

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
BY-LAWS**

Article I

Name

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article II

Affiliation

2.1 The South Carolina Society shall at all times function under the auspices of the Archaeological Institute of America (hereafter referred to as the AIA or the Institute) and shall not adopt changes in these bylaws which would conflict with the Charter and Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America.

2.2 The Society is an independent entity.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 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

Purpose

3.1 The purpose of the Society shall be 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

4.1 The membership of the Society shall consist of residents and students in the state of South Carolina or the Low Country who are members in good standing of the Archaeological Institute of America.

4.2 Members of the Society who reside outside of this area may hold membership in the South Carolina Society providing they remain members in good standing of the Archaeological Institute of America.

4.3 The classes of membership shall be prescribed in the Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article V

Administration

5.1 The administration of the Society shall be vested in the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Coordinator, and Community Liaison(s). The officers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Committee.

5.2 The President shall be the executive officer of the Society. The President shall call and preside at meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee, shall carry out the decisions of the Executive Committee and the Society, and shall oversee the membership roster of the Society. The President shall, after meeting with the Executive Committee, be responsible for overseeing the lectures and activities. The President shall oversee correspondence with the speakers, assist them in local travel to Charleston, and oversee the arrangements for the hospitality of speakers while in Charleston.

5.3 The Vice President shall serve as President in the absence or incapacity of the President, and if the Vice President is not available, such other member of the Executive Committee or the Society as the Executive Committee may designate shall serve as President. The Vice President shall assist with the arrangements for all society activities.

5.4 The Secretary shall keep the records and transactions of the Society, including a record of activities of the Society and an up-to-date list of members.

5.5 The Treasurer of the Society shall handle the funds of the Society.

5.6 The Program Coordinator shall assist in making the local arrangements for all Society activities. The Program Coordinator shall also supervise the dissemination of information about upcoming Society activities.

5.7 The Community Liaison(s) shall coordinate the activities of the Society with other local organizations, shall seek out new members, and encourage community participation in the activities of the Society.

5.8 The Executive Committee shall designate one officer of the Society as the Society Contact.

5.9 Any vacancy occurring in offices of the Society may be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

Article VI

Elections

6.1 The officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members present at a meeting of the Society.

6.2 The election shall be held in the Spring of each year, before the end of May.

6.3 Elected officers shall assume office on June 1 following their election and shall serve for one year. All officers are eligible for re-election.

6.4 All elected officers must be members of the Society (or must become members of the Society within three months).

Article VII

Delegates to the Council of the Institute

7.1 In accordance with Article IV of the Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America, the South Carolina Society may elect one delegate to the Council of the Institute for its first 25 members and one further delegate for each additional 50 members.

7.2 The Society's delegates shall be elected at the same time and in the same way as the Society's officers. Since the number of delegates to which the Society is entitled varies with the Society's membership, delegates will be designated as "Delegate #1", "Delegate #2", etc. Delegates will be called to duty in order based on the number of delegates to which the Society is entitled.

Article VIII

Committees

8.1 The officers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Committee.

8.2 Ad hoc or standing committees may be established as necessary by the officers of the Society to help with the fulfillment of their duties. All committees must receive the approval of the Executive Committee.

8.3 The Vice President shall chair the Nominating Committee and shall appoint two other members of the Society to the Nominating Committee at his/her discretion.

Article IX

Meetings of the Society

9.1 The meetings of the Society shall present lectures by visiting lecturers from the Archaeological Institute of America and such other programs as the Executive Committee shall consider appropriate.

9.2 A business meeting of the Society must be called by the President before the end of May for the purpose of electing officers and delegates for the ensuing year. Written notice shall be given of the time and place of any such meeting by mailing notices to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting. The Vice President shall preside over the elections as head of the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor.

9.3 Other business meetings may be called at any time by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee provided seven days notice is given to members.

Article X

Dissolution

10.1 In the event of dissolution of the South Carolina Society, any funds belonging to the Society at the time of dissolution shall, after all debts have been paid, be given to the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article XI

Adoption and Amendments

11.1 These bylaws shall be adopted at a meeting of the Society. Adoption shall be by a majority vote.

11.2 These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance at a business meeting of the Society provided that the proposed amendments have been mailed to all members of the Society at least seven days before the date of the meeting.