

Article I

Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any person interested in the history of the Palatine area and the Mohawk Valley who applies for membership in an appropriate classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

Section 2. Classes of membership and dues shall be as follows:

- a. Individual (adults over 18)----- 5.00
- b. Family (husband, wife and dependents)----- 8.00
- c. Contributing----- 25.00
- d. Life-----100.00

Section 3. Annual dues shall be payable in advance, and members in arrears more than one year after payment is due shall be dropped from membership.

Section 4. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whose activities have contributed to the objectives of the Society. They shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of members present at an annual meeting upon nomination by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II

Fund Raising

The Society has received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated January 16, 1991 recognizing its exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)3. Funds may be solicited for the purposes of the organization only under the order and direction of the Board of Trustees. Contributions made to the organization shall be deposited in an account in a bank selected by the Board of Trustees and shall be kept separate from the dues account. All accounting practices required by law, with respect to such funds, shall be followed and a financial statement of the organization shall be filed as required.

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Constitution
of
The Stone Arabia Preservation Society

Article I

Name

The name of this Society shall be:

The Stone Arabia Preservation Society

Article II

Purposes

The purposes of this Society are stated in the Provisional Charter Granted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department on January 23, 1991. All of the provisions of the said Provisional Charter are adopted by this Society as its Constitution and are incorporated herein by reference.

Article III

Amendment

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting; or it may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Article III

Board of Trustees

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of eleven members, four of whom shall be the officers of the Society as well as trustees. All of the trustees and officer-trustees shall be elected for a term of three years.

Section 2. At the annual meeting at which these By-Laws are adopted, three of the trustees shall be elected by the membership of the Society for a term of one year, four shall be elected for a term of two years and four shall be elected as officer-trustees for a term of three years. The officer-trustees to be elected shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Thereafter, at the end of each of the original terms, vacancies will be filled for a term of three years.

Section 3. Trustees and officer-trustees shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting to be held in June of each year. Members unable to attend may submit proxy votes to the executive secretary at least one week before the date of the annual meeting.

Section 4. A majority vote of the general membership in attendance or by proxy shall be necessary to elect trustees.

Section 5. A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the president at the March meeting. This committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for trustees and officer-trustees to be voted upon by ballot at the annual meeting. Nominations also may be made from the floor by any active member of the Society.

Section 6. Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Trustees during the Society year; that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees. The person so named shall hold office until the next annual meeting and shall be eligible for election to complete the term of that trustee or officer-trustee.

Article IV

Schedule and Quorum for Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. A quorum shall consist of twelve members.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President upon at least one day notice by mail or telephone of the time and place of the meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall meet quarterly. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President upon at least one day notice by mail or by telephone of the time and place of the meeting. A quorum shall consist of five members.

Article V

Duties of Officers and Trustees

Section 1. The President shall have executive supervision over the activities of the society within the scope provided by these by-laws and shall preside at all meetings. The president shall report annually of the activities of the Society and shall appoint the members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the president in the event of absence, incapacity, resignation, or removal of the president.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the official records and keep the minutes of meetings of the Society and of the Board of Trustees, maintain a list of members and render an annual report.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of Society funds, for maintaining adequate records, and for depositing all monies with a reliable banking company in the name of the Stone Arabia Preservation Society. Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the treasurer and one other officer. The treasurer shall collect dues, and shall render an

annual report based on the calendar year.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the Society.

Article VI

Committees

Section 1. The Society shall have the following standing committees:

a. Program Committee - responsible for arranging suitable programs; for setting time, place and date of meetings.

b. Membership Committee - responsible for membership drives and processing new candidates for membership.

c. Parsonage Committee - responsible for collecting, cataloging, repairing books, maps, newspapers and other historical material; for displaying old photographs and historic objects; for the care and upkeep of the parsonage rooms.

d. Tourism Committee

e. Buildings and Grounds Committee

f. House Committee - responsible for considering requests to use the church or parsonage.

Section 2. Other committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the president as directed by the Society or Trustees. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the president.

Article VII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Society except in such cases as they are in conflict with the Constitution or the by-laws.

Article VIII

Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees, provided notice was given at the previous meeting.

Section 2. To change the number of Trustees, a two-thirds vote is necessary.

Section 3. These By-Laws may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose upon ten days written notice mailed or delivered to each member.

Section 4. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Article IX

Proposed Activities

Celebrating homecomings and Stone Arabia Family Reunions, participating in Col. John Brown dedication ceremonies, to conduct memorial services, providing historical lectures, sponsoring musical programs, reenact colonial services and be available for weddings and funerals.