

**By-Laws of the
TEXAS FOLKLORE SOCIETY**

The Texas Folklore Society By-Laws, adopted April 13, 1968, at Alpine, John O. West, President; Wilson M. Hudson, Secretary-Editor, are hereby revised, March 22, 2008, at Lubbock, Texas, Cynthia Savage, President, and Kenneth Untiedt, Secretary-Editor; further revised April 19, 2014, at Fort Worth, Texas, Carol Hanson, President, and Kenneth Untiedt, Secretary-Editor.

ARTICLE 1: Meetings of members, officers, councilors, and directors shall be held at least once a year at such time, date, and place as such respective classes of persons shall select. A meeting of officers, councilors, and directors shall be held at or about 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately following Easter, at such place as the members have selected the preceding year. A meeting of the general membership shall be held at or about 10:00 a.m. on the Sunday immediately following Easter, at such place as the members have selected on the preceding year. Special meetings of any such classes of persons may be held at any time on the giving of ten days' advance written notice by the President of the Society.

ARTICLE 2: Members shall consist of those persons whose dues are current. A quorum for a meeting of the general membership shall consist of twenty members, at least five of whom are currently serving as voting officer, councilor, or director. Every member who attends the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. A quorum for a meeting of officers, councilors, and directors shall consist of seven members who currently hold an office as officer, councilor, or director.

ARTICLE 3: The members at their annual meeting shall elect the necessary officers, councilors, and directors, as required due to expiring terms. Officers shall serve a term of one year each. There shall be five voting directors and five voting councilors who shall serve a maximum term of three years each. Terms of both councilors and directors shall be staggered so as to overlap and provide for a continuity of experience. Outgoing presidents shall serve a one-year term as a director ex-officio.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Editor, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the members shall from time to time designate.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members.

1. The committee chair will be the immediate past President of the Society.
2. Two additional members shall be appointed by the committee chair; each member shall serve a two-year term.
3. The committee chair will name a replacement for one member each year.

4. The committee will prepare a proposed slate of board members and their report will be presented by the committee chair at the annual officers meeting. After approval by that body, the proposed slate of board members will be presented to the general membership for their action and approval at the regular Sunday meeting.

A "year," as used in this article, means from one Meeting to the next.

If any officer, councilor, or director is unable or unwilling to serve, the President shall appoint a member of the Society to fill the unexpired term of such office or position.

ARTICLE 4: The President shall be in general charge of the affairs of the Society. The Vice-President shall have such duties as shall be designated by the members, shall serve as Program Chair, and shall preside at appropriate meetings in the absence of the President. The Secretary-Editor shall edit and produce the publications of the Society, keep the seal of the Society, maintain a minute book, manage all business affairs of the Society, provide day-to-day management of the Society, and have such other duties as shall be designated by the members. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial affairs of the Society, shall keep an accurate set of financial records for the Society, and make such financial reports and returns as shall be required by law; the Treasurer shall also maintain a bank account in the name of the Society, and the signature of the Treasurer or of one other officer to be designated by the members shall be required on all checks or documents of withdrawal; the Treasurer shall also have other duties as shall be designated by the members.

Directors and councilors shall attend regular and called meetings, shall provide advice to the officers as required, and shall vote on such business as shall come before them for vote. Directors have an additional duty pertaining to a dissolution of the corporation which is described in ARTICLE ELEVEN of the Articles of Incorporation for the Texas Folklore Society, February 12, 1968, as later amended or revised and recorded by the Texas Secretary of State.

Any other officers of the Society shall have such duties as shall be designated by the members.

The President shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Editor shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. Ex-officio members of the board will be non-voting members.

ARTICLE 5: These by-laws may be amended by the members at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE 6: The offices of the Society shall be at Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, or such other place as the members shall designate.

ARTICLE 7: The corporate and fiscal year shall be from January 1st of one year to January 1st of the following year, beginning with January 1st, 1968.

ARTICLE 8: All official decisions of meetings of the members, or of the officers, councilors, and Board of Directors, shall be by majority vote of those present and voting.