

**OHIO SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Society shall be The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the Ohio State Society, the State Society, and/or O.S.C.A.R.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

The objects of The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution shall be in accordance with the objects as set forth by the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society or N.S.C.A.R., and to strengthen and increase the influence of the local societies within the state by mutual cooperation and support, and to encourage participation in the activities of the National Society.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY: Any member of any society of the Children of the American Revolution located within the boundaries of Ohio whose national dues for the current year are paid is eligible for membership in the State Society upon the payment of annual dues to the State Society.

SECTION 2. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any member of the State Society may become a Life Member of the State Society upon becoming a Life Member of the National Society and advance payment of State dues through the year during which the member reaches the age of twenty-two (22) years.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall be May 1 through April 30.

SECTION 2. STATE DUES: The annual State dues shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per member, paid through the local society to the Senior State Treasurer.

SECTION 3. NEW MEMBER DUES: Members admitted by the National Society before July 1 pay State dues for the current calendar year.

SECTION 4. SENIOR STATE FEES: Senior State Officers, Senior State Chairmen, and Senior Society Presidents shall pay an annual fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the Senior State Treasurer. A senior serving in more than one office or appointment shall pay only one fee, regardless of the number of offices held.

SECTION 5. STATE CHAIRMAN FEES: Prospective members and members at large appointed to serve as State Chairmen shall pay an annual fee of three dollars (\$3.00) to the Senior State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. GENERAL FUND: These dues and fees shall constitute a general fund to be used for the legitimate expenses of The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution and shall be payable with a postmark on or before January 1 and applied for the calendar year.

ARTICLE V STATE PATRONS

SECTION 1. STATE PATRIOTS: State Patriots shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Senior State Treasurer. They shall have no legislative authority and shall receive a one-year subscription to the state newsletter.

SECTION 2. STATE BENEFACTORS: State Benefactors shall pay a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars to the Senior State Treasurer. They shall have no legislative authority and shall receive a one-year subscription to the state newsletter.

ARTICLE VI CONTRIBUTING SENIORS

Members, associate members, and at large members of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, or Sons of the Revolution in the State of Ohio and persons over the age of twenty-one (21) residing within the boundaries of Ohio may become contributing members of the State Society under such rules as said Society may determine, but shall have no voting privileges and shall have the courtesy of the floor only upon invitation.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

The State Officers of this Society shall be State President, State First Vice President, State Second Vice President, State Chaplain, State Recording Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary, State Treasurer, State Registrar, State Historian, State Librarian, and State Curator.

ARTICLE VIII SENIOR OFFICERS

Senior State Officers shall be Senior State President, Senior State First Vice President, Senior State Second Vice President, Senior State Chaplain, Senior State Recording Secretary, Senior State Organizing Secretary, Senior State Corresponding Secretary, Senior State Treasurer, Senior State Registrar, Senior State Historian, Senior State Librarian, and Senior State Curator.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

SECTION 1. State Officers shall be elected each year by a majority vote of ONLY The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution MEMBERS entitled to vote and voting at the annual State Conference. Installation of the State President shall be at the annual National Convention. Installation of the State Officers, with the exception of the State President, shall be at the annual State Conference. The term of office shall be for one year beginning at the close of the National Convention through the close of the next National Convention. The State President shall not be eligible for re-election to the office. An officer shall be eligible for one re-election to the same office.

SECTION 2. To be eligible for the office of State President, a member shall have served as a president of a local society within the State Society, as a first vice president of a local society within the State Society, or as the vice president of a local society within the State Society and at least one term as a State Officer of the State Society, and for other state offices shall have served as an officer of a local society within the State Society. A member whose twenty-second (22nd) birthday will occur prior to the end of the term of office shall not be eligible to be nominated for an office.

SECTION 3. The State President, under the supervision of and with the approval of the Senior State President, shall appoint all state chairmen in accordance with the committees designated by the National Society. The State President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Prospective members and members at large may be appointed to chair and to serve on all committees except the Nominating Committee, ONLY if vacancies remain after all members who are serving as officers of a local society, have attended meetings of the State Society, or have contributed to the state newsletter or to the work of a State Officer or Chairman have been given an opportunity to serve. Anyone whose twenty-second (22nd) birthday will occur prior to the end of the term of office shall not be eligible to be appointed as a chairman. Term of office shall be for one year from the close of the National Convention through the close of the next National Convention.

SECTION 4. The State President shall appoint, not later than December 1, a Nominating Committee composed of no fewer than three (3) nor more than five (5) members of in The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution whose dues to the State Society and National Society are paid by January 1. The Senior State President and one member of the Senior State Executive Board, appointed by the Senior State President, shall serve as advisors to the Committee.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall prepare and present to the State Conference a slate of not more than two candidates for each office. Each candidate slated must have paid dues to the State Society and National Society by January 1 of the year in which the election will occur and consent of the nominee obtained. Not later than six weeks before the opening date of State Conference, written notice of the slate of proposed officers shall be forwarded to each Senior Society President.

SECTION 6. Nominations for State Officers may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained and a Certificate of Eligibility has been acquired from the Senior State President no later than 30 days in advance of the opening date of the State Conference. The Certificate of Eligibility must be presented to the Senior State Recording Secretary at the time the candidate is nominated. The Senior State President shall notify the slated candidate(s) for the same office of the pending nomination from the floor upon issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility.

SECTION 7. Voting shall be by ballot, unless there is only one candidate per office in which case the election may be by voice vote.

SECTION 8. A member having served as State President may be elected Honorary State President for life with the privilege of voting until membership in The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution is terminated.

SECTION 9. Vacancies in State Office, except that of State President to which the State First Vice President succeeds, may be filled for the period until the end of the term of office by a majority vote of those present and voting at a meeting of the State Board, provided due notice of such action has been given in the call for the meeting. In lieu of a meeting, the vote of the State Board may be taken by written notice, fifteen days allowed for notice and return of ballots.

SECTION 10. The Senior State President shall be appointed by the Senior National President, after consultation with the outgoing Senior State President and consideration of recommendations of the State Regent of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the State President of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management. The term of office shall be for two years beginning at installation, and the officer shall be eligible for one reappointment by the Senior National President subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management. Installation of the Senior State President shall be at the annual National Convention.

SECTION 11. The Senior State Officers, with the exception of the Senior State President, shall be elected by a majority vote at a meeting of the Senior State Board of Management during the annual State Conference and shall be installed at the annual State Conference. The term of office shall be for two years and concurrent with the term of the Senior State President. Each officer shall be eligible to one re-election to the same office.

SECTION 12. The Senior State President shall appoint a Parliamentarian and all Senior State Chairmen, in accordance with the committees designated by the National Society and shall appoint members to such other committees as are authorized by the Senior State Board of Management. The Senior State President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Senior Nominating Committee. Senior State Chairmen shall be chosen from the contributing seniors of the Ohio Society. Term of office is to be concurrent with that of the Senior State President.

SECTION 13. The Senior State President shall appoint, not later than December 1 of the year preceding the election, a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three (3) nor more than five (5) members, associate members, and at large members of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, or Sons of the American Revolution in the State of Ohio.

SECTION 14. The Committee shall prepare and present to a meeting of the Senior State Board of Management at the annual State Conference a slate of not more than two candidates for each office. Each candidate slated must be a member, associate member, or at large member of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, or the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Ohio and consent of the nominee obtained. Not later than six weeks before the opening date of State Conference, the slate of proposed senior officers shall be forwarded by written notice to each Senior Society President.

SECTION 15. Nominations for Senior State Officers may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained and the Senior State President has been notified no later than 30 days in advance of the opening date of the State Conference at which the election is to be held. The Senior State President shall notify the slated candidate(s) for the same office of the pending nomination from the floor upon notification by the floor candidate. If more than one candidate is nominated for the same office, voting for that office shall be by ballot.

SECTION 16. Anyone having served as Senior State President may be elected Honorary Senior State President for life with the privilege of voting so long as membership is maintained in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, or the General Society Sons of the Revolution. The election may be by voice vote and shall be at the meeting of the Senior State Board of Management during the annual State Conference at which elections are held.

SECTION 17. Vacancies in Senior State Office except that of Senior State President may be filled by an interim appointment by the Senior State President until election by a majority vote at the next meeting of the Senior State Board of Management. Due notice of such action must be given in the call for the meeting. Vacancies in the office of Senior State President shall be filled by an appointment by the Senior National President subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management.

SECTION 18. On or before June 1, the Senior State President shall appoint an Auditing Committee and a Finance Committee. The Auditing Committee shall review the books of the State Society maintained by the Senior State Treasurer and render a report at the annual State Conference. The Finance Committee shall meet to review the financial status of the Society and to prepare a proposed budget for the fiscal year to be submitted to the first meeting of the Senior State Board of Management during the fiscal year and shall recommend the investment of funds.

ARTICLE X DUTIES OF OFFICERS

In addition to specifically designated duties, all officers will perform such other duties applicable to the respective office as prescribed by the National Society or the parliamentary authority.

SECTION 1A. STATE PRESIDENT: The State President, under the supervision and with the approval of the Senior State President, shall:

- A. Call and preside at meetings of the State Board.
- B. Prepare an agenda and preside at all meetings of the State Society, the State Board of Management, and the State Executive Board.
- C. Represent the Society on appropriate occasions.
- D. Appoint all State Chairmen and committee members.
- E. Serve as a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- F. Develop objectives toward which the Society will work.
- G. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management, the Regional Meeting, the annual State Conference, and at the National Convention.

SECTION 1B. SENIOR STATE PRESIDENT: The Senior State President shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State President.
- B. Assist the State President at all meetings of the State Society.
- C. Preside at all meetings of the Senior Executive Board and the Senior State Board of Management.
- D. Appoint a Parliamentarian, all Senior State Chairmen, and senior committee members.
- E. Serve as Chairman of the Joint Executive Board.
- F. Serve as a member ex-officio of all committees except the Senior Nominating Committee.
- G. Approve all plans for State Conference and state events.
- H. Appoint Senior Society Presidents, subject to confirmation by the Senior National Board of Management.
- I. Render a report at the annual State Conference and at meetings of the Senior National Board of Management.
- J. Report non-performance of duty of any Senior State Officer or appointee to the Senior State Board of Management for appropriate action after all methods of communication have failed.
- K. Perform all duties assigned by the National Society in accordance with the Bylaws of The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

SECTION 2A. STATE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: The State First Vice President shall:

- A. Preside in the absence of the State President.
- B. Plan an annual event to be held no later than December 1 that follows the National Society's Program Packet and the State President's Program.
- C. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 2B. SENIOR STATE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: The Senior State First Vice President shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State First Vice President.
- B. Assist the State First Vice President in planning the annual event.
- C. Preside in the absence or inability of the Senior State President.

SECTION 3A. STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: The State Second Vice President shall:

- A. Preside in the absence of the State President and the State First Vice President.
- B. Be the only State Officer authorized to record any emergency measures and report to the State President immediately following the meeting.
- C. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.
- D. Serve as Chairman of the Ohio Service Award Committee and make the presentation at the annual State Conference.

The person to receive the Ohio Service Award shall have fulfilled the requirements set forth herein:

1. Person(s) nominated must have made an outstanding contribution to the State Society within the past five years.
2. Persons holding the following elected state offices are not eligible for nomination: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Librarian, Curator, and the corresponding Senior State Officers.
3. Only local Society Presidents, with the endorsement of their society, and committee members may nominate a person for this award.

4. Candidates for the award must be nominated by four (4) societies.
5. Letter of nomination must include the nominating society's name, a description of the nominee's contributions, and be signed by the Society President.
6. There shall be four members, each from a different society, serving as committee members assisting the Chairman.
7. Final selections will be made by the committee by ballot.
8. Votes will be counted by the Chairman and then shown to the members.

SECTION 3B. SENIOR STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: The Senior State Second Vice President shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Second Vice President.
- B. Preside in the absence of the Senior State President and the Senior State First Vice President.
- C. Be the only Senior State Officer authorized to record any emergency measures and report to the Senior State President immediately following the meeting.
- D. Serve as Senior Chairman of the Ohio Service Award Committee.
- E. Serve as Senior Editor of the state newsletter.

SECTION 4A. STATE CHAPLAIN: The State Chaplain shall:

- A. Offer appropriate prayers at all meetings of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.
- B. Conduct the annual Memorial Service at State Conference.
- C. Conduct any religious service required by the State President or Senior State President.
- D. Write notes of condolence.
- E. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 4B. SENIOR STATE CHAPLAIN: The Senior State Chaplain shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Chaplain, recommending any special occasions for prayer within the State Society groups.
- B. Offer appropriate prayers at all meetings of the Senior State Executive Board, the Senior State Board of Management, and the Joint Executive Boards.
- C. Keep a record of all deaths of members and seniors of the State Society for remembrance during the annual Memorial Service at State Conference.
- D. Conduct any religious services required by the Senior State President.
- E. Write notes of condolence.

SECTION 5A. STATE RECORDING SECRETARY: The State Recording Secretary shall:

- A. Keep a record of the meetings of the State Society, the State Executive Board, and the State Board of Management.
- B. Send copies of the minutes to the State President and Senior State President within thirty days following a meeting.
- C. Maintain the minute book.
- D. Attend to correspondence pertaining to the office.
- E. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 5B. SENIOR STATE RECORDING SECRETARY: The Senior State Recording Secretary shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Recording Secretary.
- B. Keep a record of the meetings of the Senior State Executive Board and the Senior State Board of Management.
- C. Send a copy of the minutes to the Senior State President within thirty days following a meeting.
- D. Keep correct minutes of the annual State Conference.

SECTION 6A. STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY: The State Organizing Secretary shall:

- A. Promote the growth and organization of local societies.
- B. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 6B. SENIOR STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY: The Senior State Organizing Secretary shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Organizing Secretary.
- B. Promote the growth and organization of local societies.
- C. Conduct the correspondence of the office.

SECTION 7A. STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: The State Corresponding Secretary shall:

- A. Attend to the correspondence of the office.

- B. Send notices of meetings of the State Executive Board.
- C. Maintain e-mail distribution lists of State Officers, State Chairmen, Society Presidents, and members.
- D. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 7B. SENIOR STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: The Senior State Corresponding Secretary shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Corresponding Secretary.
- B. Attend to all the correspondence required by the Senior State President in connection with the office and the Joint and Senior Executive Boards.
- C. Assist the State Corresponding Secretary with any excessive correspondence for meetings or conferences.
- D. Send notices of meetings of the Senior State Executive Board.
- E. Maintain e-mail distribution lists of Senior State Officers, Senior State Chairmen, Senior Society Presidents, and Contributing Seniors.

SECTION 8A. STATE TREASURER: The State Treasurer shall:

- A. Assist the Senior State Treasurer in the work of the office.
- B. Serve as the Credentials Chairman at the State Conference.
- C. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 8B. SENIOR STATE TREASURER: The Senior State Treasurer shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Treasurer.
- B. Have charge of the funds of the Society.
- C. Collect and receive all funds due to the State Society and deposit the same within fifteen (15) days upon receipt to the credit of The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution in financial institutions approved by the Senior State Board of Management.
- D. Disburse such funds and pay all bills, only upon the order of the Senior State President, within fifteen (15) days of approval.
- E. Notify local societies whose dues are delinquent.
- F. Oversee preparation and submission of tax returns and other government requested documents.
- G. Prepare reports to be read at each meeting of the Executive Board and the State Board of Management and at the State Conference showing receipts and disbursements for specific accounts, the balance on hand and where deposited, and the outstanding obligations of the State Society. The same report shall give similar data for the period elapsed since the last report and for the fiscal year to date.
- H. Submit the books of the State Society to the Auditing Committee within thirty (30) days of each report.
- I. Serve on the Finance Committee.
- J. Serve as the Senior Credentials Chairman at the State Conference.

SECTION 9A. STATE REGISTRAR: The State Registrar shall:

- A. Assist in the work of keeping correct membership records.
- B. Promote membership.
- C. Assist with registration at State Conference.
- D. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 9B. SENIOR STATE REGISTRAR: The Senior State Registrar shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Registrar.
- B. Keep a correct file of all members within the State Society in a safe place.
- C. Help prepare a report of the Society's membership to be read by the State Registrar at the annual State Conference.
- D. Assist with registration at State Conference.
- E. By December 15, provide a list of female members who are age-eligible for presentation as a C.A.R. Debutante to the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution C.A.R. State Chairman.

SECTION 10A. STATE HISTORIAN: The State Historian shall:

- A. Encourage historical work in the local societies.
- B. Compile the State Society scrapbook.
- C. Keep the scrapbooks of the State Society in a safe place.
- D. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 10B. SENIOR STATE HISTORIAN: The Senior State Historian shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Historian.
- B. Have charge of all historical documents of value to the State Society and shall see that they are kept in a safe place.
- C. Supervise the work of the State Historian in keeping the State Society scrapbook.
- D. Make recommendations for observance of state historical dates and recognition of historical places within the state.

SECTION 11A. STATE LIBRARIAN: The State Librarian shall:

- A. Assist the Senior State Librarian in the work of the office.
- B. Encourage members and friends to utilize local libraries in furthering the annual National Theme.
- C. Encourage support of the N.S.C.A.R. Library through sales of the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund Pin and financial donations for the preservation of items already in the N.S.C.A.R. Library and the purchase of new items.
- D. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 11B. SENIOR STATE LIBRARIAN: The Senior State Librarian shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Librarian.
- B. Have care and custody of all books, magazines, and pamphlets of which the State Society shall become the possessor and shall catalog and arrange same.
- C. Shall be familiar with the rules for gifts to the N.S.C.A.R. Library and encourage contributions of appropriate items.
- D. Encourage cash donations to the N.S.C.A.R. Library for the purchase of new items and preservation of those items already in the Library.
- E. Interest members and friends in visiting the N.S.C.A.R. Library.

SECTION 12A. STATE CURATOR: The State Curator shall:

- A. Assist the Senior State Curator in the work of the office.
- B. Encourage support of the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and donations for the preservation of items already in the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and the purchase of new items.
- C. Render a report at each meeting of the State Executive Board and the State Board of Management and the annual State Conference.

SECTION 12B. SENIOR STATE CURATOR: The Senior State Curator shall:

- A. Advise and counsel the State Curator.
- B. Have care and custody of all historical items of which the State Society shall become the possessor and shall catalog and arrange same.
- C. Shall be familiar with the rules for gifts to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and encourage contributions of appropriate items.
- D. Encourage cash donations to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum for the purchase of new items and preservation of those items already in the Museum.
- E. Interest members and friends in visiting the N.S.C.A.R. Museum.

ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD: The State Officers and Honorary State Presidents who are currently members shall constitute the State Executive Board. The Senior State President shall attend meetings of the State Executive Board in an advisory capacity. The Parliamentarian or one member of the Senior State Executive Board invited by the Senior State President to serve as Parliamentarian pro tem is the only other senior authorized to attend State Executive Board meetings.

SECTION 2. SENIOR STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Senior State Officers and Honorary Senior State Presidents who are members, associate members, or members at large of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, or the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Ohio shall constitute the Senior State Executive Board.

SECTION 3. JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD: The State Executive Board and the Senior State Executive Board shall constitute the Joint Executive Board. The Senior State President shall be chairman.

SECTION 4. STATE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: The State Officers, Honorary State Presidents who are currently members, and the Society Presidents shall constitute the State Board of Management. A Society President not in attendance may be represented by the Society First Vice President or the Society Vice President. The Senior

State President shall serve as advisor to the Board. The State Chairmen are invited to attend meetings of the State Board, but they shall have voice without the privilege of voting and shall not make and second motions.

SECTION 5. SENIOR STATE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: The Senior State Officers, Honorary Senior State Presidents who are members, associate members, or members at large of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, or the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Ohio, and Senior Society Presidents shall constitute the Senior State Board of Management. A Senior Society President not in attendance may be represented by the Senior Society First Vice President or Senior Society Vice President. The Senior State Chairmen are invited to attend meetings of the Senior State Board of Management, but they shall have voice without the privilege of voting and shall not make and second motions.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS: The State Board of Management shall meet at least once a year with the Senior State President, at which time the wishes of the State Board may be made known to the Senior State President. The Senior State Board of Management shall meet at least once a year. The State Board of Management and the Senior State Board of Management may meet separately or together as deemed necessary by the Senior State President.

SECTION 7. QUORUM: Five (5) members may constitute a quorum on each board. In the absence of the State President and the State First Vice President, the State Second Vice President shall preside at a member meeting. In the event of the absence of the State President, the State First Vice President, and the State Second Vice President, the meeting may be called to order by any State Officer and a Chairman elected from those present. In the absence of the Senior State President, the Senior State First Vice President shall preside at a senior meeting. In the event of the absence of the Senior State President, the Senior State First Vice President, and the Senior State Second Vice President, the meeting may be called to order by any Senior State Officer and a Chairman elected from those present.

SECTION 8. PROCEDURE: The State Executive Board, Senior State Executive Board, Joint Executive Board, State Board of Management, Senior State Board of Management, and all committees are authorized to meet by videoconference, teleconference, or any other technological means that allows all participants to hear each other at the same time.

ARTICLE XII ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the State Society shall be held within the state of Ohio in March unless otherwise recommended by the Senior State President and approved by the Senior State Board of Management. This meeting shall be called for the purpose of receiving reports of State Officers, Society Presidents, and State Committees; for the election of State Officers; for programs in furtherance of the objects of the Society; and for the transaction of any business which may arise.

SECTION 2. Societies with a majority of members' dues paid not later than February 1 to both the National Society and the State Society for the current calendar year shall be entitled to representation at the State Conference by the Society President, whose only alternate shall be the Society First Vice President or the Society Vice President, and one delegate to each multiple of five members of the Society with one alternate for each delegate. Delegates and alternates shall be elected or appointed according to their respective Society Bylaws.

SECTION 3. The voters of the State Conference shall be the State Officers, Honorary State Presidents who are currently members, the Society Presidents, and Society delegates.

SECTION 4. Prospective members and members at large may attend State Conference but shall not be eligible to be delegates or alternates or hold a state office.

ARTICLE XIII PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1: The parent organizations shall be the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Ohio.

SECTION 2: To be eligible to be presented as a C.A.R. debutante at the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution annual State Conference, a C.A.R. debutante shall be a member with dues paid for the current year to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution and to either the Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution or the state society of the Children of the American Revolution in which she holds membership and a member or prospective member of a chapter of the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and shall be 18 to 21 years old or a high school senior.

SECTION 3: By January 15, the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution C.A.R. State Chairman shall contact qualified members to invite them to be presented as debutantes.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at any annual meeting of the State Society, provided that all of the following conditions have been met:

1. All amendments to be considered have been read at an earlier meeting of the State Board of Management and the Senior State Board of Management or a joint meeting of the Boards.
2. The National Parliamentarian has reviewed and approved the proposed amendments.
3. Written notice of all proposed amendments has been sent to the President and Senior President of each local society and posted to the Web site of The Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution.
4. All guidelines for amendments to state society bylaws required by the National Society have been met.

ARTICLE XV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

ARTICLE XVI DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1: If the Ohio Society should disband, all funds remaining in the treasury shall be forwarded to the Senior National Treasurer. The society may designate to what use the funds may be applied provided such use is approved by the Senior National Board of Management. No part of the property of the Ohio Society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers, senior officers, members, or senior leaders of the Ohio Society.

SECTION 2: Any funds remaining in the treasury that are designated for Ohio Society members' life membership shall be returned to the local Society if said society is not disbanded or to be disbanded.