

THE CONTINENTAL SOCIETY  
DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS, INC

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization shall be THE 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

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 with 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.

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 are Members at Large.

Section 7. A member may become an associate member of another state/province or chapter after an invitation to join. Associate members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote. Associate member dues 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 three members and all three shall be elected at the Annual Council of the year preceding elections. The member receiving the most votes shall be chairman. No two 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 shall hold a State/Provincial or Continental Society 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 perform the duties of the Governor General. In case of the incapacitation or resignation of the Governor General, she shall automatically become the Governor General. She shall read the Object of the Society at the Annual Council and Board of Management meetings. If desired, she shall read the Object of the Society at any other appropriate function of the Society.

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 which pertain to that office and shall conduct a short Memorial Service at each Council for the members who have died 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 appointed members for approval. She shall not permit the minutes to be taken from her custody except by vote of the

Council, but she may permit members to read the minutes. She shall prepare and send a digest of the business transacted at the Executive Board, when requested by the Board.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary General shall conduct the 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 the reports of the absent Officers, Chairmen, and State/Provincial Governors.

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. She shall report immediately all disbandments 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 Historian General shall maintain a record in chronological order of all matters of historical significance pertaining to the Continental Society.

Section 11. 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 material to recommend to donors.

Section 12. The Assistant Registrar General shall (a) approve supplementals, (b) issue the commercially produced Certificates of Membership, (c) and perform other duties that might be required to assist the Registrar General.

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

## ARTICLE VI COUNCILS

Section 1. The Annual Council of the Continental Society shall be held during the month of September **at a location to be determined by the Executive Board. Invitations from various State/Provincial Societies will be considered.** A quorum shall be twenty-one (21) members in good standing duly registered.

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

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 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 solicit the vote of the Executive Board by mail or by 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. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Governor General and shall be called upon written request of three 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 Society budget for the upcoming fiscal year at the spring meeting to be presented for approval at the Annual Council.

#### ARTICLE IX FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Society shall run from 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. For life memberships for members under age 60 a one-time fee of \$250.00 will be assessed; 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. Dues of Members-at-Large shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) a year and shall be due 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:

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| 1. Curator            | 5. Sashes and Ribbons |
| 2. Auditing           | 6. Bylaws             |
| 3. Insignia           | 7. Printed Supplies   |
| 4. Yearbook/Directory | 8. Finance            |
|                       | 9. Scholarship        |

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 or province having twenty-one (21) or more members may charter.

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, **Organizing Secretary**, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian and Librarian.

Section 5. Each State/Province 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 be an automatic change in the State/Province Bylaws.

Section 6. Delegates to State/Provincial Meeting 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 as defined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Section 9. The State/Provincial Chaplain shall report immediately all deaths 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, 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 send to the Treasurer by August 1 ten dollars (\$10.00) for each member on the State/Province roster as of July 1, 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 organization of the chapter is approved by the Continental Executive Board.

Section 4. The State/Provincial Governor may recommend as the Organizing Chapter Governor a Member-at-Large in good standing. The recommendation as standing. The recommendation must be submitted in writing to the Organizing Secretary General. The appointment for Organizing Chapter Governor shall expire by limitation if no chapter is formed within one year, except that upon the request of the State/Provincial Governor the appointment may be extended one 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 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 report in duplicate of the organizational meeting shall have been sent to and verified and confirmed by the Continental Executive Board.

Section 8. The name of a chapter 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 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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## STANDING RULES

1. The annual dues of the Continental Society are ten dollars (\$10.00).
2. The non-refundable application fee which is to accompany the application for membership shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).
3. A non-refundable fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for processing a supplemental lineage paper of a member.
4. A reinstatement fee of \$5.00 shall be required.
5. Life memberships for members under age 60, a one-time fee of \$250.00 will be assessed; all other ages will pay \$200.00.
6. Dues of Members-At-Large shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) a year and shall be due to the Treasurer General by August 1 of each year.
7. Members whose dues are not received by July 31 of each year will be dropped at the Spring Board of Management meeting the following year.
8. The Spring Board of Management will be held in Washington D.C. in April at the beginning or end of the other organizations meetings. The time to be determined by the current Governor General.
9. The Continental Membership-at-Large Chairman shall be contacted by those daughters wishing to obtain membership in our Society.
10. The MAL Chairman shall contact the ladies who wish to become members and ascertain if they wish to join in a State Society with friends or to become a Member at Large.
11. The MAL Chairman shall receive all MAL applications and get endorsers before forwarding application papers, fees and proofs to the Registrar General.
12. The MAL Chairman shall keep a copy of MAL application papers.
13. The MAL Chairman shall collect all MAL member dues and remit with a list of all members to the Treasurer General. Submitted by Mary W. Glenn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Brandhorst ADOPTED 20 September 2014 Items 9-13 only
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