

BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

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Article I

Name

- I.1. The name of the organization shall be the Central Indiana Society of the Archaeological Institute of America; herein sometimes referred to as the Society.

Article II

Affiliation

- II.1. The Society is an independent entity.
- II.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.
- II.3. The Society has agreed to the following stipulations:
 - a) To promote the AIA's mission;
 - b) To function within the guidelines of the AIA and not to adopt any regulations that conflict with those of the AIA;
 - c) 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;
 - d) To maintain a membership consisting of a minimum number of persons as required by the AIA, currently 35.
- II.4. 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

Purpose

- III.1 The purpose of the Society is to promote knowledge and study of, as well as interest in, archaeology and related subjects, and to further the aims and programs of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article IV

Membership and Dues

- IV.1 The membership of the Society shall consist of residents and students of Central Indiana, which includes, but not limited to, the areas surrounding Indianapolis, Bloomington, Greencastle, Terre Haute, Crawfordsville, and Lafayette/West Lafayette.
- IV.2 Members of the Society who reside outside of this area may hold membership in the Society providing they remain members in good standing of the AIA.
- IV.3 The classes of membership shall be prescribed in the Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America. Dues are paid directly to the national office of the AIA.

Article V

Administration

- V.1 The administration of the Society shall be vested in the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Program Coordinator, and Society Contact.
- V.2 Officers shall serve for 2-3 years (see below) and may extend their term when asked by the Board; a single person may hold more than one office, except for the positions of President and Vice-President.
- V.3 Duties of Officers:
- a. President: organizes the activities of the Society, including the lecture season, and delegates tasks as necessary; facilitates discussion among the officers (in-person or via e-mail); serves as the primary liaison with the national office.
 - b. Vice-President: assists the President and fills in when the President is unable to perform duties; generally works to promote the Society and its programs, and works to increase membership.
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer: maintains all society records and administers the funds provided by the Institute and occasional donations made by members; keeps the Society in good standing with state tax regulations and maintains the Society's banking account.
 - d. Program Coordinator: facilitates the lecture program and other Society activities (e.g., International Archaeology Day); prepares publicity for events and contacts the membership.
 - e. Society Contact: serves as the primary contact for the Society for the membership and visiting lectures; helps to organize the local programming (reservations, transportation, etc.).
- V.4 There shall be a Board of Governors that consists of the officers and representatives from institutions in the area and at-large members of the public. Institutional representation includes, but is not limited to, Ball State, Indiana University, Indiana-University-Purdue-University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Butler University, Wabash College, DePauw University, Purdue University, and the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Article VI

Elections

- VI.1 Officer positions will normally be filled on a volunteer basis. Volunteers will be solicited from the society at large when a position is open. If there is more than one volunteer for a given position, elections will be held and the candidate obtaining the majority of votes will fill the position. Officers will serve for 2-3 year terms according to need. Some attempt will be made to see to it that not all of the officers come from one area or constituency of the Society.
- VI.2 Officers assume office on June 1 each year.
- VI.3 By accepting their election and assuming office, officers acknowledge their acceptance of and adherence to the AIA's Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, and in the case of professional members, the Code of Professional Standards.

- VI.4 If the Officers and Board of Governors determine that an officer of the Society has failed to fulfill their duties or has violated the Society's regulations, the AIA's Code of Ethics, the Conflict of Interest Policy, or the Code of Professional Standards, the remaining members of the Board may remove that officer by a confidential written two-thirds vote.

Article VII

Delegates to the Council of the Institute

- VII.1 In accordance with Article IV of the Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Central Indiana Society may select one delegate to the Council of the Institute for its first 25 members and one further for each additional 50 members. The President of the Society is also a delegate, in addition to those selected.
- VII.2 The Society's delegate/s shall be selected by the President.

Article VIII

Committees

- VIII.1 The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of the elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Program Coordinator, and Society Contact.
- VIII.2 Ad-hoc or standing committees may be appointed as necessary by the officers of the Society to help with the fulfillment of their duties.

Article IX

Meetings of the Society

- IX.1 Business of the Society, including the previously mentioned elections, shall be conducted at meetings of the membership at times and places to be determined by the Board of Directors or shall be handled by e-mail.
- IX.2 The officers will make an effort to meet face-to-face at least twice a year.

Article X

Non-Discrimination

- X.1 The Central Indiana Society of the Archaeological Institute of America shall not, in its conduct of the society affairs, restrict or limit participation on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin or sexual orientation.

Article XI

Amendments

- XI.1 These by-laws may be amended by paper or electronic ballot. Amendments shall pass by a two-thirds majority of valid ballots returned.