

**BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Adopted: 2 April 2011

Amended: 10 July 2012

ARTICLE I – NAME & STATUS

The name of this District of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be the “SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT” (hereafter referred to as the District) as designated in Bylaw 5, Section 1, Sub-section (d) of the Bylaws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereafter referred to as the NSSAR). The District shall consist of the State Societies of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the District are the same as those stated in Article II of the Constitution of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

“The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriot who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any member in good standing in one of the State Societies listed in Article I, including dual members whose primary state of membership is outside the District, shall be a member of the South Atlantic District of the NSSAR.

Section 2: Any member of the District shall be entitled to speak and vote at all District meetings.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1: The governing authority of the South Atlantic District shall consist of the Vice President General of the District (hereafter referred to as the Vice President General) and the Presidents of the State Societies listed in Article I (hereafter referred to as the Presidents).

Section 2: The Vice President General shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Shall preside at all meetings of the District
- b) Shall represent the District at the National Trustees Meetings and the NSSAR Annual Congress
- c) Shall attend, whenever possible, the meetings of the State Societies and Chapters of the State Societies
- d) Shall act as the official escort of the President General at events and meetings that occur within the

- District unless the President General has made other arrangements
- e) Shall perform additional duties within the District as delegated or assigned to him by the President General, the Executive Committee of the NSSAR, or the Board of Trustees of the NSSAR
 - f) Shall call special meetings of the District whenever necessary
 - g) Shall submit the reports as required by the NSSAR Constitution and By-Laws or as requested by the President General, the Executive Committee of the NSSAR, or the Board of Trustees of the NSSAR
 - h) Shall submit to the Secretary General of the NSSAR and the Nominating Committee of the NSSAR the name of the District's nominee to serve as Vice President General of the South Atlantic District for the next term
 - i) Shall appoint a Secretary, Webmaster, and such other posts as deemed necessary for the functioning of the District
 - j) Shall maintain the history of the District to be published annually on the District website

Section 3: The District Secretary shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the District meetings. Copies of said meetings shall be sent, via regular or electronic mail, to the Vice President General, the Presidents, the Webmaster, and the NSSAR Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days after a meeting is held.
- b) Shall be responsible for notification of the time and place of District meetings. Notification shall be sent, via regular or electronic mail, to the Vice President General, the Presidents, the Webmaster, and the NSSAR Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
- c) Shall request and compile an Agenda and Reports Package to be sent, via regular mail or electronic mail, no later than seven (7) days prior to a District Meeting. The Reports Package shall contain a report from the Vice President General and Presidents on their and their State Society activities for the period since the previous District Meeting.

Section 4: The Webmaster shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Shall maintain and regularly update the District website with information including, but not limited to, contact data for the Vice President General and the State Societies, a calendar of District events, copies of all minutes and report packages, and a history of the District.
- b) Shall forward feedback and contact information received from the website to the Vice President General.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: District Meetings shall consist of an Annual Meeting and as many other regular or special meetings as scheduled or called by the Vice President General. All meetings require a minimum of a thirty (30) day written notice by electronic mail or regular mail. Meeting dates, locations and times shall be chosen to convenience the greatest number of members as possible. The meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Vice-President General's State Society shall be the Annual Meeting of the District.

Section 2: The suggested agenda of any regular meeting shall consist of the following:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge to the US Flag
- Pledge to the SAR
- Approval of the Minutes of the previous session
- Introduction of guests

Remarks by the President General (if in attendance)
Remarks by the Vice President General
Remarks by the General Officers other than President General (if any in attendance)
Remarks by the State Society Presidents
Old Business
New Business
Round Table Discussion
Election of the District's nominee for Vice President General for the next term
(Annual Meeting only)
General Officer Candidates Forum (three (3) minutes per candidate or their representative)
Endorsement of General Officer Candidates (Fall meeting only)
SAR Recessional
Benediction
Adjournment

Section 3: For special called meetings, the notice of the meeting shall include the purpose for the special meeting and only those items properly disclosed for discussion may be considered for action.

Section 4: A quorum for any meeting shall consist of the Vice President General and 3 of the 4 Presidents or their official designee. In the case that any President cannot attend any District meeting, he shall notify the Vice President General and District Secretary of the name of their official designee no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Section 1: As stated in Bylaw 5 of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, “there shall be one (1) Vice-President General elected from ... the ... District.” As stated in Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, “the General Officers of this Society shall be ... a Vice-President General for each of the regularly established districts...who shall be elected ... at the Annual Congress.”

Section 2: The nomination of a candidate for Vice-President General shall be conducted on an annual rotating basis between the State Societies of the District. This rotation shall begin with the Florida Society in 2012, proceeding to the North Carolina Society, the South Carolina Society and the Georgia Society, in that order, on a perpetual basis.

Section 3:

- a) The State Society that is in rotation to nominate a candidate shall be viewed as the District's nominating committee in that year. The selection of the candidate for nomination shall be left to the State Society to complete in a manner of its own choosing. This candidate, once selected, shall be considered the candidate of the nominating committee. Upon selection, the State Secretary of the State Society making the nomination shall forward the name of the candidate in writing to the Vice President General within thirty (30) days of the selection.
- b) In the event that the State Society next in the rotation as prescribed in Article VI, Section 2, is unable to provide a nominee prior to the Annual Meeting, the President of that State Society shall notify the Vice President General and the President of the State Society next in the rotation. The State Society next in the rotation will then provide a nominee for the position of

Vice President General. The State Society unable to provide a nominee will take the rotation position of the State Society providing the nominee. Thereafter the rotation of state societies shall resume as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.

- c) In the event that the nominee for the office of Vice President General nominated at the Annual District Meeting withdraws or is otherwise unable to continue as a nominee, the State Society that nominated him will nominate a replacement in a manner of its own choosing. Said nomination may be ratified by the District either at a special called District Meeting or through an electronic vote of the Presidents and current Vice President General if a physical meeting is impractical due to time and travel requirements. If the State Society is unable to provide a replacement nominee, the Vice President General in consultation with the Presidents, no later than seven (7) days after notification of a vacancy, shall determine the best method as to naming a replacement nominee in an electronic or a special called meeting including, without limitation, the direct naming of a nominee or using the process as outlined in Section 3b. above.

Section 4: At the Annual Meeting of the District, or at a special called District Meeting, the nominating committee as represented by the President of the State Society that is in rotation to select a candidate for nomination, or his official designee, shall place the name of the candidate in nomination for ratification by the members of the District.

Section 5: In accordance with the National Constitution and By-laws, nominations of any member of the State Society whose right it is to nominate a candidate may be made from the floor by any member of that State Society. Prior notice is not required and the nominee does not have to be present at election, but his consent is required.

Section 6: The District shall vote on the candidate(s) in a manner consistent with the procedure for the election of General Officers of the NSSAR. Upon election, the candidate for the office of Vice-President General shall be considered the nominee of the District.

Section 7: The current Vice-President General shall forward the name of the District's nominee to the Secretary General and the chairman of the Nominating Committee of the NSSAR in writing no later than thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting of the District.

ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules set forth in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the District in all meetings in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order that the District may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Vice President General, the Presidents, and the District Secretary no later than twenty (20) days prior to a regularly scheduled District Meeting and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those members present and voting at the meeting for approval.

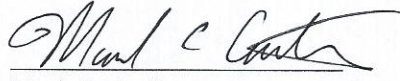
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By-Laws adopted at the Annual Meeting of the South Atlantic District held on 2 April 2011 in Columbia, SC.



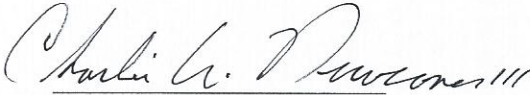
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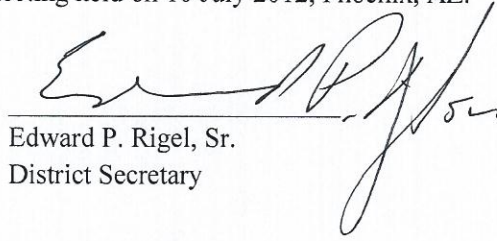
Mark C. Anthony  
District Secretary

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By-laws amended at the South Atlantic District Meeting held on 10 July 2012, Phoenix, AZ.



Charlie A. Newcomer, III
Vice President General



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