

Bylaws of the HASKELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the HASKELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION hereinafter known as the Association, a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. To research, assemble, edit, and publish a History of the Haskell Family and to do continuing research, updating, and publishing of addendum, revisions and new editions. And to publish such other works as the Board of Directors shall, from time to time, deem relevant and of interest to the membership.
2. To publish a Journal, to be distributed to all members, that will keep members informed of all actions taken by the Board of Directors; of news of family members; articles about Haskells, Haskell locales, general genealogical and historical interest; and Reunions and other activities of the Chapter as well as other matters of importance to the membership.
3. To sponsor reunions for the chapter members on a chapter wide basis from time to time as the Board of Directors may determine. And to encourage smaller family branch reunions as well as regional and local reunions.
4. To encourage and instruct members in genealogical research through careful documentation and maintenance of quality genealogical standards.
5. To conduct its activities on a non-profit basis in any state, county, province or country world-wide and within the laws of such state, county, province or country.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Classes of membership, fees, subscriber fees, entitlements, benefits, voting privileges and other matters pertaining to membership shall be established by resolutions of the Board of Directors.

1. **Members:** Regular voting and office holding membership shall be open to all residents of the USA and Canada. Only members who have paid the current membership dues shall be considered active members and entitled to vote and hold office. Members who have not paid the current membership dues shall be considered inactive and not entitled to vote or hold office.
2. **Honorary Members:** Honorary membership may be voted by the Board of Directors.
3. **Subscribers:** Non-residents of the USA and Canada may enroll as Subscribers.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNANCE

To provide for the operation and governance of the Association:

1. The affairs of the association shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, each member to serve for a term of 6 years, except that initially there shall be three members for two years, three members for four years and three members for six years.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the power, by majority vote, to establish policy and procedures, including but not limited to determining a budget, setting dues and fees, authorization of expenditures, and establishment of banking relationships, sponsoring reunions, providing for the publication of the Journal and relevant histories and manuscripts, creating needed standing committees, and transacting all business of the Association.
3. The Board shall select one of its members to serve as Chairman for a two year term.

4. The Board of Directors shall elect, from the membership of the Association, a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Editor and Historian/Genealogist and may create and fill other positions from time to time with any member of the association.

5. The Board of Directors may delegate to its Chairman and/or a sub-committee of board members and/or officers such authority in carrying out the business of the association as it sees fit.

6. The Secretary shall record decisions of the Board of Directors and confirm them when requested for official purposes.

ARTICLE V. INCORPORATION

The Board of Directors may incorporate the Association in any state, county, province or country whenever it determines it is in the best interest of the Association to do so.

ARTICLE VI. COMPENSATION

No member of the association shall receive any compensation or remuneration for efforts on its behalf or for any other purpose save reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved by the recommendation of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds vote of the membership. After making all reimbursements and the payment of all debits and demands, a combined financial statement shall be prepared by the treasurer and all funds remaining to the credit of the Association shall be donated to repositories, as designated by the Board of Directors, in the USA and Canada which must agree to accept, catalogue, preserve and take care of all the Association's collected records.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Roberts Rules or Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable, and which are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those voting, using the following procedures:

1. Resolution of the Board of Directors shall be published in the Journal at least two months prior to the end of the year.
2. Petitions to amend, signed by 10% of the membership, may be submitted in writing by any member of the association to the Board of Directors at least four months prior to the end of the year.
3. All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, shall be published in the Journal at least two months prior to the end of the year.
4. Voting shall be by ballot of the membership of the association and included in the Journal mailing of the issue following its publication in the Journal.