

**DUNELAND CHAPTER INCORPORATED (DCI)  
THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (INSSAR)  
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
(NSSAR)**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND AFFILIATION**

#### **Section 1**

The name of this organization shall be the Duneland Chapter Incorporated (DCI) of The INDIANA Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (INSSAR) of The NATIONAL Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

#### **Section 2**

The DCI is affiliated with the INSSAR and the NSSAR. The DCI exists by virtue of a charter granted by the INSSAR with authority from the NSSAR.

#### **Section 3**

The DCI has been designated a nonprofit corporation by the State of Indiana and is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **ARTICLE II – OBJECTS**

The objects of the DCI are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots 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 and families; 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 the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by 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 President Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

Any male shall be eligible for membership in the DCI who, being a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who rendered active service to the cause of American Independence as defined by the NSSAR.

### **Section 2**

Applicants who meet membership requirements and have attained the age of (18) eighteen years of age may apply for Regular Membership. Applicants who meet membership requirement but are under the age of (18) eighteen years of age may apply for Junior Membership.

### **Section 3**

A member in good standing may have his dues demitted by advising the Duneland Chapter Treasurer at any dues-paying date. He may resume active membership by advising the Duneland Chapter Treasurer and paying the then current dues as prescribed in the BYLAWS herewith.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

### **Section 1**

The officers of this chapter shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Chaplain and Historian.

### **Section 2**

The tenure of office shall be for one (1) year. All officers shall serve until their successors are installed.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1**

There shall be a minimum of six (6) meetings each year, the last of which shall be the Annual Meeting. Tentative dates for these meetings shall be set forth at the prior year's annual meeting.

### **Section 2**

Special chapter meetings may be called by the President; any three (3) officers; or any five members, providing notice shall be given as provided in the following section.

### **Section 3**

Notice of each meeting shall be given to members by USPS mail or email not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting. As a minimum, notice shall include the date, time, and place of assembly and shall give the general nature of the matters to be discussed. Said notice shall be deposited in the USPS mail or email and the notice period herein shall be computed from the date of such mailing.

### **Section 4**

Electronic meetings via Zoom or equivalent shall constitute valid meetings.

### **Section 5**

Priority of authority in chapter meetings shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If none present, elect a chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be altered or amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any Chapter meeting, provided that notice of the meeting and copies of the proposed amendments shall have been sent to all Chapter members in good standing at least twenty (20) days prior to said meeting. Said notice shall be deposited in the USPS mail or email and the notice period provided herein shall be computed from the date of such mailing.

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