

Plans underway for county fair exhibit

We're gearing up for the Dodge County Fair, July 13 to 17, with new exhibits for you to learn from and enjoy.

Blacksmithing in Dodge County will feature information on this essential service that was needed in every village in the county - watch for the practicing blacksmiths that will give live demonstrations on the lawn outside the log cabin.

Plowville: It's been 70 years since this historically significant event that brought presidential can-

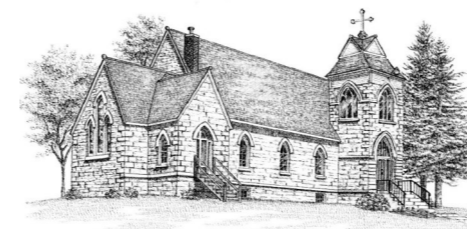
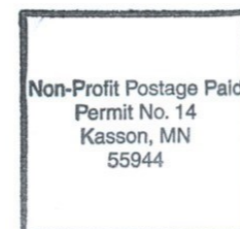


didates and thousands of visitors to our county and we want those who

have memories of being there to share them with us.

Our **Newspaper Exhibit** celebrates the dozens of newspapers that have existed in our county. Their circulations varied from one day to decades.

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News from the Dodge County Historical Society

Summer 2022

Busy spring at Dodge County's museum



Visitors are making good use of our historic Mantorville buildings this spring.

The museum, the Ashland School and the Old Settlers' House were open to the public for Mantorville's Spring Fling on May 14 with many appreciative visitors touring the buildings.

On May 24, we hosted Kasson-Mantorville sixth graders in the same buildings so they could learn about their local history.

The museum is frequently visited by people doing research in-

to their family history. Our volunteers are finishing the textile project: clothing from several eras has been cleaned, photographed and stored in archival quality packaging.

Persistent volunteers continue to feed information on our historical artifacts into our new online database.

A new exhibit on the Civil War era's Col. James George is in the works and will be on permanent display in the lower level.

Join the fun at Wasioja: Food, tractors and music on July 31

Tractors will be coming to Wasioja for our summer event on July 31.

In addition to the Garden Party at the Theodore Bartel Gardens and the creamery, we are celebrating our agricultural heritage with Tractor Time.

The event will include tractors, vintage and otherwise, from all over the county. The tractors will be parked from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a parade at 1 p.m.

Our three historic buildings will be open, with gospel music at the church from 12:30 to 4

p.m., agricultural exhibits in the school from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and old-time music on the lawn at the recruiting station from noon to 3 p.m.

The Dodge Center Lions Club food truck will be parked at the school, and light refreshments offered at the creamery.

Call the museum at (507) 635-5508 if you are interested in bringing your tractor to Wasioja for the summer event.

Please call to reserve your tractor slot by July 15.

Tractor Time!

Roll on back to Dodge County
Agricultural History
July 31, 2022 ♦ Wasioja

- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Vintage Tractors Registration
Tractor Owners Please RSVP: 507-635-5508
- 1 p.m. Tractor Parade
- 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hymn Sing at Church
- 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schoolhouse Exhibits
The Ripley Ditch: An Engineering Marvel
The Plow that Broke the Prairie
Blacksmiths: Essential Craftsmen
Plowville's 70th Anniversary
- 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ted Bartel Memorial Gardens Open to View
Coffee and Cake at the Creamery

Dodge Center Lions
Lunch Wagon
Available
at the
Schoolhouse!



A Fundraiser for the Dodge County Historical Society. For more information, check its website at: dodgecountyhistorical.org

Board Members

Jean Bartel, President
 Nan Babcock, Vice President
 Lois Hancock, Secretary
 Tom Gall, Treasurer
 Linda Jerviss
 Lori Kryzer
 Dallas Ness

Hours

Thursday 1-4 p.m.
 Friday 1-4 p.m.
 Saturday 1-4 p.m.
 Sunday 1-4 p.m.
 We will have volunteer staff at the museum at additional times as well.
 Please contact us 48 hours in advance if you want to make an appointment to come in at a time outside of these hours.
 We will do our best to accommodate you.
 We love visitors, so please come and see us!
 Look at our many historic artifacts, and do some research into your family history or your community's history.

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Moving?

Please contact the society if your address or email has changed.

The mission of the Dodge County Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Dodge County in relation to the history of the state of Minnesota.

KM grad interns at DCHS

Annie Buresh is the summer intern at the Dodge County Historical Society. Buresh is a Kasson-Mantorville graduate and a senior at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Annie's major is anthropology, with minors in museum management and French, and she brings experience working with artifacts at the college and at the Winneshiek County Historical Society.

"I'm really liking it," Annie says of her work at the museum. "I'm meeting new people, and I like dealing with



historic things from the county. I'm having fun!" Annie's work has so far included a lot of cataloging and accessioning. As of June 13, she's accessioned 725 items. She's assisting with the final stages of the gar-

ment cleaning and storage project, and will be active in preparing and displaying the exhibits at the Log Cabin during the Dodge County Fair in July.

We appreciate Annie's work and her enthusiasm. We thank the Dodge County Board of Commissioners for paying her salary.

Newspaper exhibit at government center

We feature the newspapers of Dodge County in an exhibit that has been in the lobby of the Dodge County Government Center in Mantorville. The first newspapers were published in the county in 1857.

Our exhibit features actual copies of the Dodge County Star published in Dodge Center in 1916 and the Dodge County Republican published in Kasson in 1878. You can turn the pages and see the articles and adver-



tisements that readers were given in those by-gone eras.

This exhibit will be on display at the Log

Cabin during the Dodge County Fair July 13 to 17, and we hope to display it in local bank lobbies in the future.

Thank you to our donors

The Historical Society's existence depends largely on the generous donations of people who are interested in preserving and displaying our county history. While we are able to apply for grants for major restoration projects, our budget has to cover operating expenses such as building maintenance, artifact care, production of new exhibits and utilities.

We deeply appreciate

your donations. Please keep us in mind in your estate planning and financial portfolio management. Your donations will ensure the future of the past in Dodge County.

Donors (January through May 2022)

Ashland Township Board
 Wallace Bigelow
 Mary Ann Bucher
 Gay Casper
 Lillian Crawford

Melanie Dobson
 Ron Durst
 Kay Fogelson
 Lois Johnson
 Terry & Beverly Jorgenson
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 Larry Pedersen-Sons of the American Legion
 Merrie Powell
 Ripley Township Board
 Arlen Scherger
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 Orlo & Kay Toquam
 Wasioja Township Board
 Westfield Township Board
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Our "Back to the 60's Luncheon" at the Wasioja Creamery featured open-faced sandwiches. This type of sandwich was served on snack sets back in the days of delicate dining at social events. A flower-centered program included Lori Kryzer showing how to preserve peonies and Jill Bondhus telling us about edible flowers and the history of peonies. The creamery overflowed with nearly 70 guests. Ten volunteers hosted the event.

Thank you to our volunteers

Our volunteers are contributing many hours to keep the Historical Society moving forward. Data entry, gardening, cleaning, organizing, research and more - we're getting tasks accomplished while enjoying each other's company and being involved with our local history.

We are looking for more volunteers to join us! Call the museum at (507) 635-5508

and leave a message, or email us at dodgecountyhistorical.society@gmail.com.

Thank you to these volunteers who have contributed time and effort in 2022!

Barb Alberts
 Bill Babcock
 Jim Checkel
 Dave Chicos
 Ken Durst
 Eleanor Engesser
 Barb Gilliland

Penne Gossard
 Ken Greene
 Dave Hanson
 Denise Hassenstab
 Lois Johnson
 Patti Krier
 Barb Maplethorpe
 Barb Meidinger
 Vicki Rhodes
 Jerry Roy
 Warren Schwenke
 Jerry Suhr
 Boyd Winslow



Dodge County Historical Society Constitution

This constitution was approved by the general membership in a mail-in election. Adopted March 17, 2022. A full copy of this can be viewed at the museum or online at <https://dodgecountymn.com>

I. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Dodge County and the State of Minnesota. More particularly its objects shall be:

To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the County or the State, their exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and war, and their progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacturers, trade, and transportation - printed material such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogues, circulars, handbills, programs, and posters; manuscript material such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, reminiscences, rosters, service records, account books, charts, surveys, and field books; and museum material such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, scenes, aboriginal relics, and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities in the past or the present.

To provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the County and of its cities, towns, villages, and institutions; and to bring about the preservation of historic buildings, monuments, and markers.

To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material in the newspapers and otherwise; by holding meetings with addresses, lectures, papers, and discussion; and by marking historical buildings, sites, and trails.

II. Membership

The Society shall be composed of members. Any person interested in the history of Dodge County may be enrolled as an active member upon receipt by the secretary of the first payment of dues. The annual membership fee is payable in advance of the date of the annual meeting.

Members failing to pay their dues for one year after they become available shall be dropped from the rolls two (2) months after the mailing of a notice of such default.

With the acceptance of the amendments to this Constitution dated April 15, 2022, only one membership type will be offered. Current 5 year members will "grandfathered" and be treated as paid

up members until their current term runs out. Life and Complementary (Honorary Life) members will continue to be treated as members.

III. Government

1. The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Society shall be made up of at least 3 executive officers and four (4) other members of the Society in compliance with the Laws of the State of Minnesota. This BOD shall manage the affairs of the Society, subject to such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Society. They shall be elected by ballot on or before the annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and shall have been duly qualified.

The executive officers shall be elected by the BOD at the annual meeting each year. In case of a vacancy arising in any executive office it may be filled for the unexpired term by the BOD.

IV. Duties of Officers

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the board of directors. In case the president is absent at any meeting, the vice-president shall assume his/her duties.

The secretary shall keep in the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the board of directors, keeping a roll of the members, conduct the correspondence of the Society, give notice of all meetings, notify committees of their appointment, and make a report at the annual meeting upon the work of the Society. He or she shall transmit a copy of this report, as adopted by the Society, to the secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society not later than the first day of December in each year.

The treasurer shall have the custody of the dues of members and of all subscriptions and donations in money. He/She shall keep an account of the same and shall make a report thereof at the annual meeting and whenever required by the Society or board of directors. He/She shall pay out the moneys of the Society only on the presentation of bills approved by the board of directors as attested by the secretary.

It shall be the duty of the directors to promote the interests of the Society in the county and to report to the secretary from time to time such matters as may be of interest to the Society.

V. Meetings

Special meetings may be called by direction of the President, at any time, and shall be called upon written request of

ten (10) members of the Society or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Ten percent of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as needed, upon call of the President or the Secretary or my three members of the Board, but at least once each year. Board quorum shall be a simple majority.

VI. Disposition of Collections

The Society or the Board of Directors shall make provision for the custody of all material of historical value received by the Society; such material may, if desired, be given into the custody of a public library or any other agency or institution in Dodge County. In case its preservation in the County is not especially desired, it shall be tendered to the Minnesota Historical Society.

In consideration of assistance offered by the Minnesota Historical Society in the prosecution of the work of this Society, and because of the Society's interest in the work of the State Society, it is hereby provided that in case the Society fails in two (2) consecutive years to have a quorum at its annual meeting, which shall be interpreted as the cessation of an effective working organization, then all articles and things belonging to it shall become the property of the State Society.

VII. Affiliation with the State Society

The Society shall be enrolled as an annual institutional member of the Minnesota Historical Society, paying dues as billed by the State Society, and on July 1st of each year, and as such it shall, whenever feasible, send a delegate to represent it at the meetings of the State Society, and shall make an annual report to the Secretary thereof, as here in before provided.

N. Amendment

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in writing filed with the Secretary by any three (3) members. The Board of Directors must approve the proposal. Once approved, the Secretary shall notify all members in writing of the proposed amendments and they shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the members voting, given 10% of the members voted, and provided two (2) weeks shall have elapsed after the sending of the notice prior to votes being counted.

Minutes from May 19 annual meeting

Members Present: Jean Bartel, Lois Hancock, Tom Gall, Dave Aakre, Nan Babcock, Dave Chiccos

Members Absent: Mark Packard, Janet Kubat-Willette

Guests: John Allen, Dave Hanson, Lori Kryzer, Dallas Ness, Linda Jerviss

Call to Order: 6:33

Election: There were a total of 105 ballots. The society is pleased with that number of returned ballots. It is much higher than the in-person Annual Meeting ballots would have been. President Jean Bartel called the three people with the highest votes and they came to the meeting. The results are:

- Dallas Ness, 91



- Lori Kryzer, 89
- Linda Jerviss, 86
- Mary Ann Bucher, 40

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Nan Babcock to accept last year's **Annual Meeting** minutes; a second was made by Dave Chiccos. Unanimous approval.

2. Treasurer's Report for 2021-2022: Tom Gall presented his report. A motion was made by Dave Aakre to accept the report; a second motion was made by Lois Hancock. Unanimous approval. Highlights from Tom's report are as follows: The Historical Society is working hard. They are \$15,943.44 ahead of expenses. Thank you to Dave Aakre

for being a part of the finance committee as well as doing a lot of work on the Constitution and By-laws. Major expenses during the year were grant-related. The Little Red House cost \$90,138. Donations were \$25,309.09.

3. Ratify March 2022 Constitution and By-laws: A motion was made by Nan Babcock; a second was made by Tom Gall. Unanimous approval.

** The above minutes will serve as the Annual Meeting Minutes for 2022. This was in lieu of an in-person meeting because of increased COVID infections in our area.**

Submitted by Lois Hancock, secretary

April 21, 2022, Yearly Treasurer's Report

For the year 2021-2022 thanks must be given to Linda Jerviss who was treasurer for part of the 2021 year as well as continues to be an important advisor and central person when it comes to the DCHS grant activities.

Thank you to Dave Aakre who joined to found our finance committee. We felt it important to have two people at all times when processing funds, opening mail and generally doing financial activities for the society. Dave has been an invaluable contributor in achieving this goal.

Thank you to Warren Schwenke for processing of membership forms and recording donations to the society.

Janice Borgstrom-Durst who has been our longtime point of contact for our accounting transferred her business to Alan Spaeth. This transition has been smooth. Our usual monthly interaction has been to examine deposits and expenses after which they generated a monthly financial reports that are delivered to the board of directors.

Janice last year put together the organization's taxes and reporting forms for the state and federal government. Alan has been doing so for this year.

For the year the Dodge County Historical Society was \$15,943.44 ahead of expenses. Your Board of Directors worked hard to keep an eye on expenses.

The Society held several events, the Dodge County Fair, Garden Party, Christmas in Wasioja, Volunteers Recognition and Open House were all important events as the society took action to open facilities, hold events and generally recover from the COVID shutdown.

As the society does not currently employ someone, costs are low as compared to prior years. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. Without a director or professional staff, volunteers have had to step up to staff the museum and perform a number of duties across the organization. This has been successful, however the board of direc-

tors would like the museum and other facilities have more hours this summer as well as restore services to pre-COVID levels. The society will either need to hire and/or have an army of volunteers to make it happen.

The major expenses and income through the year 2021 were grant-related as work was performed on the Old Settler's House (costing \$90,138), as well as the school house and the museum. Donations were \$25,309.09 for year. Utilities were \$4,623.98.

In summary, the financial health of the society is okay for what is an all-volunteer organization. The board of directors is looking at how to best work with the county, volunteers and a potential professional staff member to meet the membership expectations that the history of Dodge County be preserved for current and future generations and communicated across the county and beyond so that they know this place matters.

Submitted by Tom Gall, treasurer

Dodge County Historical Society bylaws

These bylaws were approved by the general membership in a mail-in election. Adopted March 17, 2022. A copy of this can be viewed at the museum or online at <https://dodgecountyhistorical.mn/>

Article I - Name

The name shall be "The Dodge County Historical Society". Its registered address shall be in the City of Mantorville, Minnesota, at 615 North Main Street, P. O. Box 456, Mantorville, MN 55955.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be the collection, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Dodge County and its relation to the history of the State of Minnesota. More particularly, its objects shall be:

1. To locate and collect any materials which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Dodge County or the state; the exploration, settlement, development, activities in peace and war; the progress in population, ethnic groups, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacturers, trade, transportation, religion, and finance. These materials shall include printed materials such as histories, genealogies, biographies, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, handbills, programs and posters, manuscript materials such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, reminiscences, rosters, service records, account books, charts, surveys, field books, tapes, cassettes, films, and other multimedia materials, and museum materials such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, scenes, Native American artifacts, and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities from the geological past to the present.
2. To disseminate historical information to interested persons, groups, and institutions and arouse the interest in the past by any of the following means: publishing historical materials in the newspaper and otherwise, by holding meetings featuring addresses, lectures, papers, and by conducting historic tours, marking or restoring buildings, sites and trails, and by operating a museum.
3. To accomplish these goals through the establishment of clearly defined collection, conservation, and interpretation policies.
4. And this organization shall have the power to own property, apply for and receive grants. It may accept bequests, and may establish and maintain an endowment fund for carrying out the above purposes.

Article III Membership

1. The Society shall be composed of members and any person interested in the history of Dodge County may be enrolled as a member upon receipt, by the secretary, of the first payment of dues.
2. With the acceptance of the amendments to these bylaws dated April 15, 2022, only one membership type will be offered. Current 5 year members will be "grandfathered" and be treated as paid up members until their current term runs out. Life and Complementary (Honorary Life) members will continue to be treated as members.
3. The amount of dues of membership shall be addressed annually by the Board of Directors and adjusted as required.
4. Members shall be entitled to vote at any special or annual meetings if their annual dues have been paid and they are listed as members at or in advance of the meeting
5. Members failing to pay their dues after they become payable shall be dropped from the rolls 60 days after the mailing of a notice of such default.
6. A member can have their membership terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors

Article IV Board of Directors

1. There shall be 7 members elected to the DCHS Board of Directors. Term limit will be three (3), three (3) year consecutive terms.

A break of at least one (1) year is required before being eligible to run for a Board position again.

2. The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of establishing policy to achieve the purpose of the Society as stated in Article II of these By-Laws. They shall appoint three of their members to serve as an executive committee to handle emergencies that might arise. Action taken to be reported to the full board at their next meeting.

3. The Board of Directors shall cooperate with any existing local historical societies achieving goals conforming to the objects of these By-Laws.

4. The Directors shall meet at regular intervals as to be determined by a special meeting of the Board of Directors held immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Society.

5. A simple majority of board members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

6. All business of the board shall be conducted in conformity with Roberts' Rule of Order. The board may appoint its parliamentarian.

7. Board members shall receive from the secretary informing them of special board meetings. Notice shall be given no less than three (3) days prior to each meeting.

8. The Board shall hold such special meetings as may be necessary for the conduct of business of the Society.

9. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to employ or dismiss a museum director whose duties will be determined by the Board of Directors in a written policy and duty statement.

10. Special meeting of the board may be called by the president. In his or her absence, by the vice-president or any three directors..

11. The board shall appoint members of the Society to fill unexpired term which may become vacant on the Board of Directors. Should a Director be absent from a majority of board meetings during the year, without the consent of the president and remaining board members, the office may be declared vacant and a new trustee appointed to the board.

12. Compensation may not be paid to Board Directors for their services. Directors may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in the performance of special duties requested by the Society.

13. The Board of Directors is responsible for the development of a personnel policy, a collection policy, a long-range plan, and whatever other policies are needed to carry out the purpose of the Society as stated in the By-Laws. These policies should be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

14. The Board of Directors may remove from the membership roles any member of the Society or of the Board of Directors who is found to be acting in a manner that is detrimental to the Society and its mission. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors is required for such action and it must be confirmed by a majority vote of the membership. Notice of the proposed removal will be given to the members prior to meeting or of a special meeting opportunity to be heard at the meeting where his or her removal is considered.

Article V – Government

1 The executive officers of the Society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three other members to form a Board of Directors. This board shall manage the affairs of the Society, subject to such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Society.

2. The newly seated Board of Directors, shall as their first act of duty, at a meeting immediately following the annual meeting elect the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer comprised from the Board of Directors and make assignments of responsibilities to the remaining Directors for a term of one (1) year

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In case of vacancy arising in any office it may be filled for the unexpired term through selection by the Board of Directors
3. The Chairman or person designated by the Chairman of the County Commissioners shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. (Optional).

4. The treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors. There shall be no limitation to the length of term the treasurer may serve.

5. Elections of the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting and will be done by secret ballot

6. The Dodge County Historical Society is and shall be an equal opportunity employer. It does not discriminate based on creed, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation. All vacancies whether paid or volunteer will be filled on the basis of qualifications the applicant has in relation to the job requirements.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. In case the president is absent at any meeting, vice-president shall assume his or her duties. The president will act as the liaison between the board and museum director. The president, with the help of the museum director, shall determine agenda for all meetings.

2. The vice-president shall assume the office of president should the president be unable to execute his or her duties. The vice-president shall also be in charge of activities directly related to the membership, i.e. programs for membership and membership recruitment.

3. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, keep a roll of the members, and make a report at the Annual Meeting. The secretary shall also conduct the correspondence of the Society, give notice of all meetings, notify committee members of their appointment, and carry on such other correspondence as may be necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

4. The treasurer shall collect the dues of members and all subscription donations and allocation of money to the Society. The treasurer shall keep an account of the same and shall make a report there of at the Annual Meeting and whenever required by the Society of the Board of Directors. All Society money is to be kept in a Society bank account. The treasurer shall pay out monies of the Society on presentation of bills approved by the Board of Directors as attested by the secretary. At the close of each fiscal year the books shall be audited and a report submitted to the membership. The report shall follow the Museum Accounting Guidelines as issued by the Association of Science-Technology Centers.

Article VII - Meetings

1. An Annual Meeting will be held in the spring of each year. The Board of Directors will set the date of the meeting.

2. Regular meetings of the officers and directors may be held by the board and announced accordingly.

- a. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or a majority of the board members.

3. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President or by a written request of ten (10) members of the society.

4. A simple majority representing at least ten (10) percent of paid members need be present to constitute a quorum for Society annual and special meetings.

5. The Society shall operate on a fiscal year running from January 1st

to December 31st.

6. If eligible voters may cast one vote. Voting will be done by ballot. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

7. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VIII - Committees

1. The president shall appoint, or cause the Board of Directors to appoint, such committees as are deemed to be to the benefit of the Society. Chairs of such committees shall be, insofar as possible, appointed by the President from the membership of the Society.

2. All standing committees shall be appointed to serve until a particular project is completed or until the next annual meeting, whichever occurs first. All committees may be reappointed annually. There shall not be a limit to the number of annual terms to which a member of a committee may be appointed. Insofar as possible; all committees should represent geographically the area served by the Society.

3. The president, or in his or her absence the vice-president, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

4. The chairman of all committees shall represent their respective committees at meetings of the Board of Directors when requested to attend.

Article IX - Disposition

1. The Society or the Board of Directors shall make provision for the custody and housing of all material of historic value received by the Society.

2. It is hereby provided that if the Society fails in two consecutive years to have a quorum at its Annual Meeting, it shall be interpreted as the cessation of an effective working organization. All articles belonging it (the Society) shall be placed under the care of the Minnesota Historical Society until such time as a new society can be organized or the county board arranges care for them.

Article X - Indemnification

1. The Society shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or volunteer who is sued for actions done in good faith for the benefit of the Society and in the performances of his or her duties for the same. This shall cover criminal actions that results: from unlawful conduct.

2. Indemnification may be covered through the purchase of insurance or by any means the Society chooses.

Article XI - Affiliation

The Society shall be enrolled as an annual member of the Minnesota Historical Society, paying the established dues one year in advance, and as such, it shall whenever feasible, send a delegate to represent it at the meetings of the state society, and shall make an annual report thereto as herein before provided.

Article XII - Amendment

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing filed with the Secretary by any three, (3) members. The secretary shall notify all members in writing of the proposed amendment, and they may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting, if a quorum is present, and provided two (2) weeks shall have elapsed after the sending of the notice.