



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Toronto Society

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The Toronto Society of the Archaeological Institute of America is an affiliated Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. It was established as an affiliated society as early as 1913.

The Archaeological Institute of America was incorporated by act of Congress approved by President Theodore Roosevelt on May 26, 1906, appearing as Chapter 2560, 34 Stat. 203 (1906). The Archaeological Institute of America is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (U.S.) as a Tax-Exempt organization.

Article I

Name

1.1 The name of this organization is the Toronto Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article II

Affiliation

2.1 The organization is an independent entity established to promote the mission of the Archaeological Institute of America.

2.2 The organization obtains and maintains a charter from the Archaeological Institute of America (hereinafter referred to as the AIA) by agreeing to the following stipulations.

2.2.1 It will function within the guidelines of AIA and will not adopt changes in these bylaws which would conflict with the Charter and Regulations of the Archaeological Institute of America.

2.2.2 It will maintain a membership of at least 35 AIA members.

2.2.3 It will use its best efforts to reach out to its broader community to attract attendees to events sponsored by the AIA such as AIA lectures and International Archaeology Day.

2.2.4 Its board members will engage in no activity that will damage the reputation of the Archaeological Institute of America nor undermine its mission. Such prohibited activity includes engaging in transactions that remove artifacts from public and scholarly access.



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2.2.5 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, study, and interest in archaeology and related subjects and to further the aims and programs of the Archaeological Institute of America. The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its objects.

Article IV

Membership and Dues

4.1 The membership of the society consists of residents of Toronto and vicinity who are members in good standing of the Archaeological Institute of America.

4.2 Members of the Society in good standing who move away from Toronto and vicinity may, if they wish, retain their membership in the Toronto Society so long as they remain members in good standing of the Archaeological Institute of America.

4.3 The classes of membership shall be those prescribed by the Archaeological Institute of America.

Article V

Administration

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5.1 The administration of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5.2 The President shall be the executive officer of the Society. He/she shall call and preside at meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee and shall carry out the decisions of the Executive Committee and of the Society.

5.3 The Vice President shall serve as President in the absence or incapacity of the President.

5.4 The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, maintain its records (except the financial records), and shall serve as liaison



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between the Society and the Archaeological Institute of America. The Secretary shall give due notice to the membership of all meetings of the Society and shall keep minutes of such meetings.

5.5 The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Society and shall maintain the financial records.

5.6 Any vacancy occurring in the offices of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. If the office of President becomes vacant, it is to be filled by the Vice President; the Executive Committee will then appoint an interim Vice President.

Article VI

Elections

6.1 The officers shall be elected either by a mail ballot or at a meeting called for the purpose by the President in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee.

6.2 The election shall usually be held in the spring of each year, between January 1 and May 31.

6.3 Newly elected officers shall assume office following their election. All officers are eligible for re-election.

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 Toronto Society may elect one delegate to the Council of the Institute for its first twenty-five members and one additional delegate for each additional fifty members.

7.2 The Society's delegates shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII

Committees

8.1 The Executive Committee shall be the executive organ of the Society. It shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

8.2 All committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee as may seem appropriate.



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Article IX

Meetings of the Society

9.1 There shall be meetings of the Society to present lectures by visiting lecturers from the Archaeological Institute of America and such other programs as the Executive Committee shall consider appropriate. Such meetings may be open to the public or may be restricted in attendance to members or members and guests, as the Executive Committee may consider appropriate.

9.2 A business meeting may be called by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, for election of officers and delegates for the ensuing year, for presentation of reports on the Society's activities, including reports on membership and finances, and for consideration of other appropriate matters. The Secretary may give written notice of the time and place of any such meeting by mailing notices to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting.

9.3 Upon written request by ten members, the President shall call a special business meeting to be held within thirty days of such request, to discuss such business as they may wish to bring before the meeting.

Article X

Dissolution

10.1 In the event of dissolution or winding up of the organization all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more registered charities in Canada or to a recognized Canadian municipality.

Article XI

Amendments

11.1 This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Society, provided notices of the meeting and of the proposed amendments have been mailed to all members at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

As Amended September 16, 1980 and
April 25th 2017

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION PASSED AT THE AIA (TORONTO CHAPTER) MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16 1980, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE THE MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to Article III (Purposes) to append the following:

The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its objects.

- 2) To ArticleX,1 (Dissolution), to replace the earlier article with the following:

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the organization all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more registered charities in Canada or to a recognized Canadian municipality.

Witnesses:

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