

Friends of the Winona Public Library, INC.

By-Laws

Revision to be voted on April 9, 2019

Article 1, Name

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

Article 2, Purpose

Section 1. The general purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the Winona Public Library; to stimulate the use of the library resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowment and bequests; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community; and to support the freedom to read as expressed by the American Library association Bill of Rights.

Section 2. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

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Article 3, Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals who support its purpose.

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Section 2. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Voting memberships are limited to person eighteen years of age or older.

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Article 4, Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and membership coordinator, which shall constitute the executive board.

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Section 2. There shall be at least three directors, elected for a term of three years, but not for more than two successive terms.

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Section 3. Officers and directors shall be nominated by the full board at least one month before the annual membership meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Section 4. Officer shall be elected by the majority vote of those present at the annual meeting for the term of two years and until successors are elected and qualify, but not more than two successive terms.

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Article 5, Duties of the Officers

Section 1. President: to preside over and conduct meetings and to appoint all committees and be ex-officio thereof, except as listed herein.

Section 2. Vice-President: to perform the duties of the president in the absence thereof and to undertake any additional duties as assigned by the president.

Section 3. Treasurer: to keep and maintain the financial records of the organization and to work with the membership chairperson.

Section 4. Secretary: To record attendance at all meetings; to take the minutes of all meetings; to notify members of time and place of the meetings.

Section 5. Membership Coordinator: to maintain the membership data and communicate with friends about their membership.

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Article 6, Board

Section 1. The full board shall consist of the five executive officer and the directors.

Section 2. Meeting of the full board shall be held quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section 3. A majority of the full board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. As board members donate their labor, board members are exempt from paying annual dues.

Article 7, Meetings

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

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Article 8, Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be payable annual and become due January 1, following our fiscal year of January 1 to December 31. New members joining following after October 1 shall be considered paid up for the next calendar year.

Section 2. An individual membership will be bestowed on anyone who makes a personal donation equal to or more than the cost of an individual membership.

Article 9, Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the bylaws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by 2/3rds vote of those present, after written notice to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the voting is to take place.

Article 10, Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order, revised, when not in conflict with the bylaws, shall govern the proceedings of this organization.