

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF UTICA, NEW YORK, INC.

ARTICLE I

The name of the association shall be known as THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF UTICA, NEW YORK, INC.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Society is to promote activities which are unique to the Welsh culture and to support efforts to preserve contributions made by Welsh-Americans in the development of this area.

ARTICLE III

The St. David's Society of Utica, New York, Inc. Trust Fund:

PURPOSE - The purpose of the Trust Fund, established on January 21, 1984, shall be to promote and fund Welsh culture and activities in the Utica area and to assist those persons of Welsh heritage in need of scholarship or assistance.

OBJECTIVES OR USES – A. Cultural programs and activities that would promote Welsh awareness in our area. B. Student scholarships as approved by the Executive Committee. C. Student exchange programs.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE – The initial amount of \$20,000.00 shall constitute the beginning of the Trust Fund which will be maintained under the direction of the St. David's Society of Utica, New York, Inc. Executive Committee. It is understood that only the interest which accrues on the principal will be used to further the objectives, as outlined, under the direction of the Executive Committee. Future contributions from members of the Society and other interested parties in the nature of outright gifts, memorials and bequests will be added to the principal amount, ensuring future growth and development of the fund.

The amount of money available for objectives or uses each year will be determined by the earnings of the fund from the previous year. Each individual expenditure shall be determined by the Executive Committee. In any year that more than the interest is needed for a qualifying objective or use, the Executive Committee may, by 2/3 vote, approve using additional trust funds.

ARTICLE IV

Membership is open to any person of Welsh lineage or any person expressing interest in the purpose of this Society. Memberships shall be created by payment of \$25.00 for life membership for individuals with electronic communication capability or \$35.00 for individuals who receive communication via U.S. Mail. All members will be entitled to vote on matters presented at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

The Society shall be governed by an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Immediate Past President, Chair Persons of the Standing Committees and nine members-at-large. Committees will be appointed as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. Officers and members-at-large are elected from a slate presented by the Nominating Committee. The terms of office for officers are for two years or until successors have been elected. A member-at-large shall be elected to serve a

three year term, with three members elected each year. The member may be elected to a second three year term but must then take a one-year absence before being re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Duties and powers of the officers:

President – It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all sessions of the Society; to appoint all committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and see that the laws, rules and regulations are enforced, and perform any other duty incidental to the office.

Vice-President – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President and perform any duties assigned to the Vice President by the President of the Executive Committee.

Secretary – The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all meetings. The Secretary shall be in charge of general correspondence and perform any other duties pertaining to the office and such further duties as may be directed by the President and/or the Executive Committee.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive all revenues, funds or money of the Society. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements. All funds and monies received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in the name of The St. David's Society of Utica, New York, Inc. in such financial institutions as are approved by the Executive Committee, and such funds may be withdrawn only by checks signed by one of the following officers: President, Vice-President or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report for each meeting.

Historian – The Historian shall compile and preserve all historical data pertaining to activities of the Society.

ARTICLE VII

A minimum of six meetings per year of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President as needed to carry out the business of the Society. There must be a minimum of nine members in attendance to conduct business at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the annual St. David's Day Banquet.

ARTICLE VIII

The constitution and by-laws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members in attendance at an annual meeting or at a meeting of the entire membership called for this purpose with advanced notice of proposed changes.

ARTICLE IX

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payments of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Oneida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as such Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.