

THE SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Constitution

Article 1 - Name

This organization is named the Southern Anthropological Society, hereinafter designated by the initials SAS.

Article 2 - Objectives

SAS shall have as its primary purpose the promotion of anthropology in Southern United States. In order to achieve its primary purpose, SAS will normally arrange for scientific meetings and public lectures within Southern United States. If funds permit, SAS will publish and distribute materials presented at these meetings and other scientific findings.

Article 3 - Powers

SAS shall have the power to receive, administer, and disburse dues, assessments, and other grants to further its ends. SAS may acquire, hold, and convey real and personal property. SAS may engage in such activities that promote the objectives listed in Article 2.

Article 4 - Membership

SAS will consist of individual members without regard to geographical location. Membership with full rights and privileges may be obtained by the payment of annual dues. Membership will be lost by non-payment of annual dues upon notification by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 5 - Organization

The officers of SAS shall be a President, Vice-President (to be President Elect), Secretary-Treasurer, and three Councilors, one of which will be the outgoing President. These six officers shall be elected by vote of SAS members according to procedures outlined in the By-Laws. The President, elected annually, shall be the presiding officer of SAS and its chief executive officer.

The Vice-President, also elected annually, will be President-elect and shall be the only nominee for President in the year following his election as Vice-President. In the absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President will assume presidential duties. The Secretary-Treasurer, elected for a term of two years, will have charge of SAS correspondence; receive, administer, and disburse all SAS funds; and maintain an official membership list. Councilors will be elected for three years except that in the 1967 election, one councilor will be elected for two years and the second for three years. Officers of SAS may appoint members to fill unexpired terms of any officer except President. The latter office will be taken over by the Vice-President since he is also President-elect.

Article 6 - Meetings

SAS will hold at least one general meeting annually. Place and time of meeting will be determined by the officers.

Article 7 - Amendments

SAS Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by vote of members. Procedure will be outlined in By-Laws.

By-Laws

Article 1 - Business Year

The business year will be the normal calendar year.

Article 2 - Elections

The officers will appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members. One member of the nominating committee may be an officer. The nominating committee will provide a ballot with space for write-in candidates. The ballot will be circulated by mail at least thirty days before the annual meeting. Ballots will be returned to the nominating committee with the members name signed on the envelope containing the ballot. In case of a tie vote for any office, the winner will be determined by lot.

Article 3 - Dues

Annual dues will be paid by each member, the amount to be determined by the needs of the Society. Dues for any calendar year will normally be collected in the fall of the preceding year.

Article 4 - Membership

Only individuals are eligible for membership. Dual and institutional memberships are prohibited.

Article 5 - Loss of Membership

The Secretary-Treasurer has the right to cancel membership if dues notices are ignored. The Secretary-Treasurer may set the time limits for paying dues. Membership may be reinstated upon payment of dues.

Article 6 - Appointments

SAS officers shall have the power to appoint the program chairman, local arrangements chairman, and editor. Any other appointment that promotes the objectives of SAS may also be made by SAS officers.

Article 7 - Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be initiated by SAS officers at any time, by vote of majority members present and voting at the annual meetings, or by a written proposal between meetings signed by ten members. Amendments will go to the members by mail ballot and will require a majority vote of those voting to be approved. Whenever possible amendments will be presented to the membership at the time of the annual elections.