

# **BYLAWS**

## **PACIFIC DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION April 28, 2012**

### **ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION.**

The Pacific District, organized as a sub-division of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, consists of the states of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.

### **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.**

A SAR Compatriot in good standing in one of the state societies listed in Article I is automatically a member of the NSSAR Pacific District.

### **ARTICLE III. NSSAR PACIFIC DISTRICT OFFICE.**

The title of the compatriot holding office in the NSSAR representing the Pacific District is **VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL**. He reports directly to the **PRESIDENT GENERAL, NSSAR**. This position will be filled by a compatriot nominated from a state society within the Pacific District. The rotation order of states for this VPG office shall be Alaska, Oregon, Washington. The name of the compatriot nominated for the office of VPG shall be submitted to the annual meeting of the Pacific District for approval and submission to NSSAR. The VPG will normally serve for one year. The incumbent may serve an additional year upon approval by the next state society in rotation. The VPG is not funded by NSSAR. The VPG bears all costs of his board, room and travel. His duties are:

1. Schedule the time, date and place of the annual meeting of the Pacific District.
2. Represent the state societies of the Pacific District at the NSSAR Trustees meetings in Louisville, Kentucky.
3. Visit a minimum of one chapter in each state society in the Pacific District during his year in office.
4. Attend the NSSAR Congress during his term.
5. Invite the NSSAR officers in writing to attend the annual Pacific District meeting.
6. Perform the additional duties assigned to him by the President General, the Executive Committee or the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE IV.LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.**

The Vice President General of the Pacific District will receive support from the officers of his state society as follows:

1. State Secretary notifies the state societies of the Pacific District of the time, place and date of the annual district meeting and records the minutes of subject meeting.
2. The Joint Treasurers of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be jointly the current Treasurers of the Oregon and Washington Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution who shall:
  - a. Create, promulgate and follow as fiduciaries all appropriate protocols for the formation of accounts, collection of funds, disbursement of authorized expenses, reporting to the Pacific District Annual Conference of all financial dealings of the District.
  - b. Keep and guard as fiduciaries all funds collected by and through the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
  - c. Disburse all expenses for the Annual Conference of the District as called upon by the current Vice president General of the District. *Amended April 28, 2012*

#### **ARTICLE V. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC DISTRICT.**

The annual Pacific District meeting will be held on a date prior to the annual meeting of NSSAR Congress. Normally, the district meeting will be held at a location within the VPG's respective state. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Alaska State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution may excuse itself from hosting the Annual Pacific District Meeting in any given year, in the event of which the host position of the Annual Meeting will fall upon the next State Society in rotation, regardless of the State Society affiliation of the Vice President General of the Pacific District at the time.

*Amended April 30, 2011*

State societies should be notified at least ninety days prior to the meeting date. They in turn will publish this information in their newsletters.

The state society hosting the district meeting may invite selected guests, other than national officers, as approved by the Vice President General. Suggested guidelines for conducting the order of business at the district meeting are as follows:

1. Welcome by the host State president and introduction of the meeting chairman, the Vice President General.
2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge.
3. Introduction of guests and compatriots in attendance.
4. Reading of the VPG's report of the previous district meeting submitted to the President General, NSSAR.
5. Reports from the state society presidents or their designated representatives.
- 5a. Report of the Joint Treasurers of the Pacific District, and membership approval of their report. *Amended April 28, 2012*
6. Approval of nomination for Vice President General of Pacific District.
7. Discussion of old and new business items.
8. Benediction and adjournment.

#### **ARTICLE VI. QUORUM AND VOTING RIGHTS.**

A quorum shall be met when representatives from all three state societies are present. If a state society president cannot attend the district meeting, he will name an official delegate from his own state society, or submit a proxy to the VPG naming an official delegate from one of the other two state societies.

Any compatriot from the Pacific District in attendance at the annual meeting has the right of one vote on all motions from the floor. If he holds a proxy from a state president, he also holds one vote for the proxy. The VPG casts his vote only in case of a tie vote.

#### **ARTICLE VII. BYLAW AMENDMENTS.**

These Pacific District Bylaws, first published and approved at the Pacific District meeting in Anchorage, Alaska on 27 May 1995, supersede VPG Operating Directive No. 1 dated 1 July 1989. These Bylaws may be amended or deleted by a simple majority vote of the compatriots present at the Pacific District meeting. Copies of amendments, deletions or additions to the Bylaws shall be distributed to each of the state presidents, secretaries and treasurers in the Pacific District.

## **ARTICLE VIII.      WAVER OF BYLAWS.**

The Vice President General of the Pacific District may deviate from one or more of the Pacific District Bylaws when it is in the vital interest of the Pacific District. He will inform each State Society president of such deviation.

**Modified last, April 28, 2012**