BY-LAWS

The Haralson County Historical Society, Inc.
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Article I

Membership and Dues

Section 1.  Any person interested in the history of Haralson County, who applies for membership and tenders the necessary dues shall become a member.  Any member may vote at a meeting of the society. Students are non-voting members.

Section 2.  Membership~~.~~

Individual Membership - Any individual interested in the purpose of the society shall be eligible.  Annual dues are set by the Executive Committee.

1. Individual Life Membership - Dues for individual life members shall be three hundred dollars in one payment. ($300)
2. Gold Membership For members who also may desire to be a Vendor at one or more HCHS Festivals. Benefits defined in the Policy & Procedure Manual.

***Annual membership is January to December. Dues shall be payable in advance. Individuals joining in July shall pay one half a year’s dues.***

Article II

Schedule and Quorum for Meetings

Section 1.  Regular meetings of the society shall be held monthly.

Section 2.  A majority of the members in good standing present at a regular, scheduled meeting or a special called meeting of which members have been notified shall be able to cast the deciding vote on any issue before the society.
Section 3.  Special meetings may be called by the President.

Section 4.  Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President.

Section 5.  One more than one-half of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Article III

Duties of the Officers and the Executive Board

Section 1.  The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2.  The President shall have executive supervision over the activities of the Society within the scope provided by these by-laws.  He/ she shall preside at all meetings.  He/ she shall appoint the Chairman of all committees.

Section 3.  The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the President.

Section 4.  The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the Society and of the Executive Board, maintain a list of members and render a monthly membership report.

Section 5.

The Secretary shall mail membership cards, attend to the necessary correspondence of the Society and maintain a file of correspondence.

Section 7.  The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the Society funds and for maintaining adequate financial records.  The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received with a reliable banking company in the name of Haralson County Historical Society.  Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the Treasurer.  The Treasurer will collect dues.  The Treasurer shall render a monthly report and an annual financial statement.  The Treasurer shall present a Fiscal Budget to the Executive Board in September for approval and to the membership in November for approval. In the event the treasurer is unavailable, either the President or Vice-President shall assume the duties.

Section 8.  Officers shall be elected to serve a one year term.  They may serve more than two consecutive terms, if re-elected.

Section 9.  The officers and chairmen of standing and Special Committees shall constitute the Executive Board.  The Executive Board shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the Society.

Article IV

Committees

Section 1.  The Society shall have the following Standing Committees:

1. Fundraising Committee
2. Grant Writing Committee
3. Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee
4. Event Planning / Program Committee
5. Scholarship Committee
6. Social Media / Publications
7. Webmaster
8. Finance Committee
9. Festival Chair / Festival Co-Chair Fried Pie Festival
10. Festival Chair / Festival Co-Chair Spring Festival
11. Archives Committee
12. Membership Committee
13. One Room Schoolhouse Committee
14. Nominating Committee

Section 2.  The President shall appoint the chairman of the Standing Committees, who shall in turn select the members to serve on the committee.

Section 3.  Other committees may be appointed by the President as directed by the Society or Executive Board.

Article V

Monetary Authority

Section 1. Society funding is authorized through a Fiscal Budget.

Section 2.  The Executive Board shall have the authority to appropriate up to five hundred ($500) dollars for Historical Society projects in any given six (6) month period.

Section 3.  All NON- Budgeted expenditures must be approved by a majority of members present at a regular meeting.

1. Article VI
2. The rules contained by Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the society except in such cases as are governed by the by-laws.  A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President to see the above is carried out.
3. Article VII
4. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting, or they may be amended at a special meeting called for the purpose, with previous notice and a two-third vote.  All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.