

# **CONSTITUTION**

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**THE  
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT  
OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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**ARTICLE I - NAME AND STATUS**

The Name of this organization shall be “The New England District of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.” This District is part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (**referred to as SAR**). It shall consist of the following State Societies: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. When called together as a group, it shall be called the “New England Council” (**referred to as the “NEC”**).

**ARTICLE II - OBJECT**

The objects of the Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purpose expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of the country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I - Members:** Any member in good standing in one of the State Societies listed in Article I shall be a member of the New England District Sons of the American Revolution..

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT**

**Section I - Vice President General:** At the Annual Meeting of the New England District, Sons of the American Revolution a member of the district will be elected President of the New England Council. That person will be nominee of the District for election as Vice President General at the next National Society Congress. He may not succeed himself.

Eligibility: He shall have served as either a State Society President or a Chapter President of some society within the National Society.

His duties shall consist of the following:

- Preside at the District Meetings.
- Promote the interest and activities of the National Society.
- Assist and represent the state societies of the District at the National Trustees Meetings and at the National Congress.
- Visit local Chapters and the meetings of the State Societies and encourage growth in the chapters and state Societies.
- Perform additional duties within the District as may be delegated or assigned to him by the President General, the Executive Committee, or the Board of National Trustees.
- Call a meeting of the State Presidents by telephone, e-mail or in person, if necessary on matters of great urgency.

The office of Vice President General shall be rotated through the constituent states in the following order:

Massachusetts - Vermont - New Hampshire - Rhode Island - Maine - Connecticut

If a State defers in sponsoring a candidate, the option will go to the next State in the rotation shown above.

The Vice President General must appoint a Parliamentarian who may advise him on matters pertaining to the Conduct of Meetings [in accordance with Roberts Rules]. His term shall end with the installation of the next Vice President General, although he may be reappointed.

**Section II - District Secretary:** He shall be elected at the Annual meeting of the NEC. His eligibility requirements for office are the same as for the Vice President General. He may succeed himself.

His duties shall be as follows:

- He shall be responsible for keeping the minutes and reports of this District.
- He shall be responsible for the notification of all State Society Presidents, all Chapter Presidents, all State Secretaries, all National Trustees, all Alternate National Trustees, and all former General Officers residing in the District of the time and place of each meeting of the New England Council.

**Section III - District Treasurer:** He shall be elected at the Annual meeting of the New England Council. He may succeed himself. He shall be responsible for the funds of the New England Council and render the appropriate reports to the New England Council. He shall be responsible for billing the constituent State Societies for their annual dues. He shall disperse monies as voted by the New England Council.

#### **ARTICLE V - VOTING AT DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Voting shall be by state with each State Society having a delegation of five members, chosen by the State Society.

#### **ARTICLE VI - DISTRICT MEETINGS**

The Annual Meeting of the District shall be held in the spring at a time and place to be decided by the Vice President General, in consultation with the President of the host State Society. It must be held prior to the National Congress.

There shall be a Fall Meeting of the District to be held at time and place to be decided by the Vice President General in the same manner as the Annual meeting.

The meeting of the New England Council shall have full authority to conduct such business as may regularly come before any meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### **ARTICLE VII - QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of three State Societies present, providing seven delegates be present.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - DUES**

Annually, each of the constituent State Societies shall be assessed a per capita for the support of the District. The amount of the per capita shall be set at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be changed, altered or substituted in whole or in part by a two thirds vote at the Annual Meeting.

Any proposed change to this Constitution must be published a minimum of 30 days before the Annual Meeting by the Secretary of the New England District. The proposed changes will be mailed to the Vice President General and to the President General and to the President and Secretary of each State Society.