

# **The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.**

## **Standing Rules**

**March 16, 2023**

**Standing rules are rules which are related to the details of the administration of a society rather than to parliamentary procedure, and which can be adopted or changed upon the same conditions as any ordinary act of the society (i.e., at a meeting of the Board of Assistants). If a Standing rule is adopted by the Executive committee, like all other adoptions, it must be ratified at the next meeting of the Board of Assistants.**

**Standing rules are adopted individually when the need arises. A Standing rule can be adopted by a majority vote without previous notice, provided that it does not conflict with or amend any existing rule or act of the society.**

**The following Standing Rules are enumerated to coincide with the Bylaws of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc. as amended June 19, 2021:**

### **Article II: Objectives**

**Pursuant to the Society objective of perpetuating the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers, the Society maintains a State Scholarship Program. The operation of the program under the State Scholarship chair is pursuant to the State Scholarship Policy spelled out in the Policy Manual. Currently four scholarships are awarded with values of \$5,500, \$3,500, \$2,500 and \$1,000.**

### **Article V Fees and Dues: Section 1**

#### **New Membership Application Fees**

**The New Member Application fee shall be \$245 which includes first year's dues. A family member who applies for membership at the same time as the initial applicant using the same line, who is no more distant in relationship than first cousin, will pay the Family Membership Application fee of \$215 which includes the first year's dues.**

#### **Supplemental Application Fees**

**Regular Supplemental Application fee is \$185.**

**A family member who applies for a supplemental line at the same time as an**

initial applicant using the same line, who is no more distant in relationship than first cousin, will pay the Family Supplemental Application fee of \$140.

Silver Supplemental Application fee is \$140.

#### Article V Fees and Dues: Section 3

The Annual Dues of this Society shall be \$75.

#### Article V Fees and Dues: Section 4

**(to take effect on June 17, 2023 if the proposed amendments to the bylaws passes on that day)**

A member is delinquent in payment of dues as of 31 January of the year to which the dues applied and shall be dropped from membership.

A member who has been dropped may be reinstated by the payment of the current year.

#### Article VII Officers: Section 5: a

The Recording secretary is required to distribute the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Assistants or Executive Committee within 60 days after the meeting.

#### Article VII Officers: Section 6: j

The Treasurer is required to ensure that a Directors and Officers insurance policy has been procured, which covers all elected and appointed officers including trustees on the investment committee.

The Treasurer shall make payment to the Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General for attending meetings of the General Society and/or the General Society Triennial meeting in Plymouth, \$2,500 each per meeting.

The Treasurer shall reimburse members of the Society for legitimate expenses if the expense claim has been made by February 15 of the following year.

#### Article X Colonies: Section 6

**The Treasurer shall annually pay to each colony \$4.00 per active member, both adult and junior, plus an additional flat payment of \$500.**

**From the Policy Manual: Travel While on State Business:**

**Those who pursuant to the Policy Manual are entitled to mileage reimbursement for travel on Society business are entitled to a rate of \$.50 per mile.**

**Approved by Executive Committee on 16 March 2023**