

**SONS OF NORWAY
DISTRICT LODGE NO. 1
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this District Lodge shall be “Sons of Norway District No. 1”.

ARTICLE II: TERRITORY

1. The territory of this District Lodge shall be the states of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and such other states as may be assigned by the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III: MEETING

1. The time for the District Lodge meeting shall be determined by the District Board in conjunction with the Host Lodge(s). The closing date shall not be less than forty five (45) days prior to the opening of the International Lodge meeting of the same year.

ARTICLE IV: DISTRICT OFFICERS

1. The officers of the District Lodge shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social/Cultural Director, Publicity Director, Youth Director, Sports and Recreational Director, and one Director from each Zone.

ARTICLE V: OFFICER SALARIES AND BONDING

1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall receive such compensation as determined from time to time by the District Lodge. The Board of Directors shall make recommendations to the District Lodge meeting with respects thereto.
2. The President and Treasurer shall be bonded with a minimum of \$100,000 dollars and any additional as decided by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: TRAVELING EXPENSES

1. Traveling expenses of the Delegates to the District Lodge meeting shall be the responsibility of the Local Lodge and their respective Delegates.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL LODGE

1. The delegates and alternates from the District Lodge to the International Lodge shall be elected on the basis of membership according to Zone. For this purpose, the District shall be divided, as follows, into Zones:
 1. ARROWHEAD ZONE: Aikin, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake Mille Lacs, Pine, and St. Louis Counties.
 2. SOUTHERN METRO ZONE: Carver, Dakota, Southern Half of Hennepin, Le Seuer, McLeod, Meeker, Rice, Scott, Sibley, and Washington Counties.
 3. NORTHWEST MINNESOTA ZONE: Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshal, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and Wadena Counties.
 4. WESTERN MINNESOTA ZONE: Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Ottertail, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine Counties.
 5. SOUTHERN MINNESOTA ZONE: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Martin, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pipestone, Rock, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, and Winona Counties.
 6. SOUTH DAKOTA ZONE: State of South Dakota.
 7. EASTERN IOWA: Allamakee, Appanoosa, Benton, Blackhawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Clinton, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Howard, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Mitchell, Monroe, Muscatine, Powesheik, Scott, Tama, Van Buren, Wapallo, Washington, Wayne, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, and Wright Counties. MISSOURI.
 8. TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS, AND LOUISIANA ZONE: States of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.
 9. NORTHERN METRO ZONE: Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Northern Half of Hennepin, Isanti, Morrison, Ramsey, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties.
 10. WESTERN IOWA: Adair, Adams, Audubon, Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cass, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Dickinson, Emmet, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Harrison, Humbolt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Plymouth, Ringgold, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Taylor, Union, Warren, Webster, and Woodbury Counties. NEBRASKA. KANSAS.

2. In the event new lodges are established in the District, but not within any one of the Zones herein enumerated, the District Board shall assign new lodges to the Zone within the territory it most likely belongs.
3. The District Board of Directors shall at a meeting prior to each convention, allocate to each Zone the number of delegates and alternates each Zone is entitled to in proportion to its membership.
4. Before the order of business of election, each Zone shall caucus and nominate from its members the delegates and alternates, to the International Lodge meeting, the number of delegates it is entitled to.
5. The delegates and alternates from each Zone shall be elected separately, one Zone at a time.
6. Lodges should nominate one delegate per lodge. Votes are cast by the delegates of the lodges in that Zone and nominees receiving fifty percent of the votes cast would be elected. If any positions remain unfilled, nominations would be re-opened. Votes are cast by Zone delegates and nominees with the most votes would be elected in descending order until the positions are filled. This includes pool delegates. Selection of alternates would follow the same procedure.
7. If a delegate cannot attend the International Convention, the District Secretary shall contact remaining alternates nominated from the same zone as the delegate. Failing an alternate from the same zone, the Secretary shall seek an alternate from any zone to fill the vacancy. In addition to the two delegates from the District, the District President and District Secretary as provided for by the International Lodge Constitution, the remaining fraction of three hundred members in each of the various Zones shall be pooled and an additional delegate will be chosen by the Zones contributing the greatest number of extra members to the pool. The greatest number gets the first delegate, the second greatest the second delegate, etc. This will continue in descending order until the additional number from the pool is filled.
8. This procedure will continue for the alternates where it leaves off and begins again until the appropriate number of alternates is chosen. The first alternate will fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc. In the event an elected delegate from the pool is unable to attend the International Lodge Convention, his/her place shall be filled from the pool alternates in the same order as above. In the event the pool alternate list has been depleted, the District Secretary would contact the caucus chairperson of the Zone in line for the next alternate as established above.
9. Only delegates to the International Convention who are seated and serve for the full convention will be eligible for compensation from the District. Payment of said compensation will be made at the close of the convention. In case of emergencies alternate delegates will be compensated on a prorated basis, at the discretion of the District Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. All elections for the various offices of the District shall come from the floor. Nominations for the Directors shall come from the respective Zones and elected from the floor.
2. Officers and Directors cannot succeed themselves after serving two successive terms in one office; except for the Secretary and the Treasurer who may be re-elected for more than two terms at the wish of the convention.
3. Candidates for District Officers and Directors need to have their names into the District Nominating Committee and be vetted 30 days prior to the start of the District Convention.

ARTICLE IX: REPRESENTATION TO THE DISTRICT LODGE MEETING

1. Per action of the District Lodge meeting in 1978, representation to the District Lodge meetings shall not be more than two representatives for each lodge and one representative for every 100 members or fraction thereof, that the lodge has according to the last semi-annual report before the election takes place. Each lodge shall list an alternate for each allocated delegate.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. All delegates elected to the Sons of Norway District Convention will be issued a Parliamentary Procedures Book by the District and included in the Convention Packet the Delegates receive upon registration at the convention.
2. The First District Board of Directors can hire a Sons of Norway members as long as they are qualified as a parliamentarian, and is in no way, part of the Convention. That person should have a working knowledge of the Sons of Norway.
3. The District will use the most recent published edition of Roberts Rules of Order, unless specified otherwise in the Sons of Norway Constitution and Charter.

ARTICLE XI: NOMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. After election of representatives and alternates to the International Lodge, the District Convention shall nominate its International Director(s) and Alternate(s) in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution of the International Lodge.
2. The names of the nominees must be submitted within two (2) weeks after the District Convention to the International Nominating Committee for vetting.

ARTICLE XII: AUDITOR

1. The District Lodge authorizes its District Board of Directors to elect, employ, or appoint one or more competent auditors to audit the books of the District Lodge and who shall submit a written report of each audit at least once a year.

ARTICLE XIII: BYLAW AMENDMENTS

1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District Lodge No. 1, provided notice thereof has been given by the District Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the date of said meeting.