

PACIFIC DISTRICT BYLAWS
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

As amended April 27, 2013

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION.

The Pacific District SAR, (hereinafter the District), is organized as a sub-division of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), as provided for in and governed by SAR Bylaw No. 5, together with other directives of the National Society.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP.

All SAR Compatriots in good standing in one of the state societies comprising the District are automatically members of the District.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

1. The Vice-President General from the District (VPG) is the presiding officer for the District..
2. The State Secretary of the same state society as the VPG is the ex-officio secretary for the District. He notifies the state societies in the District of the time, place and date of the annual District Meeting and records the minutes of the meetings. Minutes of the District Meeting will be corrected and approved by the State Presidents and State Secretaries of the states within the District.
3. The State Treasurers from the Oregon and Washington State Societies are the ex-officio joint treasurers for the District. They 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 annual District Meeting of all financial dealings of the District
 - b. Keep and guard as fiduciaries all funds collected by and through the District.
 - c. Disburse all expenses for the District Meeting as called upon by the current VPG. Both treasurers shall be signatories on the District accounts, with only one signature required on checks.

ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT.

1. The annual 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. However a state society may excuse itself from hosting the District Meeting in any given year, in which case the host position of the District Meeting will fall upon the next state society in rotation, regardless of the state society affiliation of the VPG at the time.
2. State societies should be notified at least ninety days prior to the meeting date. They in

turn will publish this information for their members.

3. The state society hosting the District Meeting may invite selected guests, other than SAR general officers, as approved by the VPG. Suggested guidelines for conducting the order of business at the district meeting are as follows:

- a. Welcome by the host State President and introduction of the meeting chairman, the VPG.
- b. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge.
- c. Introduction of guests and compatriots in attendance.
- d. Reading of the VPG's report of the previous District Meeting as submitted to the SAR President General,
- e. Reports from the state society presidents or their designated representatives.
- f. Report of the Joint Treasurers of the District, and membership approval of their report.
- g. Approval of nomination for VPG for submission for the next SAR Annual Congress.
- h. Other business to come before the Meeting.
- i. Benediction and adjournment.

4. The District Meeting shall submit for the next SAR Annual Congress a nominee for the position of VPG. The rotation order for this position is Alaska, Oregon, and Washington. The next state in rotation from the state having the incumbent VPG submits a name. The incumbent may succeed himself upon the approval of the next state in rotation. A majority of states approve the nominee. For the selection of the VPG nominee only, each state delegation has one collective vote, provided that if a state has no members at the District Meeting, that State President may designate another member from another state in the District as a proxy, who then votes for the absent state as well as as a member of his own state delegation.

ARTICLE V - QUORUM AND VOTING RIGHTS.

A quorum for the District Meeting shall be a majority of those members registered as in attendance at the District meeting. Each member has one vote and there shall be no proxy voting, except as provided in Article IV, Section 4.

ARTICLE VI - BYLAW AMENDMENTS.

1. 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. The 27 April 2013 Bylaws combine and supersede any previous Constitution and Bylaws.

2. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote at the District Meeting. Copies of the Bylaws, as amended, shall be distributed to each of the state presidents, secretaries and treasurers in the Pacific District.