

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ILLINOIS MENNONITE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
As amended October 24, 1998
and October 17, 2004

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be *ILLINOIS MENNONITE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY*

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide educational opportunities and information about Mennonite history, beliefs, culture, and genealogy, with emphasis on Illinois Mennonites and related groups, both for Mennonites and for those unfamiliar with Mennonites, through collection, preservation, display, and interpretation of material of historical and genealogical value; encouragement and assistance for research; and exchange of ideas and information.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in Mennonite history and genealogy shall be eligible for membership in this Society.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and perform all duties assigned to him/her by the organization.
2. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
3. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the organization, and shall acknowledge all cash donations to the organization, and shall make reports of the financial affairs of the Society at meetings of the society, and to the Board of Directors.
4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the organization and perform such duties and make the reports required by the organization.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the four officers and not fewer than two nor more than five members-at-large. All will be elected at the annual meeting and hold office for a term of three years, and shall administer the affairs of the Society. Terms of officers and board members shall be staggered in a manner to be designated by the board of directors. In the event that fewer than five members-at-large shall be holding office at any given time, either because an elected member shall no longer be willing or able to serve or because the members of the society shall not have elected sufficient members-at-large, the board of directors may, at its discretion, appoint additional members-at-large to fill any vacancy, but only until the next annual election.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

The Board of Directors shall create standing and special committees, and appoint their chairpersons, and other positions as may be necessary for the organization and administration of the Society.

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ARTICLE VII COORDINATING COUNCIL

A Coordinating Council composed of the Board of Directors and the Chairpersons of each standing committee, or a representative appointed by the committee, shall meet at least two times annually to evaluate, recommend, and coordinate the society's program and activities.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in the fall.
2. The semi-annual meeting shall be held in the spring.
3. Special meetings of the organization may be called by the President or by any four members of the Board of Directors.
4. Twenty five members shall constitute a quorum to do business at any meeting. Unless otherwise provided, a majority of those voting shall decide an issue.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

The calendar year shall be the fiscal year of the organization.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the organization, provided, however, that a notice of such amendment is communicated in writing to all members at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted on.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such Mennonite organization or Mennonite organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.