

The Constitution Of The Jewish Historical Society Of Canada

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be, “The Jewish Historical Society of Canada” — Société de l’Histoire juive canadienne.

2. PURPOSE

The Jewish Historical Society of Canada shall be a national organization, established to serve as a federation of existing regional and local Jewish historical societies and archival groups, and of individuals interested in the aims and objects of the Society.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be: (a) to promote the collection, preservation, publication and popularization of material of every kind relating to the settlement, history and life of Jews in Canada; (b) the promotion, encouragement in research and the study of Jewish history in Canada; (c) the implementation of the foregoing by the Society’s promotion and participation in such programs or through existing organizations.

4. The Society shall be affiliated with the Canadian Jewish Congress and shall assist and work in close consultation with regional or local Jewish historical societies and archival groups which may from time to time be in existence.

5. MEMBERS

Any individual, organization, community institution, subscribing to the objects of the Society, or any local or regional Jewish historical society, may be eligible for membership by applying for membership upon payment of the prescribed fee, whereupon the application shall be considered by the membership committee.

There shall be the following categories of members: (a) individual persons; (b) community institutions; (c) local or regional historical societies or archival groups; such other categories or classes of membership which may from time to time be designated by the membership committee in consultation with the executive committee.

6. OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be the president, immediate past president, four vice-presidents, one from each region as follows: Eastern (Que-

bec and Maritimes), Central (Ontario), Western (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta), Pacific (British Columbia), a treasurer and a secretary.

If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices of the aforementioned, it shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the executive committee, and the person so elected shall hold his/her office for the unexpired term of the person vacating the same period.

Executive Committee — The executive committee shall be composed of the officers plus the chairmen of the following standing committees: (a) publications; (b) membership; (c) finance; (d) program; (e) academic advisory.

Board of Directors — The Board of Directors of the Society shall consist of the Executive Committee plus Board members at large including a minimum of three from each region (any region with more than one province shall be entitled to at least one representative from each province). The total membership of the board shall include officers, standing committee chairmen and members at large.

ARTICLE II

Section 1

All officers of the Society shall be elected from amongst the members of the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Society, and they shall each serve a term of three years, or until their respective successors have been elected.

Section 2

The term for which members of the Board of Directors shall be elected is three years, or until their successors have been duly elected.

Section 3

Where a member of the Board of Directors resigns or is unable to fulfill his obligations, the executive committee may, by a majority vote, select another person to hold his office for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

There shall be held not less than two meetings of the Society in each fiscal year. There shall be held an annual meeting of the Society, of which notice shall be given to all members, and there shall be at least one executive meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in different cities in alternating regions in consecutive years with at least 60 days notice given

to all members.

Section 2

Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3

Ten members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4

Fifteen members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

Standing committee chairmen shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the regional vice-presidents, immediately following the regular annual meeting and each chairman shall hold office for three years, or until their successors have been appointed. The chairman of each standing committee shall select the persons for that committee from the membership.

Section 2

A committee on nominations shall be appointed by the president at least 90 days before the triennial election meeting, such committee to consist of no less than three members. It shall be their function to nominate candidates for the position of directors to serve on the board of directors and to be elected at the annual meeting. Other nominations may be submitted for election by petition to the secretary of the Society not less than 20 days prior to the annual meeting, such petition to be signed by not less than 15 members in good standing of the Society. The committee on nominations shall report all nominations in addition to its own, to the members of the Society at the election meeting.

Section 3

The membership committee shall consist of at least three members. It shall receive and pass upon applications for membership in the Society.

ARTICLE V

The fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year. The prescribed fee for membership shall be fixed by the executive committee from time to time. The dues of the Society shall be payable annually in advance, the first day of January of each year. Any member whose annual dues shall remain unpaid for two successive years after they have become payable,

shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Society.

ARTICLE VI — AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, providing that such notice of amendment must be given in writing to the president, at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. Notice of these amendments must be circulated 30 days before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting there shall be an appointment of auditors, in addition to the election to the board.

ARTICLE VII

The registered office of the Society shall be located in the city of Montreal.