

Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution

Constitution

Article 1 – Name and Status

Section 1: The name of this Society shall be *The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* (hereinafter, ORSSAR)

Section 2: The ORSSAR was organized on June 6, 1891, by charter from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter, NSSAR), and said charter is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Constitution.

Section 3: The ORSSAR is a voluntary, not-for-profit association chartered by the Congress of the United States by Title 36, Section 20a, United States Code, and is not a partnership, syndicate, joint venture, or other such organization wherein individual members are liable for the acts of other members without express authorization. The liability of individual members of the ORSSAR is intended to be to the extent of their individual membership dues only, and nothing in this Constitution is to be interpreted as authorizing any member to act as agent or otherwise for any other member and thereby establish liability against an individual member by virtue of the acts of one or several members or in the name of the ORSSAR in excess of the member's share of paid-in surplus dues.

Article 2 – Objects

Section 1: The objects of the ORSSAR are declared to be identical with those of the NSSAR, to wit:

"...patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;

“to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;

“to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of Government founded by our forefathers;

“to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;

“to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;

“to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;

“to celebrate the anniversaries of prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;

“to foster true patriotism;

“to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

Section 2: The ORSSAR is organized exclusively for patriotic, historical and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles the ORSSAR shall undertake no activity proscribed for a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- b. If dissolved, the residual assets of the ORSSAR shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) or, if amended, the equivalent operative section of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 3: Eligibility for Membership

Eligibility for membership shall be the same as those requirements of the NSSAR.

Article 4: Officers and Trustees

Section 1: The officers of the ORSSAR shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Chaplain. Any or all of the last five discrete offices (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Chaplain) may be filled by one member.

Section 2: Each active chapter shall be entitled to one Trustee for each fifty chapter members, or fraction thereof, for the calendar year that began the preceding January 1.

Section 3: The officers named in the preceding section 1, Trustee(s) in section 2, all presidents of active chapters, last two past presidents of the ORSSAR, and all current national officers from the ORSSAR shall constitute a Board of Managers, and this board shall have the power to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers of the ORSSAR, except for the presidency when the elected Vice President is available to succeed to the presidency. Chairmen of all committees appointed by the President shall be Associate Members of the Board. They may speak on any issue during board meetings, but they shall not be counted for quorum purposes, and they cannot vote on matters coming before the Board.

Section 4: The officers shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the ORSSAR members in good standing and voting. The officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and installed.

Article 5: Finances

The Board of Managers shall authorize the expenditure of ORSSAR funds.

Article 6: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended, or repealed only by a two-thirds or more vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting of the ORSSAR, or at any special meeting called for that purpose by the Board of Managers, provided that such document to amend or repeal this constitution shall have been submitted to the Board of Managers of the ORSSAR three months prior to such meeting, and a copy of said proposed document to amend or repeal this Constitution shall have been sent by United States mail or electronic mail to each member of the ORSSAR at his last known address at least thirty days before such meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

This amended Constitution of the ORSSAR was approved at the Annual Meeting of the Society in the City of Eugene, Oregon, on this 22nd day of January, 1991, and as further amended at the Annual Meeting of the Society in the City of Eugene on May 12, 2002.

/S/ Jay M. Balfour
Secretary

/S/ Keith L. Miller
President

This amended Constitution of the ORSSAR was approved at a meeting of the membership of the ORSSAR in the City of Beaverton, Oregon, on this 9th day of October, 2010.

/s/ John L. Krumbein
Secretary

/s/ Johnny D. Alexander
President

