



BYLAWS OF **ST. LOUIS** **GATEWAY** **STORYTELLERS**

ARTICLE I NAME

The official name of the organization shall be St. Louis Gateway Storytellers.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the St. Louis Gateway Storytellers are to preserve and encourage high standards in the age-old art of the oral tradition of storytelling through membership participation in public performances, workshops, lectures, and exhibits.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

A member shall be

- 1.1 Be engaged in the art of storytelling or actively interested in the art form
- 1.2 Be willing to actively devote time and energy to fulfill the objectives of the organization
- 1.3 Pay dues for the fiscal year (January 1- December 31)

Section 2. Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated by the Executive Board for the following reasons:

- 2.1 Non payment of dues by February 28 of the current fiscal year
- 2.2 Failure to act in the best interests of the organization

ARTICLE IV DUES

Section 1. Dues

- 1.1 The amount of dues for the next fiscal year shall be determined by the membership attending the last meeting of the current fiscal year. Dues are not prorated.
- 1.2 Members shall receive a written notice of annual dues which are payable to the Treasurer by mail or at the February meeting of each calendar year.
- 1.3 A member shall be considered delinquent if dues are not paid by February 28 and shall be dropped from the membership rolls and benefits.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members-in-good standing of the organization.

Section 2. Term of Office

The term of office shall be one year from January 1 to December 31. No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 3. Duties of Officers

- 3.1 The President shall conduct all regular meetings, appoint committees, promote and execute activities of the organization, and preside as Chairperson of the Executive Board. The President shall appoint a Membership Chairperson, Program Chairperson, Publicity Chair, and Newsletter Editor and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the

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Nominating Committee. The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board at the beginning of each fiscal year and shall meet with the Executive Board at regular intervals.

- 3.2 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall assist the President at all times in such work as may be assigned. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the resignation or death of the President.
- 3.3 The Secretary shall keep copies of the minutes of all regular meetings, special meetings, and all meetings of the Executive Board.

- 3.4 The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all monies received and paid out, collect all dues, and pay all bills authorized by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall notify the Secretary of all dues collected and shall make a financial report at each regular meeting of the organization. The outgoing Treasurer shall present a written report of the financial status of the organization at the January meeting.

Section 4. Vacancy in an Office

See Article V, Section 3.2 for vacancy in the office of President. Vacancy in any other office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the four elected officers who shall be voting members and the four (4) appointed committee chairs who shall be non-voting members.

The Executive Board shall be maintained at eight (8) members.

Section 2. Executive Board Responsibilities

2.1 The Executive Board shall approve expenditures of the organization between regular organization meetings. All proposed expenditures over \$25.00 shall be presented to the membership for approval before expenditure authorized.

2.2 The Executive Board shall make recommendations of policies and programs to the membership.

Section 3. Quorum for the Executive Board

Three (3) voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at an Executive Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Executive Board. This committee will present a slate of candidates for each of the four (4) elected offices for election at the regular September meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be placed on the slate if the nominee has consented to serve if elected.

Section 2. Election

Election of officers shall be held at the regular September meeting. The candidate for each office receiving a plurality of votes from members present shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The President shall annually appoint the Chair and members of the Membership, Programs, Publicity, and Newsletter (Editor) Committees.

Section 2. Special Committees

The President shall appoint the members of Special Committees as needed.

Section 3. Committee Vacancies

Vacancy/ies on any Standing or Special Committee shall be filled by appointment by the President.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the organization shall be held at least bi-monthly on the fourth Tuesday beginning in January unless otherwise notified. The President may select another meeting date or add additional meetings provided the membership is notified of the change one (1) week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting or specially called meeting. A future meeting may be cancelled or rescheduled by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. Notice of this action by the members shall be mailed to all members one week prior to the rescheduled regular meeting.

Section 2. Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the

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President at the beginning of each fiscal year and at such other times at the discretion of the President.

Section 3. Quorum at Regular or Special Meetings of the Membership

Members in attendance at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X IRS NON-PROFIT STATUS

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers is designated (Jan. 10, 1989) by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (4) not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority approval vote of the members in attendance at any regular meeting providing written notice of the proposed amendment/s shall have been mailed to the membership one week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this organization shall be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Parliamentary procedures in all business meetings as well as organizational matters not specified in these bylaws shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

1984-Original
1998-Amended
2004-Amended
2006-Amended

