

Yolo County Historical Society



MAY 2014

Pres Says:

Well, what can I say about Paris????
Everything wonderful. Many thanks to Dennis, our Vice President who wrote a wonderful newsletter in my absence. This newsletter is devoted to our By Laws and the changes that reflect current practices. Please look at them and be ready to approve (hopefully) our by laws and practices. Our annual meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in the Rotary Park area. We are using their tables. The School House will be open for your preview. I have enclosed a flyer that you can use on your refrigerator to help remind you of the date. Come and enjoy the company, do some business, and eat. What can be better than that? (Yes Paris!)

History Rules!
Kathy Harryman



*******Bold is new language**
~~Strikethroughs~~—are deleted words, sentences***

YOLO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Principal Office

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be (T)the Yolo County Historical Society, hereinafter referred to as (T)the Society.

Section 2. The principal office for the transaction of the business of (T)the Society is to be located in Yolo County.

ARTICLE 11

Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of (T)the Society are charitable, educational, and historical (preservation). It shall discover, collect, preserve and further the knowledge of Yolo County (H)history. It shall render historical services by research, writing and displaying to encourage and promote an interest in Yolo County (H)history. It shall preserve and research Yolo County (H)history by discovering and making historical landmarks and sites. It shall promote and encourage community use of historical landmarks, sites, files, and collections of Yolo County historical artifacts.

ARTICLE III

Powers

Section 1. The corporate powers of this Society shall be those necessary to effectuate its purposes as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and shall be invested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the purposes of (T)the Society is eligible for active membership, and upon paying the dues set forth herein, any person shall become a member. Members shall have all rights of membership including the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2.—~~There shall be six classes of membership: individual, family, businesses, sustaining patron and life.~~ The dues for each

class shall be established by the Board of Directors. **There shall be three classes of membership: Household, Business, and Patron.**

Section 3. The members by resolution may direct the Board of Directors to take any action otherwise consistent with the Articles. All rights not expressly delegated to the Board or officers are reserved to the members.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of **a maximum of 11 members including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the immediate past President.** (~~... shall consist of four officers (President, Vice President Secretary and Treasurer) and eleven Directors including the immediate past President~~)

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its meetings. It shall be subject to the orders of **(T)**the Society and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by **(T)** the Society. The Board, by a majority vote of its members, shall adopt a budget each year. The Board may create, by a majority vote of its members, standing or special committees to assist in conducting the affairs and activities of **(T)** the Society.

Section 3. Any member of the Board of Directors may resign his or her position by giving written notice of such resignation to the President. **(At the discretion of the board)** a Board member who fails to attend three consecutive Board meetings without an excuse **(may be)** considered to have resigned. Any officer or director may be removed for cause by a majority vote at a special general membership meeting at which a quorum is present, called for that purpose by the Board of Directors. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board shall be held **(monthly with prior notice before each meeting)** ~~on the second Monday of each month~~ and at other times at the call of the Board or upon written request of three members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section 1. Each year a Nominating Committee of **(3)** ~~5~~ members with at least **(1)** ~~three~~ coming from the membership at large shall be appointed by the **(P)**president.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers at the regular meeting in March **(in the May newsletter)** listing a candidate for each office to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the (membership) floor providing the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained. Elections by voice vote shall be at the **annual meeting in June** ~~April meeting~~, and a majority vote shall elect.

Section 3. New officers and directors shall be installed at the annual meeting in June, and their term shall begin thereon. The term of office of Board members is one year.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties present in these bylaws.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of **(T)** the Society and of the Board of Directors. The president shall appoint all committees with the assistance of the Board and shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. The Vice President shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties pertaining in that office. The Vice President

shall serve **along with the President** as Chair of the Program Committee

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of ~~(T)~~the Society and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary, **or President** shall send out notices of Board meetings and shall maintain other Society records as directed by the President and the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society and deposit them in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse these funds as directed by ~~(T)~~ the Society in the annual budget and for additional expenditures as authorized by the Board. All checks in payment of ~~(T)~~the Society's obligations shall be signed by two of the following: the Treasurer, the President, Vice President of the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.

Meetings of the Membership

Section 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Society or by the Board of Directors, regular meetings **will usually** ~~shall be held on the fourth Sunday of each month, except for the months of August and December. Fourth Monday of each month except for the months of August and December.~~

Section 2. The regular meeting in June shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members. Five days notice shall be given, and the business transacted by any special meeting shall be limited to that mentioned in the call.

Section 4. Twenty members **at the annual meeting** shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be payable on or in advance of July 1, or at the time of admission, to the Treasurer, and shall be credited to the next fiscal year.

Section 2. On October 1, the Membership Committee shall notify all members who have not yet paid their dues, which shall then become delinquent. ~~On January 1 of the following year, the names of all members whose dues have not been paid shall be automatically dropped from membership.~~

ARTICLE X

Miscellaneous

Section 1. No personal liability shall in any event attach to any member of this Society for by reason of or in connection with any activity of this Society.

Section 2. No member of the Board, nor the Board as a whole shall have any power or authority to incur any obligation for any amount in excess of the net cash on hand in the Society's account.

ARTICLE XI

Dissolution and Dedication of Assets

Section 1. The property of the Society is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational and historical purposes, and the net income or assets of the Society shall **never** inure to the benefit of the director, officer, or member or to the benefit of any private individual, except that ~~(T)~~the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in Article II of these Bylaws. Upon the dissolution of ~~(T)~~the Society, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of ~~(T)~~ the Society, shall be distributed to a non-profit

fund, foundation, or tax-exempt status under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Robert’s Rules of Order, newly Revised, when not in conflict with these Bylaws, shall govern the proceedings of this organization.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments of the Bylaws

Section 1. The Bylaws of this Society may be altered, amended, or repealed at **the annual meeting** ~~a regular business meeting~~ of (T) the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing the changes have been submitted to the membership in writing prior to the meeting.

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The following policies have been acted upon by the Board.

- Operating Policy for the YCS Cemetery Committee (fundraising for Fencing)
Board Action – Closed Committee 2/14
- Mini Grants for Local History
Board Action – Suspended Temp. 2/14

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YOLO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Archives Committee

Objective:

Catalog conserve, and make accessible the archives of the Society, including photographs, books, maps and ~~documents in the Society’s office~~ and in the School House Museum or in the storage area.

Comments:

This Committee designation refers to the records of the Society and has no relation to the Yolo County Archives. The Committee deals

with the history, organization and activities of the Society. Records to be retained are: (examples not a complete list)

- Letters of incorporation
- Deed of gift papers
- Other legal papers
- Any state records, tax records if any
- Newsletter – complete files
- Fliers on special activities
- Yearly financial report
- Lists of officers and directors for each year
- Membership lists as of the beginning of each fiscal year
- Major publications and other publications

Records to be retained for a predetermined period of time:

- Bank statements, cancelled checks
- Correspondence – selectively, by year or topic
- Magazines from memberships e.g. California Historical Society
- Bulletins and newsletters from other Historical Societies.

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PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTIONS

Proposal for disposition of photographs received by the Yolo County Historical Society.

Because the Yolo County Historical Society has no way of making available to the public photographs donated to the Society, it is advisable that they be transferred to locations which can provide that service.

Both the Yolo County Historical Museum and the Yolo County Archives can do this. Availability and access is about the same for both, ~~but YCHM can make them available two days a week and YCA only one for each location access can be provided at other times if necessary.~~

It is proposed that photographs on people, individuals, family groups, informal groups, organizations be turned over to the Yolo County Historical Museum, and that photographs of street scenes, public ceremonies, parades, buildings, Fire and Police Department be transferred to the Yolo County Archives. Pictures of schoolhouses, classes, anything relating to the schools will be retained by the Yolo County Historical Society.

Briefly, 'personal' photographs will go to the Museum and 'Public' photographs to the Archives.

The photos at the Hatti Weber are the property of the City of Davis governed by the City of Davis per contract policy.

When items are given to The Society, the Board of The Society reserves the right to deviate from this policy.

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Plaque Policy and Procedure

Persons desiring a plaque to be sponsored by the Historical Society shall submit a written request to the President who will report receipt of the request to the Board of Directors. The President shall then submit the request to the Plaque Committee for a recommendation regarding further action of the request. Sponsorship of the plaque must be approved by the Board of Directors.

A Plaque Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Yolo County Historical Society. Ideally the Committee should include people with expertise in Yolo County history, architecture/design, and English usage/grammar. The responsibility of this Committee shall be to:

1. Collect pertinent background information, with references, to document the recommendation to the Board. The Plaque Committee shall recommend type of plaque,

size of plaque, location on property where the plaque is to be installed, how the plaque is to be mounted/installed and the estimated total cost.

2. Submit package with background materials and recommendation to the Board of Directors.
3. Upon approval of the sponsorship of the plaque by the Board of Directors, the Committee shall prepare the format/text for the plaque. The format for the plaque must include: brief title, historical date, text, logo and signature (date marked and Yolo County Historical Society). The text does not have to use complete sentences. The format/text must be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Secure a signed agreement from the property owner for the placement of the plaque on their property.
5. Purchase the plaque
6. Oversee the mounting of the plaque.
7. Approve plans for any dedication ceremony for the plaque.
8. Deposit in the Yolo County Archives and the Historical Society files a copy of the documentation and other pertinent material, with reference citations, used in the preparation of the plaque.

Approved July 8, 1996

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Policies for Use of the Schoolhouse

1. At this time the school house will be open to third grade classes only.
2. Teachers must arrange a date for a visit ~~at least three months~~ in advance.
3. Teacher must prepare his/her class prior to coming to school house by using a teaching guide prepared by the Historical Society.

4. Costumes of the late 1890's period are optional but would add to the experience.

5. Children should be encouraged to be respectful of the schoolhouse and its furnishings.

6. The visit to the schoolhouse will begin at 10 AM (9:30 in the summer) and last through the lunch period. Children and accompanying adults will furnish own lunch.

7. The recess and lunch period recess will take place outdoors, weather permitting, and children will be encouraged to use playground equipment of the era which will be furnished. The regular teacher will be in charge of outside play.

8. There should be an adult present for every 6 to 8 children.

9. ~~At this time,~~ There will be no fee for the visit.

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Publications and Pamphlets

The update on this policy is still under review an will be available for review at the membership meeting annual picnic.

END OF BYLAWS & POLICIES



Business Buddies

The following businesses in town have financially supported the Yolo County Historical Society. We would like you to support them and keep your money local:

- L & S Printers, Main St.**
- The House Dresser, Main St.**
- The Gifted Penguin, Main St.**
- Corner Drug, Main St.**
- Home Improvement Group, Main St**
- Historic Woodland Downtown Business Association**

If you know of any business that would like join our support list, contact me. Businesses pay \$50.00 per year for advertising.



Membership renewal is next month – save a stamp by bringing your check to the annual meeting/picnic. Reva will be available to accept checks.....

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| Household | \$25 |
| Business | \$50 |
| Patron | \$100 |

Patrons

Thanks to the following for generously supporting the Society for 2013-2014. You too can be a Patron by donating \$100.00 to help us run our projects

- John and Helen Daniels
- John and Kathy Harryman
- Pamela Pearl
- Virginia Schwarzgruber
- Stella Dinger
- Robert and Lynn Campbell
- Leroy & BJ Ford
- Jon & Barbara Durst
- Dennis Dingemans & Robin Datel
- Jeff & Starr Barrow
- Donald & Pat Campbell
- Albert & Lynn Plocher
- Cecilia Kwan
- John Hoover
- The Laugenour Family
- Phyllis Levers
- Roger & Ann Romani

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Vision Statement *The Yolo County Historical Society strives to preserve, protect and acknowledge the diverse history of Yolo County through education, communication and advocacy*