

BYLAWS OF FRIENDS OF THE LEMARS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ARTICLE 1

NAME

*The name of the Association shall be
FRIENDS OF THE LEMARS PUBLIC LIBRARY*

ARTICLE II

Purposes

SECTION 1. THE PURPOSES OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE:

- A. To stimulate community awareness and involvement by promoting knowledge of Library functions, resources and needs.*
- B. To foster closer relations between library and community working with the Director of the Library and the Board of Trustees through the development of new programs, new resources, and new services to meet the cultural, educational, recreational, and informational needs of the people.*
- C. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the stated purposes and;*
- D. To foster and encourage volunteer participation in the work and programs of the Library, in conjunction with the volunteer programs and assignments developed by the Director of the Library.*

SECTION 2. This Association is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian non-segregated organization operated exclusively for those purposes set out in article II, Section 1 above. No part of any assets, property, income or profit shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or other individual and no officer or director shall receive any compensation for his services with the exception of a token payment to the treasurer not to exceed \$100 annually.

SECTION 3. In the event this Association shall be dissolved or cease to exist for the stated purposes, all assets shall be placed in an escrow account for two years to allow time for reorganization. If not accomplished within two years, all assets shall vest in the Le Mars Public Library.

SECTION 4. Dissolution of the Association shall require a three fourths (3/4) vote of all membership.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the aims and purposes of the Association and in the welfare and benefit of the LeMars Public Library.

SECTION 2. Any individual, association, partnership, organization or corporation may become a member upon payment of annual dues in one of the following categories:

<i>Student</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>
<i>Bronze</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>Silver</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>\$50.00 (or more)</i>
<i>Platinum</i>	<i>\$100.00 (or more)</i>

SECTION 3. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION 4. Dues shall be paid annually.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Monday of January in each year at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Le Mars Public Library or at such other time and place as the Executive Board may determine.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the President of a majority of the Executive Board whenever they deem it necessary. Special meetings may also be called by the Secretary on the written request of not less than ten (10) members in good standing to the Association. The purpose for any special meeting must be stated in the call therefore.

SECTION 3. Regular quarterly meetings of the Association shall be held on the second Monday of January, April, July and October at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Le Mars Public Library.

SECTION 4. The membership and public shall be notified of the quarterly meetings. All regularly scheduled meetings shall be announced through the news media and newsletter.

SECTION 5. Members present shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting and may vote on and pass any issue with the exception of the dissolution of the Association, which requires a three fourths (3/4) vote of the membership. Members present at the quarterly meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. All meetings of this Association shall be open to the general public pursuant to Iowa Code Section 28A.

ARTICLE V

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Election of officers and the board shall be held at the annual meeting in January. Nominations shall be received from the floor.

SECTION 2. Election of officers shall be by a majority ballot and each officer shall serve for one year or until his or her successor be elected.

SECTION 3. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer and 3 additional board members as elected by the membership.

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint all committees and except for the nominating committee, be an ex officio member thereof.*
- B. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and shall act as aide to the President.*
- C. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the financial records of the Association collect all money due, deposit funds and, upon approval of the Executive Board, shall make all disbursements. Before turning over the books of the Association to a successor Treasurer, or before the annual meeting each year, an audit committee appointed by the Executive Board shall audit the records of the Treasurer.*
- D. The Secretary shall record attendance at all meetings and shall take the minutes of the meetings.*

SECTION 4. Any vacancy occurring in the offices or the Board of Directors shall be filled immediately by appointment of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. The terms of officers and directors shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall be the officers, the other Board members, the Director of the Le Mars Public Library, and the immediate Past President.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its regular meetings, fix hours and place of changed or special meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and perform such other duties as delegated by a vote of the membership. However, no action of the Executive Board shall conflict with any action taken by the membership of the Association, nor with any policies of the Director of the Library or the staff, nor with the Board of Trustees of the Le Mars Public Library.

SECTION 3. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a simple majority of its members.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the last day of December of each year.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed, or enlarged at any meeting of the general membership by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting, with the provision, however, that the Director of the Library is present at said meeting to voice the interest of the Library.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this Association, unless it is in conflict with these bylaws.