

**CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

As Amended Through March 27, 1999

**Article I
Name and Status**

The name of this organization shall be "Southern District, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The organization shall be composed of the State Societies of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

**Article II
Objects**

The objects of this organization shall be those of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as they appear in Article II of the Constitution of said Society.

**Article III
Membership**

Any member in good standing in any one of the State Societies in the District shall be a member of the District.

**Article IV
Officers**

Section 1. The Officers of the District shall be a Vice-President General and such other Officers as he shall appoint in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society.

Section 2. The Vice-President General shall be nominated at the Annual Meeting of the District immediately preceding his election and installation at the Annual Congress of the National Society. The Office shall rotate among the State Societies of the District in the order: Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama. If a Member of the State Society next in the rotation is not proposed for nomination at the Annual Meeting of the District, the rotation shall pass to the next State Society in the rotation described hereunto above. The incumbent Vice-President General shall not succeed himself.

Section 3. The District shall have one, and only one, candidate for the National Society Nominating Committee in the Council of State Presidents. Said candidate shall be the President of the State Society from which the incumbent Vice-President General is serving; provided, however, that if the aforementioned State Society President is not eligible for election to the National Society Nominating Committee from the Council of State Presidents in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society, the members of the District in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the District shall select a candidate for the National Society Nominating Committee in the Council of State Presidents.

Section 4. The duties of the Vice-President General, in addition to those prescribed by the National Society, shall be to:

- a. preside over District meetings;
- b. promote the activities and interests of the National Society;
- c. disseminate information to every State Society regarding meetings of the District;
- d. represent the State Societies of the District and report on their activities at meetings of the National Trustees;
- e. visit State Societies and local Chapters and encourage the formation of new Chapters within the District;
- f. attend the Annual Meeting of every State Society in the District during his term of Office; and
- g. perform such other duties as may be delegated or assigned to him by the President General.

Article V District Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the District prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society. The Annual Meeting shall, whenever possible, be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, or Spring meeting, of one of the State Societies in the District. The order of Business shall be, but not limited to, the following:

Call to Order by the Vice-President General
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
Pledge to the S.A.R.
Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
Reports of the State Presidents
Report of the Vice-President General
Old Business
New Business
Report of the District Nominating Committee
Invitation to the next Annual Meeting
Adjournment

Section 2. Special meeting of the District may be called by the Vice-President General or on the application of three of the four Presidents of the State Societies. Any actions taken at a special meeting are subject to ratification by the next Annual Meeting of the District.

Section 3. All members of the District, as described in Article III hereof, shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote on any questions coming before a District meeting except the question of the nomination of a Vice President General.

Article VI
District Nominating Committee

Section 1. There shall be a District Nominating Committee composed of the incumbent Presidents of the State Societies of the District of the representative of an absent President who has been designated as such in writing by his President to the Vice-President General. The Vice-President General shall serve as Chairman of the Committee and, in the event of a tie vote on the question of the nomination of a Vice-President General, shall have the right to vote to break the tie.

Section 2. The Vice-President General shall, in advance of the Annual Meeting, solicit the name of a candidate for the Office of Vice-President General endorsed by the State Society next in the rotation described in Article IV, Section 2 hereof and shall lay the endorsement so obtained before the District Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the District Nominating Committee shall meet and shall nominate a candidate for the Office of Vice-President General for the coming term. The endorsement of one's State Society shall be persuasive, be not binding, on the Nomination Committee. The Committee may nominate someone from the same State Society which is next in the rotation other than the Member who has been endorsed, but it should do so only for manifestly obvious reasons and for the good of the District. A majority of the Committee shall be necessary to nominate and, as provided herein, the Vice-President General shall have the right to break a tie. The Committee shall report its nomination to the Annual Meeting of the District at that point provided therefore in the Order of Business. The selection of the District Nominating Committee shall be the nomination of the District and shall not be subject to a vote of the Annual Meeting of the District. The Vice-President General shall communicate the nomination of the District promptly to the Secretary General of the National Society.

Article VII
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any special rules of order the District may adopt.

Article VIII
Amendments

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Vice-President General at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Vice-President General shall transmit proposed amendments to the Presidents of the State Societies at least thirty (30) day prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed amendments which have been advertised as herein provided shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at the Annual Meeting for approval