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BY-LAWS

OF

STARNES/STARNS TRIENNIAL ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE

1. To get acquainted with family members and to define family relationships.
2. To encourage active participation in collecting, recording and sharing family history.
3. To promote interest and pride in personal and family achievement.
4. To preserve, add to, and correct family records for our descendants.
5. To honor the memory of our forefathers.

ARTICLE I

Membership

1.1 Eligibility to membership in this organization is limited to descendants of the ancestral lines of the Stahrin, Staring, Starn, Starnes, Starns, Starnz, Starrn, Stearns, Sterling, Stern, Sterns, Sturn, Sturns and all variation spellings of the above families, *and their spouse.*

1.2 Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II

Officers

The administrative affairs of this organization shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of the Executive Board which shall consist of three members in addition to the elected officers of this organization. The term of office of members of the Executive Board shall be for three years. This organization, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

2.1 The elected officers of the organization shall be a President; a Vice-President; a Secretary; Treasurer; and Historian.

2.2 PRESIDENT: The President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers generally ascribed to the President of an organization. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all

meetings of the organization and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the organization, and such officer shall be the chief executive officer of the organization. He/she shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall make a triennial report covering the business of the organization for the past three years, and recommendations for the ensuing years, which shall be read at the triennial meeting and a copy thereof be provided immediately to the Secretary. He/she shall perform such other duties as directed by the organization and its members.

2.3 VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers generally ascribed to the Vice-President of an organization. He/she shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of the President in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by, the President.

2.4 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall perform the duties and exercise the powers generally ascribed to the Secretary of an organization. The Secretary shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings and all meetings, handle registration at all meetings, keep mailing file of members and provide list for all elected officers. In addition, the Secretary shall work closely with the Newsletter Editor in providing announcements and publicity regarding the organization. He/she shall send notices of dues and membership cards.

2.5 TREASURER: The Treasurer shall perform the duties and exercise the powers generally ascribed to the Treasurer of an organization. The Treasurer of the organization shall have charge of all finances and see that all funds are safely deposited in some local bank or banks and shall, when requested by the President, provide a report to the Directors on the condition of the finances of the organization, with such recommendations as he/she may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the organization. In addition he/she will provide a financial report to members at all STA meetings. He/she shall sign all checks disbursing moneys of the organization when authorized by the Board of Directors and approved by the President.

2-6. HISTORIAN: The Historian shall be charged with the chronological records of incidents and events of the organization and its members, and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Directors

Control over and management of the activities and affairs of the organization shall be vested in an eight member Board of Directors (previously known as the Executive Board) which shall consist of the five elected officers of the organization and three additional members-

at-large who shall be elected by the membership at its triennial meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Elections and Qualifications

4.1 All elected officers and the directors shall be elected at the triennial meeting of the members for three-year terms. They shall hold office until their successors are duly elected at which time they will assume their duties instanter. Any officer or director may be removed for inefficiency by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

4.2 Every member of the STA in good standing (a current dues paid member) shall be eligible to hold office in this organization.

4.3 Election of officers and directors shall be by a show of hands and voice vote and the candidate(s) receiving the highest number of the votes cast shall be elected to the respective office or as directors.

4.4 Any vacancy in the Board of Directors, or in any office of the organization from any cause other than the expiration of the term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, and a person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the Board or officer whom he/she succeeds. A vacancy shall exist when a director or officer is absent from his/her duties for a continuous period considered detrimental to the interest of the organization by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Standing Committees

5.1 The President, immediately upon taking office, shall appoint the following standing committees: News Editor, and Communications.

5.2 NEWS EDITOR: The News Editor shall be charged with the responsibility of compiling, publishing the organizations Newsletter, and mailing the newsletter to all currently paid up members.

5.3 COMMUNICATIONS: The Communications Committee Chairman shall be charged with the publicity of the organization by the establishment of proper contact with local news services concerning the organizations activities.

ARTICLE VI

Finances

6.1 The revenue of this organization shall be derived from membership, from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

6.2 The amount of such annual membership dues shall be fixed and determined by the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

7.1 The regular meetings of the membership of the organization shall be held triennially on the last week-end in June unless members are notified well in advance at which may be transacted such business as may properly be brought up for action; and for the election of officers, and directors; such meetings may be converted into entertainment meetings, as may be deemed advisable by the officers of the organization.

7.2 The President or a majority of the Board of Directors shall have power to call a special meeting of the membership at any time.

7.3 Twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum for any membership meeting and a majority of those present and voting shall be sufficient to take action, unless a greater number is otherwise required in these By-Laws for such action.

7.4 All members shall be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance of any special called meeting.

7.5 The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President. Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present and voting shall constitute the action of the Board, unless a greater number is otherwise required in these By-Laws for the action to be taken.

ARTICLE VIII

Rules of Order

All proceedings of this organization shall be conducted under and pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, except as herein otherwise provided.

ARTICLE IX

These By-Laws may be amended at any membership meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members attending such meeting provided that written notice shall have been given to all members at least 30 days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying the members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon.