

ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

CONSTITUTION

I. Name and Organization

1. Name: The name of the Corporation is “Adams County Historical Society Inc.” and is at times hereinafter referred to as “ACHS” or “Society.”
2. Organization: The Corporation is a tax exempt Indiana not-for-profit corporation.

II. Purposes and Responsibilities

1. History: The Adams County Historical Society was founded in 1968 as a not-for-profit, private corporation dedicated to perpetuating Adams County’s history.
2. Mission: The Society’s mission is:
 - A. To foster deeper understanding and appreciation for Adams County’s history;
 - B. To stimulate and encourage the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Adams County history through conferences, publications, awards, educational programs, consulting services, and related historical activities;
 - C. To coordinate and further the programs of the county’s other local historical societies and local historians by functioning as a service organization and communication network;
 - D. To cooperate with appropriate individuals, organizations, and institutions on the local, state, or national levels in projects and activities that will promote and sustain a general interest in history; and
 - E. To accept donations of money, real property, or other property for the above purposes.

III. Membership

1. Name: The Corporate membership shall be known and designated collectively as the Adams County Historical Society of Indiana.
2. Types and Qualifications: The Society shall consist of members of such types and with such qualifications as are established by the Bylaws.
3. Meetings: The members shall meet on a monthly basis on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with the November meeting serving as the annual meeting of the membership. Other meetings may be held at such times as appropriate under the Bylaws.
4. Financial Requirements: Financial requirements for membership shall be as designated in the Bylaws.

IV. Board of Trustees

1. Powers: The Board of Trustees shall be the governing body of the Corporation and shall be responsible for the government of the Society, the management of its affairs, and the regulation of its procedures, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or in the Articles of Incorporation.
2. Selection and Operation: Election of trustees, terms of office, duties and responsibilities, and meetings of the board shall be governed by the Bylaws. Trustees shall serve without pay.
3. Meetings: The Board shall meet immediately following any regular membership meeting.

V. Officers

1. Enumeration: The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Selection: Selection of the officers and eligibility to serve shall be governed by the Bylaws.

VI. Amendment

1. Procedure: Proposed amendments to this Constitution and its Bylaws may either be submitted by resolution of the Board of Trustees to the membership of the Society at the next annual meeting after adoption of the resolution, or shall be submitted to the President of the Corporation in writing signed by not less than fifty percent (50%) of members of the Society entitled to vote at its next annual meeting and shall be presented by the President to the next annual meeting of the Society.

2. Adoption: Two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and voting shall be required for adoption of an amendment. ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014, by the Adams County Historical Society, Inc.

Linda L. Balsiger, Secretary

Herbert Myers, President