

By-laws of the Central Missouri Society of the Archaeological Institute of America
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Article I

Name and Object

Section 1. The name of the society shall be the Central Missouri Society of the Archaeological Institute of America (hereinafter referred to as the Society).

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of the Society to promote interest in archaeology and related subjects and to further the aims and program of the Archaeological Institute of America (hereinafter referred to as the AIA).

Article II

Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Society shall consist of residents of the central Missouri area and vicinity, who are members in good standing of the AIA.

Article III

Administration

Section 1. The administration of the Society shall be in the hands of a president, a Vice-president, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the President, and in his absence, of the Vice-president, shall be to call and preside at meetings of the Society, and to carry out the decisions of the Society.

Section 3. The duties of the secretary shall be to give due notice of all meetings of the Society, to keep the minutes of such meetings, and to conduct correspondence and keep records of the Society.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep the accounts of the Society, and report thereon to the Society at each annual meeting.

Section 5. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting from members in good standing of the Society, as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a period of one year, and may be eligible for re-election.

Section 6. The office of the Secretary and of the Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 7. Any vacancies in the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, or Treasurer, however arising, which may occur between annual meetings of the Society shall be filled by appointment of the President for the period until the next annual meeting, except that, in the event of the vacancy of the office of President, the Vice-president shall succeed to this office and shall appoint a new Vice-president for the period until the next annual meeting.

Article IV

Meetings of the Society

Section 1. There shall be at least one meeting annually of the Society at a time and place designated by the President, to receive reports from the officers on the condition of the Society and the activities of the year, together with a prospectus of the activities for the ensuing year; to elect officers, and to take action on such matters as may be brought up.

Section 2. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum of the Society.

Section 3. Nomination for election of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee at any annual meeting can be augmented by proposals from the Society on valid motion.

Section 4. In addition to the annual meeting there shall be other meetings of the Society for the presentation of lectures or other programs.

Section 5. At any time upon written request by fifteen members of the Society, the President shall call a special meeting to discuss such business as they may desire to bring before the meeting.

Article V

Affiliation with the Archaeological Institute of America

Section 1. The Society is an independent entity.

Section 2. The Society is affiliated with the AIA through the granting of a Charter issued by the AIA after an acceptance vote by the AIA Council.

Section 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.

Section 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 VI

Dissolution

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the AIA-Central Missouri Society, any funds belonging to the society at the time of dissolution shall, after all debts have been paid, be given to the AIA.

Article VII

Non-Discrimination

Section 1. The Society shall not, in its conduct of society affairs, restrict or limit participation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Article VIII

Changes and Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws of the Central Missouri Society shall supersede any previous rules or by-laws and shall not be amended except at an annual meeting of the Society or at a special meeting as provided for in Article IV, Section 5, and no change or amendment shall be considered without members having been apprised in writing of such proposed changes at least two weeks before such a meeting.

Section 2. Any change in or amendment to these by-laws must be carried by a two-thirds vote of the members at such meeting - provided, always, that there be a quorum present.