

The Stainless Banner, or Second National.—The likeness of the Stars and Bars to the United States Flag often caused confusion. Therefore, the Confederate Congress on May 1, 1863, adopted the design for a new flag. This second National Flag was pure white with the Battle Flag in the upper left corner.

The Last National.—It was found that the second National Flag when hanging limp could easily be mistaken for a flag of truce, and so on March 4, 1865, the Confederate Congress again changed the National Flag. This was done by placing a broad red bar across the end of the Stainless Banner, thus forming the fourth and last flag of the Confederacy. In a few days the Congress adjourned, and the flag was not made until some time later when its design was found among the records. It is now used as the insignie of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Bylaws of the Arlington Historical Society, Inc.

(as adopted September 6, 1960)

Article I—Membership

1. The membership of the Society shall consist of the following classes: regular, sustaining, life, honorary, and junior (up to 18 years of age).
2. New members shall be asked to execute membership form for the Secretary's information. The Society shall mail a form for this purpose with a letter of invitation to prospective new members proposed by the membership committee.
3. The dues shall be: \$2.00 a year for regular members; \$10.00 a year for sustaining members; \$0.50 a year for junior members; and \$50.00 for life members.
4. The annual dues shall be payable in advance of the date of the annual meeting. Members failing to pay their dues for six (6) months after they become payable, shall be dropped from the rolls one month after the mailing of a notice. Members joining at or after the next to the last regular meeting of the year are considered to have paid their dues for the following year.

Article II—Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall be: a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting each year and shall hold

office until their successors shall have been elected and installed. In case a vacancy arises in any office, it may be filled for the unexpired term at any meeting of the Society, except when a vacancy occurs in the office of the presidency or first vice presidency, in which case the First and/or Second Vice President shall automatically advance in that order and the office of Second Vice President shall be filled as herein provided. No individual shall succeed himself as President.

3. Nominations for offices shall be made by the Nominating Committee hereinafter described, and additional nominations for the offices may be made from the floor.

Article III—Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, which shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the corporation by the members of the corporation, shall consist of eleven persons. Election as one of the officers shall also constitute election to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Society subject to such regulations and restrictions as shall be prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation.

Article IV—Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. In case the President is absent at any meeting the First or Second Vice President shall assume in order the duties pro tem.

2. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, keep a roll of the membership, conduct the correspondence of the Society, give notice of all meetings, to which shall be attached a synopsis of the latest meeting, notify committee members of their appointment, make a report at the annual meeting of the work of the Society, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

3. The Treasurer shall collect and have custody of all dues, subscriptions, and any monies paid into the Society. He shall keep an account of the same and make a report thereof at the annual meeting and at such other times as required by the Board of Directors. He shall pay out the money of the Society only on the presentation of bills approved by the Board of Directors as attested by the Secretary. The Treasurer shall furnish bond in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors the premium of which shall be paid by the Society. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by the Audit Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

Article V—Meetings

1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Friday of May, September, November, January, and March. The meeting in May shall be designated the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors may change the date of any meeting provided two (2) weeks' notice shall be given to all the members.

2. Special meetings may be called by direction of the President at any time, or shall be called upon written request of ten (10) members of the Society or a majority of the Board of Directors.

3. Ten percent of the adult voting members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

4. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as needed upon call of the President, the Secretary, or any three (3) members of the Board but at least once each quarter; five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

5. The business of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI—Preservation of Acquisitions

The Society or the Board of Directors shall make provision for the custody of all material of historical value received by the Society. Such material may, if desired, be given into the temporary custody of a public library or any other agency or institution in Arlington County.

Article VII—Committees

Standing Committees of one or more members shall be appointed by the President. They shall include: Audit, Membership, Finance, Nominating, Historical Research and Records, Program, Publicity, and Publications. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the last three preceding Presidents of the Society.

Article VIII—Amendments, etc., to Bylaws

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, and may be exercised at any regular meeting of the Board by a majority vote of the members present provided notice of the intended action be included in the call of the meeting.