

**THE CONTINENTAL SOCIETY  
DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSE**

The name of this organization shall be: **CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS, INC.** This Society is incorporated as a non-profit, non-stock corporation. The purpose is exclusively charitable, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. The Society shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECT & PURPOSE**

The object of this Society shall be to assist and encourage the preservation of records and historic sites associated with our native and immigrant American ancestors; to cherish the memory of those native and immigrant Americans who waged war and/or committed other acts of hostility together or one against the other in defense of their people's freedom, liberty and ideals; to strengthen fellowship and to encourage cooperation between descendants of native and immigrant Americans; to foster, in a spirit of patriotism, the support and endorsement of all treaties and laws made and agreed upon between the state and federal governments and the several tribes, bands, and nations of Native Americans; to publish a lineage book of the names and ancestral data of members of the Society, and original materials relating to this aspect of American history and promote and support worthy programs and projects of educational benefit to Native American Indians.

**ARTICLE III  
ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1.** Any woman who is of good moral character, who is not less than (16) sixteen years of age, shall be eligible to membership. Provided that she shall be personally acceptable to the Society and shall be of lineal descent of a native or immigrant American ancestor who participated in any capacity in actual hostilities. together or one against the other, or in any other activity with each other, during the period May 14, 1607, to 1900.

**Section 2.** Each applicant shall agree to conform to the Bylaws adopted by the Continental Society and shall submit as proof, references which shall document the ancestor's activity. An application in duplicate (one original and one photocopy), proving each generation, shall be presented with references to establish proof of the legitimate blood lineage of the applicant from generation to generation. If an applicant shall be unable to complete her papers within one year, the invitation shall expire unless an extension shall be granted. New member applications and supplementals, shall be allowed to use record copies of other Societies. The proof section must record exactly what is written on the approved application. Also the application should not have been approved before 1980. A copy must always be included and proof of service provided.

**Section 3.** No person shall be eligible for membership in the Society who is pledged to or advocates by force of violence, the overthrow of the Government of her country, or who has been guilty of other treasonable practices. This Society shall have the right to expel from its membership any person for any of these causes; and any question arising under this proviso shall be determined by this Society.

**Section 4.** Admission to membership in this society shall be by invitation of the Governor General or the State/Provincial Governor and with the endorsement of two members in good standing.

**Section 5.** Members-in-Abeyance shall be new members who are in the process of organizing a new state society. They shall be called organizing and charter members of the new State/Provincial Society.

**Section 6.** Members of the Society who are not members of a State/Provincial Society shall be known as Members-at-Large (MAL).

**Section 7.** A member may become an Associate Member of another State/Province, or Chapter after receiving an invitation to join. Associate members shall not be eligible to hold an elective office or vote at such meetings. Dues for Associate membership shall be paid annually to the State/Province, or Chapter

**Section 8.** Members admitted by 15 December 1988, shall be known as "Founders." All other Members admitted by 26 April 1989, shall be known as "Continental Charter" members.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Continental Society shall be:

Governor General  
First Deputy Governor General  
Second Deputy Governor General  
Chaplain General  
Recording Secretary General  
Corresponding Secretary General  
Organizing Secretary General  
Treasurer General  
Registrar General  
Assistant Registrar General  
Historian General  
Librarian General

This shall be the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Honorary Governors General and three (3) members, to be elected at the Annual Council meeting of the year preceding an officer election year. The member receiving the most votes shall be the chairman. No two candidates shall be nominated from the same state. No one who served on the previous nominating committee is eligible to succeed themselves. An elected Officer may not serve until she has been out of office one full year.

**Section 3.** The officers of this Society shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, and there shall be no re-election to the office until an interval of at

least one term has elapsed (with the exception of the Treasurer General and Registrar General, who may succeed themselves by a vote of the Council). Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

**Section 4.** Should the office of the Governor General become vacated, the Deputy Governors General shall succeed to that office in order of rank. Should a Continental Officer become incapacitated and unable to perform the duties of her office, the Governor General shall declare the office vacated. She shall then appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

**Section 5.** At the end of a complete term of office the Governor General may receive the honor of being elected Honorary Governor General.

**Section 6.** No Member-at-Large (MAL) shall hold a State/Provincial or Continental Society elected office.

## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Governor General shall preside at all meetings of the Council of the Continental Society. Her signature shall be on file with the bank for the accounts of the Society's funds. She shall appoint any committees she deems necessary to perform tasks not otherwise assigned. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint a member to serve as Parliamentarian during her term of office. She shall have been a State/Provincial Society Governor or have served on the Continental Society Board.

**Section 2.** The First Deputy Governor General, in the absence and/or inability of the Governor General, shall automatically perform the duties of the Governor General. She shall read the Objects of the Society at the Annual Council and Board of Management meetings. If desired, she shall read the Objects of the Society at any other appropriate function. This officer shall serve as the chairman of the Winter Council Meeting and the Spring Social Chairman.

**Section 3.** The Second Deputy Governor General shall perform the duties of the First Deputy Governor General in her absence.

**Section 4.** The Chaplain General shall perform the duties that pertain to that office and shall conduct a brief Memorial Service at each Council meeting for the members who have passed away during the year.

**Section 5.** The Recording Secretary General shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Council, of the Executive Board, and of the Board of Management meetings. She shall furnish the Governor General with a copy thereof, and send copies to the three (3) appointed members for approval. She shall not permit the minutes to be taken from her custody except by vote of the Council members, but she may permit members to read the minutes when requested. She shall prepare and send a digest of the business transacted at the Executive Board, when requested by the Board to do so.

**Section 6.** The Corresponding Secretary General shall handle all correspondence of the Society not assigned to others and shall issue such notices as shall be ordered by the Executive Board or requested by the Governor General. She shall read all reports of officers, chairmen, and State Governors not in attendance at Council meetings.

**Section 7.** The Organizing Secretary General shall present to the Executive Board for approval all requests and local recommendations for the appointment of Organizing State/Provincial Governors. She shall keep a complete record of organizations including names, dates and names of organizing members as well as disbandments/dissolutions and report them to the Treasurer General.

**Section 8.** The Treasurer General shall collect and have charge of all funds of the Society and shall deposit same in a bank the Executive Board shall approve, in the name of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Inc., and shall draw thereon for payments of bills duly authorized. Only one signature need be required for withdrawal of funds. She shall file vouchers for all expenditures and shall render a complete report to the Council, after her accounts have been audited. Her financial records shall always be available for examination by the Executive Board. She shall inform the Registrar General of all changes in membership reported to her. Should the Treasurer General be unable to perform her duties, the Governor General is given the authority to sign checks by order of the Executive Board.

**Section 9.** The Registrar General shall examine all application papers and, after verifying the genealogical data, shall forward the information to the Corresponding Secretary General who will notify the applicant of admission to the Society. The Registrar shall have on file a record of all lineage papers of members, returning the duplicate paper to the State/Provincial Society, or Chapter. She shall assign all Continental Numbers. She shall keep a register of all marriages, deaths, resignations and dropped members, with their Continental Numbers. She shall obtain and submit estimates for the compilation and printing of lineage and supplemental lineage volumes to the Executive Board for its approval. The duplicate papers of Members-in-Abeyance shall be held in the files of the Registrar General until the Organizing State or Province shall be confirmed by the Executive Board. The papers shall then be sent to the Registrar of the new State Society.

**Section 10.** The Assistant Registrar General shall (a) approve supplemental applications; issue the commercially produced Certificates of Membership; and perform other duties that might be required to assist the Registrar General.

**Section 11.** The Historian General shall maintain a record in chronological order of all matters of historical significance pertaining to the Continental Society.

**Section 12.** The Librarian General shall be the custodian of all books and papers of an historical nature belonging to the Continental Society. She shall acknowledge receipt of all books and manuscripts contributed. She shall compile a list of desirable historical records, genealogical books, and source materials to recommend to donors.

**Section 13.** An Executive Officer shall have previously been an elected State/Provincial Governor or Continental Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The Annual Council of the Continental Society shall be held during the month of September. A quorum shall be twenty-one (21) members in good standing duly registered and present.

**Section 2.** The voting body at Annual Council shall be all attending Society members in good standing and duly registered and present.

**Section 3.** The Governor General shall send a Call to Council to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of the Council. The Call shall include a brief description of any significant items of business for consideration at Council.

**Section 4.** The purpose of the Annual Council shall be: to receive annual reports of the Continental Officers, State/Provincial Governors, and Continental Chairmen; to conduct election of officers in even years; to elect a Nominating Committee in odd years; to disseminate pertinent Society information and instructions; and to conduct such other business as necessary for the efficient management of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1.** The elected officers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its Council business meetings, at a time and place agreed to by members of the Executive Board. It shall make recommendations to the Society and shall perform such other duties as are specified by these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Society, and none shall conflict with action taken by the Society. The Governor General, at her discretion, may conduct business of the Executive Board by mail, telephone, email, or other electronic media.

**Section 3.** Five (5) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held immediately prior to each Board of Management and Annual Council meeting. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Governor General and may be called, upon written request, by three (3) members of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**Section 1.** The Board of Management shall be comprised of the elected Continental Officers General, the Honorary Governors General, the State/Provincial Governors (or in their absence the State/Provincial First Deputy Governors) and Continental Chairmen. A quorum shall be nine (9) voting members.

**Section 2.** The Board of Management shall consider all matters affecting the welfare of the Society and submit recommendations to the Annual Council for final action.

**Section 3.** The Board of Management shall recommend the annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year at each spring meeting to be presented for approval at the Annual Council.

**Section 4.** The winter meeting shall be known as the Winter Board of Management meeting and shall be held in or near the vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia, during the period from January 1 to February 15, each year.

## **ARTICLE IX FEES AND DUES**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of this Society is November 1 through October 31.

**Section 2.** The Annual Dues of the Continental Society are ten dollars (\$10.00) and are determined by the Executive Board. They are due to the Treasurer General no later than August 1 each year. Members whose applications are approved after May 1 shall not owe dues until the year following acceptance.

**Section 3.** The non-refundable application fee which is to accompany the application for membership shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

**Section 4.** A reasonable fee shall be charged for the purpose of copying application papers already accepted.

**Section 5.** A non-refundable fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for processing a supplemental lineage paper of a member.

**Section 6.** A member who has resigned in good standing from the Society may be reinstated by invitation of the Governor General or a State/Provincial Governor and endorsement of two members in good standing and upon payment of the current year's dues and the reinstatement fee.

**Section 7.** A Life Membership for members under age sixty (60), shall be a one-time fee of \$250.00; all other ages will pay \$200.00. These funds are to be kept in an escrow account with only the interest going into the general fund each year.

**Section 8.** Annual dues of Members-at-Large (MAL) shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) payable to the Treasurer General by August 1.

## **ARTICLE X COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Honorary Governors General shall constitute the Advisory Board.

**Section 2.** The Governor General shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

**Section 3.** The Governor General shall appoint any necessary committees, including, but not limited to the following:

- Audit (Financial Review)
- Bylaws
- Curator
- Finance
- Insignia
- Printed Supplies
- Sashes & Ribbons
- Scholarship
- Yearbook/Directory

## **ARTICLE XI STATE/PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES**

**Section 1.** A State/Province having ten (10) or more members may organize a State/Provincial Society. A State or Organizing Governor shall be appointed by the Governor General, with the approval of the Continental Executive Board, for a period of one (1) year

from the date they are confirmed. A State/Province having twenty-one (21) or more members may be chartered.

**Section 2.** State/Provincial organizations shall be confirmed at a Continental Executive Board meeting. State/Provincial Governors may be installed at the Annual Council. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Council.

Section 3. All State/Provincial Societies shall be known as the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, State/Province of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 4.** Every State/Provincial Society shall have the following officers: Governor, Deputy Governor, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian and Librarian.

**Section 5.** Each State/Provincial shall adopt Bylaws for its own guidance provided they do not conflict with the Bylaws of the Continental Society. Any change to the Continental Society Bylaws that affect a State/Provincial Society will become an automatic change in the State/Province Bylaws.

**Section 6.** Delegates to State/Provincial Meetings shall be, by right of office, the State/Provincial officers, the Continental Officers and Honorary Continental Officers whose memberships are in that State/Province.

**Section 7.** Each State/Provincial Society shall hold its Annual Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the Continental Society, at a time fixed by that State's/Province's Bylaws.

**Section 8.** The duties of the State/Provincial Officers, except the Registrar, shall be partially defined as contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

**Section 9.** The State/Provincial Chaplain shall immediately report all deaths of its members to the Chaplain General.

**Section 10.** The State/Provincial Registrar shall keep a permanent record of the membership in her State/Province, including the name, address, date of admission, Continental Number assigned, and name of ancestor, and shall report immediately all changes in membership to the Registrar General and Treasurer General. She shall examine all application papers for accuracy and thoroughness before forwarding them to the Registrar General.

**Section 11.** The State/Provincial Treasurer shall annually send to the Treasurer General by August 1, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each member listed on the State/Province roster as of July 1, and whose dues have been paid. Each State/Province Society may charge what annual dues it finds necessary to operate itself.

## **ARTICLE XII CHAPTERS**

**Section 1.** For the purpose of promoting the objects of the Continental Society, members may be organized into chapters within the State/Provincial Society.

**Section 2.** A primary chapter may be organized and chartered with not less than twelve (12) members in a city, town, or village where no chapter exists.

**Section 3.** A secondary chapter may be organized and chartered in a locality where there is already a chapter, provided that each secondary chapter shall have a least twelve (12) members of whom eight (8) or more have never been members of a chapter; and, provided that the organizing of the chapter has been approved by the Continental Executive Board.

**Section 4.** The State/Provincial Governor may recommend a Member-at-Large (MAL) as the Organizing Chapter Governor who is a member in good standing. The recommendation must be submitted in writing to the Organizing Secretary General. The appointment of an Organizing Chapter Governor shall expire by limitation if no chapter is formed within one (1) year, except that upon the request of the State/Provincial Governor the appointment may be extended one (1) additional year.

**Section 5.** A member of a chapter who wishes to become an organizing member of a prospective chapter shall be transferred to Member-at-Large (MAL) status prior to the organization of the new chapter.

**Section 6.** No chapter may organize without the vote and approval of its State/Provincial Executive Board and membership.

**Section 7.** No chapter organizing under any of the provisions of this section shall be recognized as a chapter until a copy of the Minutes of the organizing meeting and bylaws has been sent, in duplicate, to the Continental Executive Board for verification and approval.

**Section 8.** The names of all chapters chartered prior to 2010, shall be considered "grandfathered" into the Society. The name of any chapter chartered after 2010, shall be confined to a location, historical event, or an Indian name within the historical period with the approval of the Executive Board.

**Section 9.** Continental dues of members of a chapter shall be paid through the State/Provincial Treasurer and forwarded to the Treasurer General.

### **ARTICLE XIII INSIGNIA**

The Insignia of this Society shall consist of a seven pointed star with a peace pipe in the center, attached by a broken arrow to a ribbon with stripes of blue, red, white, yellow, and blue, which are the colors of the Society.

### **ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

### **ARTICLE XV**

## **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended at the Annual Council meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Council.

**Section 2.** Due to the articles of incorporation, the Governor General shall be advised of all changes in the Constitution and Bylaws prior to any action being taken.

## **ARTICLE XVI DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY**

In the event that this Society should disband, any debts of the Society shall be paid and any property which has been loaned to the Society shall be returned. Any monies, books and papers that are owned by this Society shall be distributed as directed by the Executive Board to one or more organizations that are exclusively charitable, literary and educational with the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future United States Federal Tax Code.

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Prior motions to amend have been implemented in a review by an appointed committee in May 2019