

PROPOSED CHANGES TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BY-LAWS:

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FRIENDS OF EMERALD ISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW: FRIENDS OF THE WEST CARTERET PUBLIC LIBRARY

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be FRIENDS OF EMERALD ISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New wording (change already made in 501 (c) 3 document) :

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Friends of the Western Carteret Public Library.

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library and to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, official or individual. The corporation shall not engage in propaganda or intervention in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall involve attempts to influence legislation.

Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, and prior to the completion thereof, all liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, and all of the remaining assets, property and income owned or held by the corporation shall be expended for or applied to the purposes of the corporation, or one or more of such purposes, by transferring and conveying such assets, property and income to one or more corporations or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, to which exemption from income taxes has been granted under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and no part of such remaining assets, property or income shall be distributed to members or to any other person whatsoever.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals in sympathy with its purposes, and to representatives of organizations and clubs when such representation is desired.

Section 2. The various types of membership, and the dues for each category, shall be determined by the executive board.

Section 3. Each membership shall be entitled to one vote.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president/secretary, treasurer, and the chairs of standing committees. The initial officers of the organization shall be pointed by the board of the Emerald Isle Library Foundation, Inc. to serve until July 1, 1998.

New Wording (Words deleted):

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and the chairs of standing committees.

Section 2. Beginning in 1998 officers shall be nominated by the executive board at least two months before the annual meeting. The nominations shall be submitted in writing to the membership with the consent of the nominee at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

New Wording (Delete "Beginning in 1998")

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated by the executive board at least two months before the annual meeting. The nominations shall be submitted in writing to the membership with the consent of the nominee at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Section 3. Beginning in 1998 officers shall be elected by the majority vote of those present at the annual meeting for the term of one year, but not more than two successive terms in the same office.

New wording:

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of those present at the annual meeting for the term of one year. Officers should not serve more than two successive terms except in unusual circumstances and with approval of the board for the nominee to stand for more elections.

Section 4. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled for the remainder of the term through appointment of the executive board.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: To preside over and conduct meetings, to be an ex-officio member of all committees and to preside over the executive board.

Section 2. 1st Vice-president: To assist the president, to perform the duties of the president in his or her absence.

New Wording (word deleted):

Section 2. Vice-president: To assist the president, to perform the duties of the president in his or her absence.

Section 3. 2nd Vice President/Secretary: To assist the president and 1st vice-president, to perform their duties in their absence, to record attendance at all meetings and to take the minutes of all meetings, to keep a list of the membership together with their addresses and to conduct the correspondence of the organization.

New Wording (words deleted):

Section 3. Secretary: To assist the president and vice-president, to perform their duties in their absence, to record attendance at all meetings and to take the minutes of all meetings, to keep a list of the membership together with their addresses and to conduct the correspondence of the organization.

Section 4. Treasurer: To keep and maintain the financial records of the organization, to collect, maintain and disburse the organization's funds as directed by the executive board.

Section 5. Committee Chairs: To preside over committee meetings and to guide committee activity toward the accomplishment of the committee's functions and purposes.

Article VI. Executive Board

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of the officers of the organization. The senior library staff member shall serve as ex-officio member of the executive board.

Section 2. The executive board shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the organization between general membership meetings.

Section 3. The executive board shall have the authority to appoint committees consistent with the purposes of this organization. Standing committees shall initially be Membership, Public Relations, Program, Events, Development, and Hospitality.

New Wording (Sentence deleted):

Section 3. The executive board shall have the authority to appoint committees consistent with the purposes of this organization.

Section 4. Meetings of the executive board shall be held quarterly or more often as the board may decide. Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section 5. A majority of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. An annual membership meeting shall be held on a date in the month of May or June to be determined by the executive board. Members shall be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting

New Wording (words deleted):

Section 1. An annual membership meeting shall be held on a date to be determined by the executive board. Members shall be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. A special meeting of this organization may be called at any time by the executive board.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, after notification in writing to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the voting is to take place.

Article IX. Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Revised, when not in conflict with these by-laws, shall govern the proceedings of this organization.

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