



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 year and will renew annually from the date of membership.

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 Board of Directors.

Section 6

Each member in good standing 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 board 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, which comprise the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

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 the program 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

Board member vacancies shall be filled by Executive Committee appointment. Officer vacancies shall be filled by Executive Committee appointment through the end of the current program year.

Section 5

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, the members of the Board of Directors 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

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 upcoming meetings, keep an accurate record of membership, and be responsible for correspondence as requested by the president.

Section 4

The treasurer shall keep and maintain the financial records of the organization, make deposits and disbursements as authorized by the Board of Directors, prepare an annual financial statement, and file annual tax documents for the fiscal year January – December.

Article VII Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the organization plus five additional members appointed by the Executive Committee. The library director shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

At least four meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held each program year, which shall be from July 1 - June 30.

Section 3

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4

Rules of the procedure shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

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 Board of Directors. Public notification shall be made at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2

The Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the organization at any time.

Section 3

A majority vote is necessary to transact business at any meeting.

Section 4

All members of the Board of Directors are required to attend a minimum of nine (9) Board meetings per program year. More than three (3) unexcused absences may constitute grounds for dismissal from the Board.

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 Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote. The members of the Board of Directors 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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