

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA  
BY-LAWS OF THE ALBANY AREA SOCIETY (Chapter 310)**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name, Purpose, and Membership of the Society**

1. The name of the Society shall be the Albany Area Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.
2. The purpose of the Society shall be to foster local interest in archaeology and in the past generally, and to promote the objectives of the Archaeological Institute of America. The Society shall function strictly as an arm of the Institute and shall adopt no provisions of or amendments to these by-laws or take or condone any action that conflicts with the charter, the regulations or the purposes of the Institute.
3. Membership in the Society shall be open to any interested individual who is a member in good standing of the Archaeological Institute of America. The classes of membership shall be those prescribed by the Institute, and the Society shall have no power to levy any assessment beyond the annual dues prescribed by the Institute.

**Article II**

**Affiliation**

1. The Society is an independent entity.
2. The Society is affiliated with the Archaeological Institute of America (hereafter referred to as the AIA or the Institute) through the granting of a Charter issued by the AIA after an acceptance vote by the AIA Council.
3. the Society has agreed to the following stipulations:
  1. To promote the AIA's mission;
  2. To function within the guidelines of the AIA and not to adopt any regulations that conflict with those of the AIA;
  3. To engage in no activity that would damage the name of the AIA or undermine its mission, including engaging in transactions that remove artifacts from public and scholarly access;
  4. To maintain a membership consisting of a minimum number of persons as required by the AIA, currently 35.
  5. The Society understands that failure to follow these stipulations can result in the revoking of its Charter by a vote of the AIA Council. If its Charter is revoked, the Society loses its affiliation with the AIA and the right to use the AIA name.

**ARTICLE III**

**Meetings and Conduct of Business**

1. The president shall call an annual business meeting, to be held each fall soon after the beginning of the academic year. The president may call other business meetings at their discretion; and must, on written petition of fifteen or more members, call a special meeting for the discussion of and action upon such business as may be presented at the meeting. One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and action shall be taken by a simple majority of members present and voting.

2. At each annual meeting officers shall be elected, and the president for the past year shall report on the Society's activities during **their** term of office. The treasurer shall also submit a report, and the vice-president and the secretary may report.
3. Meetings for the presentation of Institute lectures shall be held as appropriate. In addition to these lectures, the president, with the assistance of the other officers and of the membership, shall endeavor to arrange for lectures by any qualified persons who may be resident or visiting in the area.
4. The president shall set the time and place of all meetings, with due regard to the special requirements of Institute lecturers.
5. The president may at **their** discretion bring matters of business before the membership at any lecture program. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings where business is transacted; when no business is transacted minutes need not be kept, but the secretary shall in any event keep a record of all activities by the Society.
6. Member shall be allowed to bring guests, without restriction, to lecture programs. These programs may be publicized at the discretion of the officers, and non-members may be invited. However, non-members who attend programs frequently without joining the Institute shall not be encouraged to continue attending.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **Amendment**

1. These by-laws may be amended at the annual business meeting or at any meeting called for the purpose, by vote of a two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any proposed amendment must be circulated among the membership well in advance.