Indiana United Methodist Historical Society Bylaws

Article I. Name
The name of this organization shall be the Indiana United Methodist Historical Society, hereinafter called "Society."

Article II. Purpose
The Society is formed for the following purposes:
1. Working with the two Indiana Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History in the collection and preservation of materials related to the history of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents.
2. Promoting research, writing, and publication in the field.
3. Locating and encouraging the preservation of appropriate sites of historical interest within the two Indiana Conferences.
4. Developing interest in United Methodist history and skills for pursuing it among local church historians and others.
5. Developing and promoting observances of historical anniversaries and other events of interest.
6. Engaging in such other activities as shall be deemed proper.

Article III. Constituency & Membership
The Society shall associate itself in cooperative ways with the two Indiana Annual Conference Commissions on Archives and History, as well as the Jurisdictional and General Commissions on Archives and History, and the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church.

Membership in the Society shall be based upon payment of annual dues and shall be derived from the following sources:
1. Members of the two Indiana Commissions on Archives and History.
2. Bishops, superintendents, and other staff persons related to the two Indiana Annual Conferences.
3. Members and friends of the Conferences sympathetic to the purposes of the Society.
4. Persons, who, by vote of the membership, may be elected to honorary membership without payment of dues.

Article IV. Meetings
The Society shall meet at least annually at such time and place as it shall determine. Special meetings may be held at the call of the president. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

Article V. Officers
The Society shall elect the following officers at the regular annual meeting who shall serve until their successors are elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. No person shall be elected to the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, plus the chairpersons of the two Indiana Conference Commissions on Archives and History. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president of the Society, or any two other officers.

Article VI. Administration
Section 1. Management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee

Section 2. The operating budget of the Society shall be proposed by the Executive Committee at the annual meeting for approval, together with a recommendation of the amount of annual dues.
Section 3. The Executive Committee shall name a committee of three persons to prepare nominations for all elective offices to be acted upon at the annual meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall regulate its own meetings, temporarily fill vacancies and prescribe the various duties of the officers of the Society.

Section 5. Annual meetings and other events of the Society shall be held at an appropriate time and place agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. All materials collected, unless otherwise stipulated, shall become the property of either of the Conference Commissions on Archives and History and be placed under the charge of the custodian in the Indiana Area depository.

Section 7. The Society shall be amenable to the Commission on Archives and History of the two Indiana Annual Conferences in all matters relating to its organization and operation.

Article VII. Amendments
The bylaws shall be approved by the Society and may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting at a properly-called meeting, providing that such proposed amendments are circulated to the membership not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority
Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply in circumstances where it is not in conflict with The Discipline, actions of the Annual Conferences or these bylaws.

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Article V. Officers

The Society shall elect the following officers at the regular annual meeting who shall serve until their successors are elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, and three at-large members. No person shall be elected to the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, plus the chairpersons of the two Indiana Conference Commissions on Archives and History and the archivist of the Indiana United Methodist Archives. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president of the Society, or any two other officers.