



Bylaws

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be *Friends of the Fulton Public Library*.

Article II Authorization

The Board of Trustees of the Fulton Public Library authorizes, by appropriate resolution, the establishment of this organization to function as proper for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

Article III Purposes

Section 1

The purposes of this organization shall be to promote knowledge of the function, resources, services and needs of the library and to support the library in providing services to the community.

Section 2

The organization is organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an association of persons interested in libraries.

Article IV Membership

Section 1

Membership in the organization shall be open to all interested persons in the organization without regard to race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, and physical or mental condition.

Section 2

Members will be accepted at any time during the year.

Section 3

Dues shall be accepted at any time during the fiscal year and will renew annually from the date of payment.

Section 4

Classes of membership:

- Short Story – any amount from \$1.00 to \$9.00
- Novella -any amount from \$10.00 to \$24.00
- Paperback – any amount from \$25.00 to \$34.00
- Hardcover – any amount from \$35.00 to \$49.00
- Bestseller – any amount from \$50.00 to \$99.00
- Classics – any amount \$100.00 and over

Section 5

Any changes in the dues schedule shall be the responsibility of the executive board.

Section 6

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting in June.

Article V Officers and Directors

Section 1

Officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee composed of one current officer and two active members at least one month before the annual membership meeting.

The nominations shall be made public, with the consent of the nominees, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominees.

Section 2

The officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

Section 3

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting for a term of two years, but not more than two successive terms; the president and secretary shall be elected in even years, the vice-president and treasurer in odd years.

Section 3.1

For fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, the president and secretary shall be elected for a three-year term ending 6/30/26 due to reactivation of the organization during an odd numbered year. The vice-president and treasurer will be elected for a two-year term ending 6/30/25.

Section 4

Vacancies shall be filled by executive board appointment.

Section 5

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, the members of the executive board shall not be personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the organization.

Article VI Duties of Officers

Section 1

The president shall develop meeting agenda, preside over and conduct meetings, appoint all committees, and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2

The vice-president shall be in charge of public relations and the membership drive and shall perform such other duties as requested by the president. In the president's absence, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president.

Section 3

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the organization, notify members of the executive board of upcoming meetings, keep an accurate record of membership, and be responsible for correspondence of the association as requested by the president.

Section 4

The treasurer shall keep and maintain the financial records of the association, shall make deposits and disbursements as authorized by the executive board, and shall prepare an annual financial statement to be available to members.

Article VII Executive Board

Section 1

The executive board shall consist of the elected officers of the organization plus up to six additional members appointed by the officers. The library director and one member of the library's board of trustees shall serve as ex-officio members of the executive board.

Section 2

At least four meetings of the executive board shall be held each fiscal year, which shall be from July 1 - June 30.

Section 3

A majority of the executive board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4

Rules of the procedure shall be determined by resolution of the executive board.

Article VIII Restrictions

Section 1

The revenues of the organization shall not accrue in whole or in part to the benefit of an individual.

Section 2

The members of the Friends of the Fulton Public Library shall not use their membership to promote their own self-interests.

Section 3

The organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article IX Meetings

Section 1

An annual meeting shall be held on a date in the month of June to be determined by the executive board. Public notification shall be made at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2

The executive board may call a special meeting of this association at any time.

Section 3

A majority vote is necessary to transact business at any annual meeting or special meeting. If an officer or chair is unable to attend a meeting, the officer or director is requested to give written proxy to another board member.

Article X Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, the assets shall be given to the Fulton Public Library.

Article XI Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be made at any meeting of the executive board by a two-thirds vote. The members of the executive board shall be notified at least two weeks prior to the meeting that an amendment to change the bylaws will be presented at the meeting.

Article XII Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the executive board or association may adopt.

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Jean Edley. Acting Secretary