



## Bylaws of the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

### Article I ORGANIZATION

The Organization will be known as the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island (GSSWI), and referred to herein as GSSWI. All business, assets, and activities of GSSWI will be managed by the Board of Directors, referred to herein as the “Board”.

The registered office of GSSWI will be located in Island County, in the state of Washington at an address determined by the Board, and filed as required by law.

### Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of GSSWI will be educational, as provided in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and consistent with the laws of the State of Washington. GSSWI is devoted exclusively to furthering genealogical research and promoting interest in family history.

To further this educational purpose, GSSWI may engage in activities that encourage family history. These activities do not exclude other activities within the intent of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that are consistent with the laws of the State of Washington.

### Article III DEDICATION OF ASSETS

Property/assets of GSSWI will be lodged as determined by the Board. The Property List will include the description and location of all GSSWI property. The Board will maintain the Property List and review it annually.

The properties and assets of GSSWI are dedicated to genealogical educational purposes. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of GSSWI, on dissolution or otherwise, will inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or of any member, Director, or Officer of GSSWI.

### Article IV MEMBERSHIP

Any person who supports the purpose of GSSWI may become a member.

### Article V THE BOARD

The Board will be responsible for managing the business, assets, activities, and programs of GSSWI.

The Board will consist of the elected Officers and Directors-at-large-

Board members will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors.-Officers serve until successors are elected; Directors-at-large will be appointed by the Board.

A quorum for the Board will be a majority of the voting members. A majority vote is required to take any action.

## **Article VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**The President** will preside at GSSWI activities and oversee the business of the society to ensure everything is adhering to Board decisions, the Bylaws, and the educational purpose of GSSWI.

**The Vice President** will assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and assume them in the absence of the President or upon the inability of the President to serve.

**The Secretary** will be responsible for posting items in the Member Area of the website. This includes Board decisions and the membership roster. Emails will be sent to those on the roster.

**The Treasurer** will be responsible for all funds received by GSSWI and for their deposit in financial institutions approved by the Board; keeping an accurate record of all monies received and expended by GSSWI; and providing financial reports to the Board.

## **Article VII Get-Togethers**

GSSWI Get-Togethers will be held at times and places determined by the Board.

## **Article VIII ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The Annual Business Meeting will be held as needed in June for the purpose of conducting GSSWI elections and such other business as may be identified.

## **Article IX BOARD MEETINGS**

GSSWI Board meetings will be held electronically through emails.

## **Article X FINANCES**

Bank checks on, or withdrawals from, GSSWI funds will require only one (1) authorized signature. The President and the Treasurer will be authorized signatories. The Board will annually review GSSWI finances and property. Board Approval is required for amounts over \$150.00.

## **Article XI DISSOLUTION OF GSSWI**

Dissolution of GSSWI must be approved by the majority of the Board and the majority of the current membership. Upon dissolution, GSSWI's assets will be used to pay, if possible, all liabilities of the GSSWI. Remaining assets, if any, will be divided between non-profit orgs at the discretion of the Board.

## **Article XII GOVERNING AUTHORITIES**

The Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the Revised Code of Washington, and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code will be the governing authorities of GSSWI.