOSI shall have as its purpose:

- (a) to encourage friendly, informative correspondence in the interest of international good will through Scout philately.
- (b) to further better understanding among the peoples of the world through a common interest in Scouting and Scout philately.
- (c) to support efforts in behalf of stamp collecting merit badges and proficiency badges.

ARTICLE II--Membership

Section 1

Regular membership is open to any adult 18 years of age or over upon being sponsored by one active member.

Section 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.

Section 3

Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Corresponding Secretary and shall be accompanied by dues as established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures as established.

Section 4

Any member failing to pay his dues when payable shall be dropped from membership automatically by the Executive Secretary, who shall give notice to the President and Treasurer.

Section 5

The SOSSI Journal shall be sent to all members.

Section 6

Any membership, or elective, or appointive positions may be revoked for conduct detrimental to SOSSI if revocation is voted by a two-thirds vote of all officers. In case of proposed revocation of an officer's position, said officer will not have a vote on such matter.

Article III--Officers

Section 1

The elective officers of SOSSI shall be: President, 4 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and 15 Directors.

Section 2

The immediate Past President. shall be an officer of SOSSI and shall function at the request of the President.

Section 3

The appointive officers of SOSSI shall be: an Executive Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. The appointive officers shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by a majority of the Directors. The term of office of the appointive officers shall be 2 years.

Article IV--Duties of Officers

Section 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 bylaws and all officially communicated policies of the Board of Directors.
- (2)** Preside at all officialy called meetings.
- (3)** Approve all disbursements for payment by the Treasurer.
- (4)** Appoint the Executive Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and 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 SOSSI funds. All disbursements shall be made only upon written approval by the President, who shall be an authorized signer of SOSSI's accounts in the event that the Treasurer is unable to perform this duty.

(2) Make frequent reports of the financial status to the President.

(3) Send to the President, a financial report for the calendar year by the following March 1st. This report will be published in the Journal.

(4) Make available for audit SOSSI 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 Corresponding Secretary of delinquent members for action.

(6) Be bonded in an amount set by the Board of Directors.

D - Corresponding Secretary

(1) Keep all permanent records of SOSSI, including an accurate roster.

(2) Promote new memberships and answer correspondence regarding the same.

(3) Notify the President, Journal Editor, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer of all additions, deletions, and changes of address on the membership roll as shall come to the attention of the Corresponding Secretary.

(4) Forward all dues received, new or renewals, identified as to member paying same, to the Treasurer. Notify Executive Secretary of any renewal dues received.

(5) Be bonded in an amount set by the Board of Directors.

E - Executive Secretary

(1) Prepare and mail all notices for membership renewal and payment of dues.

(2) Forward all dues received, identified as to member paying same, to the Treasurer.

(3) Notify the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and President of all additions, deletions, and changes of address on the membership roll as shall come to the attention of the Executive Secretary.

(4) Assure that the mailer for the Journal has current name, address, and status information.

(5) Be bonded in an amount set by the Board of Directors.

F - 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

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 5

All committee chairmen and members serve at the pleasure of the President and may be removed by him.

Article VI--Election of Officers

Section 1

The nominating 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.

Section 2

Suggestions for nominations for positions may be made, by any member, to the nominating committee. To be considered for that calendar year, the suggestions must be submitted prior to June 30.

Section 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.

Section 4

The names of the nominees shall be forwarded to the editor for inclusion in the September issue of the Journal.

Section 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.

Section 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, unless an extension is authorized by the Chairman of the Board.

Section 7

Election of officers shall be announced each year in the December issue of the Journal, or in the earliest issue possible, if an extension is involved.

Section 8

Newly elected officers shall assume office on January 1 immediately following election, or immediately upon notification, if such notification is later than January 1.

Section 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 5 being elected each year
- (d) The 6 Directors added by these revised bylaws shall be elected in the next election following the adoption of these bylaws. The term of 2 shall be for one year, the term of another 2 shall be for two years, and the other 2 for three years.
- (e) Treasurer--2 years

Section 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 election\$.

Article VII--SOSSI Journal

Section 1

The President shall appoint the editor of the SOSSI Journal, which shall be the official publication of SOSSI.

Section 2

The SOSSI Journal shall be devoted to Scout philatelic news, SOSSI affairs, SOSSI chapter activities, and other philatelic news that is judged by the editor to be appropriate

Section 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.

Section 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 to the Treasurer.

Article VIII--Local Chapters

Section 1

Local chapters of the SOSSI may be formed with five members or more.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 4

The officers of the chapter shall be: chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Section 5

The chapter secretary shall forward the name of the chapter and its officers to the Chapter Affairs Chairman.

Section 6

Each chapter shall have a number assigned by the Chapter Affairs Chairman.

Section 7

Chapter meetings shall be held at least once each year.

Section 8

Chapter secretaries shall forward, annually, by February 1, a report of chapter activities and a financial report to the Chapter Affairs Chairman. The chapter will be considered inactive if the annual report is not submitted.

Section 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

Section 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.

Section 2

All business meetings of the SOSI shall be subject to call by the Board of Directors.

Article X--Dues

Section 1

The amount of dues shall be established by action of the Board of Directors and based on budgetary facts and cost of maintaining SOSI at an appropriate level.

Section 2

Dues shall be payable on the anniversary date of the member joining or rejoining SOSI. Dues not paid within 60 days after the month due will cause the member to be dropped from the rolls.

Section 3

Dues for reinstatement of a dropped member will be subject to a reinstatement fee plus the annual dues. Reinstatement will become effective the month following receipt of the reinstatement fee. The reinstatement fee will be determined by the Board of Directors and will cover administrative costs of dropping and adding the member to the records.

Section 4

A Past President, who has served three terms shall be exempted from further payment of dues.

Article XI--Compensation

Section 1

All officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 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--Honorary Directors

Section 1

The President, with majority approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint, in any one year, one Honorary Director to serve for life.

Section 2

Honorary Directors shall be appointed from the ranks of individuals who have rendered distinguished service to any one or more combinations of the following: SOSSI, Scouts on Stamps philately, philately in general or to Scouting. The honorary directorship shall be considered the highest recognition which SOSSI can award.

Section 3

An Honorary Director, as such shall act as an adviser to the Society but shall have no vote as an officer. He shall however, retain his vote as a member of SOSSI.

Section 4

An Honorary Director may be removed from his position only by his own request, death, or upon unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 5

Honorary Directors shall be exempted from further payment of dues.

Section 6

Honorary Directors may hold elective or appointive office.

Article XIII--International Representatives

Section 1

In order to stimulate greater interest in Scouting philately and the international aspects of SOSSI, there will be a board of international representatives.

Section 2

There shall be one representative from each nation represented on the SOSSI membership roll.

Section 3

The representative shall be appointed by the President from recommendations made by SOSSI members from the country involved.

Section 4

An international representative (IR) shall serve for a term of one year. He may be reappointed for succeeding terms by the President.

Section 5

The international representative shall provide advisory and consultative personnel to SOSSI, its officers and directors. Additional functions for international representatives board may be established with the approval of the SOSSI Board of Directors.

Article XIV--Amendments

Section 1

Proposed amendments to the constitution and the bylaws must first be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors for official action of the Board.

Section 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 SOSSI Journal.

Section 3

This constitution and bylaws may then be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership voting using only official ballots furnished with the SOSSI 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 XV--Dissolution

Section 1

In the event of discontinuance of the activities of SOSSI, 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.