

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO, AREA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY, INC.**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society, Inc. (Hereinafter referred to as "Society.")

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE/MISSION**

The purpose of the Society shall be to bring together those people interested in history and especially in the history of the North Baltimore, Ohio area.

The Society's mission is to discover, collect, preserve and make accessible material that establishes or illustrates the history of the North Baltimore area for the purpose of providing educational and archival resources for the community and others both now and in the future.

The Society shall provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, if feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; shall cooperate with other museums and with local, county and state officials in insuring the proper preservation of the materials and their disposition; for the restoration, conversation and display of historical materials; and shall operate a museum for that purpose.

The Society shall develop; and/or disseminate educational materials such as books, bulletins, newspaper articles and audiovisual materials for use in schools, club meetings, lectures and pageants for the purpose of recording and propagating the history of the area and of exciting larger public interest in that history.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be of three classes:

- 1) Life Active Members are any interested persons who pay lifetime dues.
- 2) Individual Active members are any interested adults who pay the annual dues.
- 3) Patron Members are any persons, groups or firms who offer special support to the Society.

**ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The annual business meeting of the Society shall be held during the month of September.

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

The officers of the Society shall be a President; a Vice-president; a Secretary and a Treasurer, shall be elected for a term of two years,

**ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by mailed secret ballots, prior to the annual meeting.

In the month of June, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. All candidates for office shall be selected from the membership.

At the July meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present their slate of candidates for each office. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this same meeting.

Ballots will be mailed to all current members, for their vote of selected candidates. Write-in candidates will be accepted. In order to be counted, a cast ballot must be returned to the current Treasurer by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

At the Annual Meeting, the new slate of officers will be announced to accept their duties as described in the bylaws.

In the event of resignation of or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall become President. In the event of any other officer vacancies, the President shall appoint a replacement.

A person who has served as an officer for one term (two consecutive years), shall not hold the same office until one term (two consecutive years), has passed except for the office of treasurer. This person shall be permitted to hold another office during this time.

## **ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven members. The Board will include the President, Vice President, Secretary and Immediate Past President and the first General Member elected from the membership. Should the Board wish to enlarge its membership, the remaining members shall be elected at large from the Membership at the next meeting following member notification in the same manner as amending the Constitution and Bylaws (See Article IX.) The Officers and the first General Member will be members of the Board of Directors for two years except for the president who will continue for a second two year term as Immediate Past President. All other Board Members will hold office for three years.

## **ARTICLE VIII . ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

All Directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by mailed secret ballots, prior to the Annual Meeting.

In the month of June, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. All candidates shall be selected from the membership.

At the July meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present their slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this same meeting.

Ballots will be mailed to all current members, for their vote of selected candidates. Write-in candidates will be accepted. In order to be counted, a cast ballot must be returned to the current Treasurer, by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

At the Annual Meeting, the new slate of Board of Directors will be announced to accept their duties as described in the bylaws.

In the event of resignation of or incapacity of a member of the Board, the remaining Board Members will appoint a replacement.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT**

This Constitution and/or its Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote of those present. The proposed amendment/s must be posted at the Historical Society and e-mailed to the membership two weeks before the meeting at which the amendments will be considered.

The above Constitution of the North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society was revised at the August 2009 monthly meeting.

After being recognized as an Ohio Corporation, the abbreviation Inc. was added to the name of the organization on 12-05-09. No vote was taken; rather it was the consensus of the members attending the 12-03-09 General Meeting that this change should simply be made to the Constitution and By Laws.