

BYLAWS OF THE GRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Grant County Historical Society, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Society, a non-profit (501c3), whose fiscal year coincides with the calendar year.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of the Society are set forth in its Articles of Incorporation on file with the Indiana Secretary of State. The general purpose shall be to collect, preserve, research, publish, and interpret the heritage of Grant County, Indiana, and thereby foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of our county's history, art, and natural environment by all.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Society shall be composed of all active members, defined as those whom have paid current membership dues.

Section 2. Each member is entitled to one vote at the annual business meeting, as well as other privileges as designed by the Society.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. The dates of the annual and regular meetings of the membership and the Board shall be established by the board with notice being given to all members at least thirty days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Active members present at the annual meeting will constitute a quorum for the election of Board members or/ and the transaction of business at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Special Board or membership meetings may be called by the president, vice-president, or at the request of three Board members or five members with a ten-day notice given to all active members.

ARTICLE V – BOARD

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Society (herein called the Board), having responsibility of business matters, shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting of the Society

Section 2. The Board shall consist of four officers, four persons elected from the Society, and one appointment by the Marion Public Library Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Any candidate for the Board must be an active member of the Society prior to his/her election to the Board. This does not apply to appointed members.

Section 4. Five members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum at any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. An eligible nominee for president of the Society must be a current member of the Board.

Section 3. Each officer serves a term of one year or until the next annual meeting. The office of the president can only be served for two terms consecutively, but s/he may be reelected after a one-year absence, while the other officers have no term limits if they are nominated to serve. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the general membership present.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations which have a purpose and objects similar to those

of the Society and are exempt from United States income taxes under the provisions of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or revised by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any regular Board meeting or special Board meeting called for that purpose, where such action has been announced in writing prior to the meeting.

These Bylaws were approved and adopted 1840hrs 4/28/22 (date)

Joseph M. Blue
President

John B. Lunday
Secretary