

Bylaws of the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium

(Approved by Membership – November 20, 2012)

Article 1 – Name: The name of the organization shall be *Washtenaw County Historical Consortium*.

Article 2 – Purpose: The purpose of the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium is to meet and share information and ideas about the organization and operation of historically significant locations, to raise public awareness about the value of local history, and to undertake joint projects to further the goals of participating agencies.

Article 3 – Membership: Membership is open to representatives of historical organizations, institutions, and agencies throughout Washtenaw County including historic homes, farms, depots, mills, churches, schoolhouses, observatories, museums, and libraries with historical collections. Representatives will become members of the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium upon receipt of a membership application from the sponsoring agency. Each agency may name up to three voting member representatives.

Article 4 – Meetings: Six regular meetings shall be held each year in January, March, May, July, September and November at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month unless changed by the Meeting Host in consultation with the President. Additional meetings may be scheduled by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting or by the Board of Directors.

Article 5 – Officers, Board of Directors and Meeting Hosts: The organization shall have the following officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer. These three officers shall make up the Board of Directors of the organization. Meeting Hosts shall be selected for each of the six meeting to be held during the year.

A. Officers: Officers shall be elected at the last meeting in the calendar year and shall serve one-year terms beginning the first day of the next calendar year. The President shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the business meetings of the organization. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping member records, communications to members and taking and distributing minutes of meetings. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the custody of any and all funds for the organization and distributing funds authorized by the Board of Directors.

B. Meeting Hosts: Meeting Hosts shall be selected by the membership at the last meeting in the calendar year for each of the six meetings scheduled for the following year. Meeting hosts shall be responsible for making all the physical

arrangements for the meeting and for presenting a 20 to 30 minute program to the members present at the meeting.

Article 6 – Committees: A Communications Committee and an Education Committee shall be appointed by the President. Other ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President for specific projects and activities.

A. *Communications Committee:* The Communications Committee will be responsible for the management of the organization’s web site and other on-line communication devices.

B. *Education Committee:* The Education Committee will be responsible for the development and maintenance of a “Speaker’s Bureau” made up of individuals with history-oriented speaking topics and in communicating this information to appropriate public school personnel.

Article 7 - Conduct of Business: Regular business may be conducted by the organization during regular meetings of the Consortium or via email between meetings. A quorum during a regularly scheduled meeting will consist of those present at the meeting. A quorum for business conducted via email will consist of 50% of the registered members. All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those voting.

Article 8 – Amendments to Bylaws: These Bylaws may be amended when necessary at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Consortium provided the proposed changes have been sent out with the meeting notice.

Article 9 – Certification: These Bylaws were approved by the membership of the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium at their meeting on November 20, 2012.

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