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Ratification by Rebild Members, presented by Rachel Lewis, will be on the agenda for the 5th of July Membership Meeting.

BYLAWS - REBILD NATIONAL PARK SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND PURPOSE

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July 4.

We need your help!

Sponsor a State Flag

We need your help! It is now possible to support the Rebild Festival by sponsoring one or more of the 50 American State Flags. The flags will again flutter in the wind and welcome all the guests on the walk down in the Hills.

Your name and which Flag you have chosen to sponsor, will be listed in program booklet handed out on July 4. The information will also be shown on a big screen on the stage before and after the Rebild Festival. The sponsorship can be anonymous if desired. A particular flag can be sponsored by more than one.



Contact US Corporate Secretary Linda Steffensen or fill in the form at: www.rebildfesten.dk

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Membership Meeting July 5

The membership meeting will take place at Hotel Comwell Sport on Sunday the 5th of July, 2015 at 2 o'clock pm. Preceding the meeting a summer buffet will be served.

The agenda is as follows:

- President Jesper Jespersen bids welcome
- Election of chairman
- Presidents Report
- The 4th of July Rebild Festivities 2015
- 2014 financial statement
- RNPS Bylaws
- New initiatives and developments
- Any other business

Nominating Committees for 2016 Board Election

According to society bylaws the named individuals below have been named members of the US and Danish nominating committees for the 2016 Board Elections. Please send suggestions to a member of the committee no later than September 1. Please also include a photo of the members suggested.

Nomination Committees

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Dear Rebild Friends!

Summer is here and we are looking forward to July 4 and the celebration in the Hills of Rebild.

Even though New Year is long gone and the cold months are now behind us I would like to wish all our U.S. member a Happy New Year. On January 7 I participated as a representative of the Rebild Society in Her Majesty Queen Margrethe's New Year Levee at Christiansborg Castle. A lovely clear and frosty day of January with many nice reunions with the participants of the New Year Levee. We also sent greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her 75th birthday on April 16.

A few weeks ago we returned from Omaha, Nebraska, where we had a really good and progressive Annual Meeting. More than 100 members participated in the planned program and the great final Gala Dinner. The President of the Heartland Chapter, Deb Larsen, and her team had put together a very fine program. On pages 4-5 you will find a full report from the Annual Meeting. I would like to invite all members to participate in the Annual Meeting 2016, which will be in San Francisco from April 6 to 10. It's worth planning for!

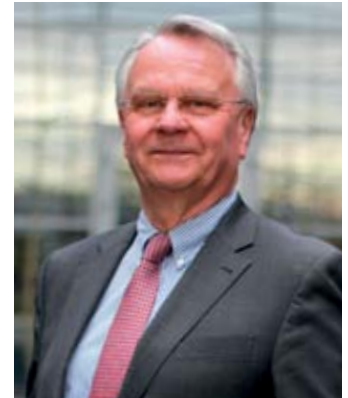
The Rebild Celebration on July 4 and the festivities during the days round it are almost planned to the detail, so the only thing we hope for is the usual good weather (Karl Nielsen weather) and that many people will find their way to the Rebild Hills.

After last year's Rebild Celebration there was an article in the magazine CS Monitor* The headline said: "Why are Danes celebrating the Fourth of July?"

One answered: "Since the beginning the festival has also been a homecoming celebration for Danish-Americans, many of whom still make the pilgrimage. A significant majority of attendees, however, are Danes, which raises the question: Why do so many foreigners spend the day celebrating a US holiday? The answer was: I think Danes to some extent are really like Americans in that a lot of people like a good party. It's really a nice day out".

We have done our best to make the coming Rebild Festival a success. I hope to see you in Denmark on July 4. Finally I take the opportunity to welcome the new members and new board members.

Jesper Jespersen
President



*Cristian Science Monitor. Artikel af journalist Gram Slattery.
www.csmonitor.com/USA/2014/0704/Why-are-Danes-celebrating-the-Fourth-of-July



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Rebild National Park Society, Inc. is the first Danish-American Friendship Society, having now existed for more than 100 years. Our mission is to work for strengthening and supporting the friendship and the cultural bonds between Denmark and USA. Every year many thousands of people are gathering on July 4 for the Rebild Celebration in the beautiful Rebild Hills. This celebration is still the largest celebration of the American Independence Day outside the United States. Welcome to the Rebild Celebration on July 4.

Rebild Festival 2015



Welcome to the 4th of July Rebild Festival 2015

In Denmark on July 4, 2015, Danes, Americans and friends gather again for the Rebild Festival in the Rebild Hills of Denmark to maintain and sustain a beautiful tradition – celebrating freedom, friendship and unity between Denmark and the United States.

As part of the 2015 Rebild Festival Program, entertainment this year features LAND LIVE, offering a full concert with Kristian Lilholt. LAND LIVE is a total entertainment experience – a journey through the seasons of Danish landscapes in music, art, poetry and vivid images.

The American guest speaker will be Peter Work, who is a businessman and founder of the winery Ampelos Cellars in California.

The Danish keynote speaker is Kim Bildsøe Lassen, who is a journalist, TV host and former correspondent in the USA for DR.

The U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford brings the year's greeting from President Barack Obama.

Reservation, prices and tickets

All information about reservations, prices and tickets you can find online at www.rebildfesten.dk
You are also more than welcome to contact U.S. Corporate Secretary Linda Steffensen for further assistance: Phone: 847-882-2552. E-mail: usrebildoffice@gmail.com



Rufus Gifford



Kim Bildsøe Lassen



Peter Work

Rebild members enjoy Hospitality and Heritage in the Heartland of America at 2015 Spring Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

For Rebild members and friends, each year's Spring Membership Meetings bring the opportunity to see new and historic places in the USA. This year, visitors enjoyed the Hospitality and the rich Danish Heritage of America's Heartland in Omaha, Nebraska.

Visitors from all over the United States and Denmark ventured to the middle of America on April 22 – 26 for the 2015 Annual Rebild Membership Meeting, co-hosted by the Heartland Rebild Chapter and the Museum of Danish America.

Special thanks go to Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director of the Museum of Danish America, Deb Christensen Larsen, who holds the dual role of President of the Heartland Rebild Chapter and Development Manager at the Museum of Danish America, and their team for organizing the outstanding meetings, tours and gala.



The first evening of Wednesday, April 22 started with registration and each guest received a nice welcome bag filled with gifts and a beautiful program booklet highlighting details about Nebraska & Iowa, including meeting & tour schedules and colorful advertisements. Participants then walked across the street from the DoubleTree by Hilton Omaha Downtown for a magnificent Welcoming Reception at the Top of the First National Bank Tower, hosted by Clark Lauritzen, son of Honorary Consul Bruce Lauritzen. Participants enjoyed outstanding views over Omaha from the 45-story skyscraper, while they enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and catching up with Rebuild friends – old and new.

On Thursday, April 23, the Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents held morning meetings at the DoubleTree in Omaha. Then two bus loads of attendees enjoyed the "Tours to the West" driving adventure, featuring lunch at the Joslyn Art Museum, followed by a visit to the Mormon Trail Center, a driving tour past Danish historic buildings, including the renovated Danish Pioneer Newspaper building in Omaha from 1903 and the old Danish Brotherhood building, and the tour concluded with a stop at the interesting Durham Museum, once home to one of Omaha's historic treasures, Union Station, which served millions of rail travelers. Some guests then were dropped off at the Old Market District for dinner or others went back to the hotel.

Friday, April 24 started with the Combined Meeting of the Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents and then the scheduled afternoon "Danish Villages on the Prairie" bus tour took participants to see the Little Mermaid and Hans Christian Andersen Garden in Kimballton, Iowa plus a visit to The

Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa. The afternoon continued with a delightful reception at the Museum of Danish America, offering a Rebuild exclusive tour of the Museum's new Curatorial Center and a preview of the new exhibition "Skaal! Scandinavian Spirits", featuring appetizers and drinks, including Akvavit Tasting. The evening ended with a delicious Catered Dinner and Wine Tasting at the Danish Countryside Vines and Wines.

Saturday, April 25 brought a full day of National Board Meetings and the General Membership Meeting followed by the elegant Gala Ball at the DoubleTree in Omaha. The festive evening started with a cocktail reception and ended with speeches, dinner and dancing.

Rebuild members are now looking forward to visiting San Francisco, California next year, when the San Francisco Rebuild Chapter will host the 2016 Annual Rebuild Membership Meeting on April 6 – 10. Please mark your calendars now for 2016! Mange tak og paa gensyn!

By Linda Steffensen

2016 Annual Rebuild Membership Meeting

April 6 - 10



The group at Little Mermaid and Hans Christian Andersen Garden in Kimballton.

Things are happening in Minnesota!



With her family tree rooted in Danish soil, Rachel's passion for Denmark has been prominent throughout her life. As a young girl and through her teenage years she has offered her innate gift of outstanding organizational skills and craftsmanship in helping with many Rebild events. In 1998 Rachel became active volunteering for The Queen's Ball silent auction each year alongside her grandmother, Ester Fesler, who founded the Queen's Ball with Tove Dierssen and Marlys Lindholm back in 1995.

"We all know Rebild is looking for new, young talent and leadership to take part in this beloved organization and community so we are lucky here in Minnesota to have this kind of talent rising up to lead the organization," says Ester Fesler, former Rebild Chapter President. "We are very proud to see many of the Lewis, Fesler and Dierssen grandchildren, who became involved in several Danish organizations at a very young age, grow into leadership roles and take pride in their Danish heritage." A graduate of University Wisconsin-La Crosse with a Bachelor's degree in International Business Management, emphasis on Marketing, Rachel brings much ingenuity to her position as President.

Rebild's Upper Midwest Chapter has elected the young, exuberant Rachel Lewis as President, who brings much enthusiasm and an exceptional background to Rebild and its Upper Midwest members.

Traveling several times with her grandmother to Denmark as a little girl, Rachel fell in love with the Danish culture and way of life. Her dream of living and working in another country with an international company inspired her study of International Business Management during undergrad and she finished her degree studying abroad for a summer in Copenhagen. "I have always been drawn to the Danish way of living and culture," says Rachel, "so I really couldn't see a better way to explore and experience the culture of Denmark more than to study there and immerse myself in it."

After graduation and a year working for Lifeworks, a nonprofit organization helping people with disabilities find work opportunities in their community, Rachel answered her burning desire to return to Denmark. She applied to the business school at Aarhus University and with the help of her Danish heritage, outstanding grades and work ethic, received a full tuition scholarship. During her time in Aarhus, studying and soaking up the Danish lifestyle, Rachel completed a thesis on Branding, concentrated on how brand and image of wine affects Generation Y versus older cohorts preferences for wine; it was published in The British Food Journal as an exploratory study of the U.S. market applying the best-worst scaling.

Having completed her Masters of Economics and Business Administration and working for a few years in Denmark with a couple small business firms, Rachel returned to the U.S. to start a position with Thomson Reuters as a Senior Customer Insight Specialist. Her position involves working on retention initiatives involving events with high profile customers, developing case studies, and customer communication during product migrations.

With her new position as President, Rachel finds she is able to connect her multifaceted background and skills with her deep love for Denmark. She hopes to continue to draw young members into the organization and to involve a younger generation to expand the exceptional friendship between Denmark and the U.S.

"I was almost overwhelmed with excitement the first time I attended the Fourth of July event at Rebild Hills," says Rachel. "It is extremely impressive to see the number of people from many different backgrounds coming together to celebrate one common purpose – the Danish and American partnership. This feeling of inspiration continues to live on in me. My hope for our Rebild Upper Midwest chapter is that this passion is exhibited in our membership. We can take this drive to create a positive and thriving chapter with strong relationships with Rebild chapters and Rebild Denmark as well as other companies and organizations that have Danish connections."



Rachel is proud of her board consisting of: Ron Grand, George Terrell Ann Good, Kurt Walter-Hansen, and Taylor Ann Grand. Together they are working to incorporate some new events including a Casino Night that drew both the younger and older generations together. Only good things can happen with a positive attitude and a "can do" feeling!

By Taylor Ann Grand, Minnesota

Join us!

Your Membership Is Very Important to Rebild National Park Society!

Student / Youth Membership	\$25
Personal Membership	\$40
Couple or Household Membership	\$60
Associate Membership	\$125
Patron Membership	\$150
Corporate Membership	\$500
Lifetime Membership	\$1.000

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Revisions to the Rebild Bylaws that were approved by the Board of Directors on the 24th of April 2015 have been included in this mailing of the RebildNews. The last update to the Rebild Bylaws was in 2002 and a Danish version that was found had some minor differences; therefore, we are asking for approval of bylaws that will be the same in English and Danish. Ratification by Rebild Members, present or by proxy, will be on the agenda for the 5th of July Membership

Meeting at the Comwell Sport Hotel at Rebild Bakker. The Board approved bylaws are currently being translated into Danish. Copies in Danish or English, will be available at the July 5th meeting. Alternatively, Rebild Members may send an email request for either the English or Danish version to info@rebildfesten.dk. The bylaws will be sent as an email attachment if requested by the 19th of June."

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Section 3

The Board of Directors may from time to time deposit gifts and bequests into special accounts restricted for purposes specified by grantees, provided such purposes do not conflict with the purposes of the Society enumerated above. The Board may refuse to accept any restricted funds.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERS

Section 1

Individuals, firms and organizations wishing to support the objectives of the Society may be admitted to membership. A firm or organization shall be represented by a designated person who is chosen by the firm or organization.

Section 2

Each membership must be approved by the Secretariat in Rebild or by the Corporate Secretary in the US.

Section 3

Membership in the society shall be individual, youth, couple/ household, firm organization, life or honorary.

Section 4

The Board of Directors shall determine the annual fees for the types of memberships outlined in Section 3 above. A member who has failed to pay the annual fee to the Society by April 30 may have their membership privileges discontinued.

Section 5

The Board of Directors may by the affirmative vote of at least eleven (11) members:

Confer an honorary life membership to a deserving individual.

Terminate any membership, but only through due process, giving the Member proper notice of the charges brought against him or her, adequate opportunity to respond, and a proper hearing to which the Member shall be entitled to bring counsel.

The President with the consent of the Board may grant the title of Honorary President to a deserving person.

Section 6

Members may form local Chapters of the Rebild National Park Society. The Chapters shall provide for their own day to day management under uniform bylaws established by the Society's Board of Directors, which shall also ensure that the Chapters are governed by the principles of the Rebild National Park Society as expressed herein. The Board may in its discretion revoke Chapter status in the event it finds a Chapter in violation of the foregoing principles or its own bylaws.

ARTICLE 3 - VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in all of the Corporation's matters not otherwise reserved for the Board of Directors pursuant to these Bylaws, and shall be eligible to hold office. A household membership is entitled to two votes.

Section 2

Honorary members elected from among the membership shall retain their right to vote.

ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The affairs of the Society shall be under the general control and management of the Board of Directors, consisting of the President and seventeen (17) Members divided into three (3) classes with staggered terms:

A: 4 members residing in the US and 3 members residing in Denmark

B: 3 members residing in the US and 2 members residing in Denmark

C: 3 members residing in the US and 2 members residing in Denmark

Section 2

Election to the Board of directors is for a term of three (3) years. To assure continuity on the Board of Directors, the terms of all the Board Members of one of the classes expire each year, class 'A' in year one, class 'B' in year two, and class 'C' in year three. No Director may serve as a member of the Board for more than two (2) consecutive terms, and shall not again be eligible until one term period has elapsed.

Section 3

Members elected to the Board of Directors through written ballots as provided in Article 7 below, shall immediately commence their term upon the announcement of their election at the Annual meeting of the Members and shall hold office, until their successors are duly elected.

Section 4

A Director can be removed at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board Members and voted either in person or by proxy at a membership meeting. No director shall be removed at a meeting of the membership entitled to vote, unless the written notice of such meeting is delivered to all members entitled to vote on removal of Directors. Such notice shall state that the purpose of the meeting is to vote on the removal of one or more of the Directors named in the notice. Only the named Director or Directors may be removed at such a meeting.

Section 5

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the President in consultation with the Vice President from the same country as the departed member shall fill the unexpired portion of the term with a candidate from the same country.

Section 6

The Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to such committees as the President may appoint from time to time. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 7

The Annual Organization Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after the Annual Membership Meeting. There shall be two additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors, one immediately preceding the Annual Membership Meetings and one in combination with the Rebuild Festival. Written notice of meetings of the Board must be sent out not less than 21 days and not more than 60 days before the meeting.

Section 8

Special Board of Directors Meetings may be called by the President or shall be called at the written request of any six Board Members. Written notice of Special Board of Directors meetings must be sent out not less than 21 days and not more than 60 days before the meeting.

Section 9

At all Board meetings a quorum shall consist of six (6) Directors and the President. Directors may participate in and act at any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation through such means shall constitute attendance and the person considered as present at the meeting. A motion must have the majority of votes cast in order to carry. No Director may act by proxy or by absentee ballot at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of the board and has one vote.

Section 10

All Board of Directors' meetings will be conducted following simple democratic procedures for obtaining a decision by the majority. Any member of the Board may call for a vote on any issue.

Section 11

The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors of the Society, may delegate authority and/or responsibility to one or more committees. There shall be three standing committees each year: Executive, Nominating, and Finance, in addition to Ad Hoc Committees as required. The Executive Committee and the Finance Committee shall consist of the President, two Vice Presidents, and two appointed members, one from the US and one from Denmark. The President with the consent of the Board of Directors shall appoint all committee members of any committee. The President cannot be a member of the Nominating committee.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

Section 1

A President is elected for a 5 year period which can be extended by a majority of the Board for one year at a time. Two Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Board at the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting, take office immediately and serve for one year. The President shall hire a Secretary General who is responsible for the Secretariat of the Society. Furthermore, the President shall retain a Danish Public Accountant and a Corporate Secretary for the

U.S. as well as Legal Counsel for the U.S. The above hiring and appointments by the President shall be subject to Board of Directors approval. Appointments other than the President and the two Vice Presidents cannot be members of the Board. Spouses of Board Members and/or appointed officials cannot serve on the Board at the same time.

Section 2

The President shall preside at all Membership and Board of Directors Meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Secretary General shall manage the Corporation's Secretariat, according to job description, and the President can assign him or her other administrative functions from time to time as he or she may deem necessary. The Secretary General cannot be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform his or her duties. The Vice Presidents for Denmark and the US shall report directly to the President. They shall be responsible for assisting Chapter Presidents in their respective countries and promote the establishment of new chapters where possible and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4

The Corporate Secretary shall have custody of the records of Members resident in the United States. The Corporate Secretary shall collect and forward to the Secretary General dues from the Members resident in the United States. He or she shall be responsible for all necessary reports and filings to be made on behalf of the Corporation with the public authorities. The Corporate Secretary shall be responsible for recording minutes of all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors. In his or her absence the presiding officer may appoint a substitute. The Corporate Secretary, who shall reside in the United States, shall perform these and other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President. The Corporate Secretary cannot be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 5

The Secretary General shall have custody of the Society's funds, which he or she shall collect and disburse. He or she shall be responsible for the Corporation's financial records and shall submit an audited annual financial report at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Secretary General shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Secretary General shall reside in Denmark.

Section 6

The fiscal year of the Corporation is January 1st through December 31st.

Section 7

If the Board of Directors decides that an officer is to provide a surety bond, the premium shall be paid by the Society.

ARTICLE 6 – SIGNING AUTHORITY

The signing authority for the corporation shall belong to the President together with the two Vice Presidents or the Board of Directors, as required.

ARTICLE 7 - ELECTIONS

Section 1

No later than September the first, the President with the consent of the board of directors shall appoint Nominating Committees for the United States and Denmark. The Nominating Committees shall be assigned the duty of presenting a slate of Nominees, all of whom must be members in good standing to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall establish guidelines for the Nominating Committees' conduct of business.

Section 2

The American Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two (2) people, all members and residing in the United States. The Danish Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two (2) people, all members, all residing in Denmark.

Section 3

No later than November 1 the first, the Chairperson of each committee shall submit to the Secretary General and to the Corporate Secretary with copy to the President a list of Nominees residing in the United States and Denmark respectively. The number of nominees in each country shall be at least equal to the vacancies to be filled. These lists must contain the signature of each member of the respective Nominating Committee. The Secretary General and the Corporate Secretary, after having determined that the submitted lists formally comply with the requirements of these Bylaws and the guidelines established by the Board of Directors, shall certify them as such and immediately forward them to the Secretariat. In the event that the Secretary General or the Corporate Secretary find that either or both of the submitted lists do not formally comply with the procedural requirements, they shall before November 15 so notify the Nominating Committee(s) and the President, stating the reasons therefore. Such lists shall be re-submitted by the Nominating Committee(s) prior to December the first.

Section 4

Prior to submitting their lists of Nominees, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committees shall obtain acknowledgement in writing from each Nominee that such Nominee will serve if elected, and that the Nominee has been advised of the possibility that he or she may be entering a contested election. The Chairperson shall also obtain from each Nominee a short resume consisting of not more than twenty (20) lines, as well as a personal statement consisting of not more than ten (10) lines, which will be published in the year-end annual issue of the Society's Newsletter. A label with the member's name and address will be printed on the ballot. Each paid up membership is entitled to vote for the candidates of their choice according to Article 3, Section 1.

Section 5

The Secretary General and the Corporate Secretary shall publish the names and addresses of the Nominating Committees in the Newsletter sent before the end of September or by letter to all members during that same period in order to enable the voting membership to submit suggestions for Nominees to the committee(s).

Section 6

Ballots must be received by March 1st. The Secretary General and the Corporate Secretary must individually verify that each ballot is legal.

Section 7

The Secretary General and the Corporate Secretary shall safeguard all received ballot until the Annual Membership Meeting, when they will be forwarded to the Teller's Committee. The President shall appoint a Tellers Committee of 2-6 members from the US and Denmark prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Neither the Chairperson nor any members of the committee may be a candidate for the election.

ARTICLE 8 - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1

There shall be two stated membership meetings per year:

The Annual Membership Meeting (Election Meeting) usually held during the first five months of the year.

The Membership Meeting held in Rebuild between July 1 and July 5.

Section 2

The President may call Special Membership Meetings.

Section 3

Announcement of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be published in the annual year-end issue of the Rebuild Newsletter and be sent to all members entitled to vote. The announcement must state the location, date and time of the meeting. In the case of an extraordinary meeting the announcement must be sent no less than 21 and no more than 60 days before the meeting.

Section 4

At all Membership Meetings, members may vote in person or by signed proxy. Meetings with one twenty-fifth (1/25) of eligible votes shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5

The agenda at all meetings follows the order below:

Review and approval of minutes
Reports from Officers, President and Standing Committees
Reports from Special Committees
Unfinished business
New business

ARTICLE 9 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1

These Bylaws may be changed, amended or revoked by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and subsequently ratified by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present or by proxy at any meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 2

These Bylaws shall be construed and applied according to the laws of the State of Illinois where the Corporation is incorporated.

Section 3

The Corporation does not have a corporate seal.

Last agreed upon at the Board of Directors Meeting: April 25, 2015.

Target date for ratification by the Members of the Society: July 5, 2015

Target date for effective date: July 5, 2015

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