Dallas Genealogical Society Standing Rules Revisions, as of 2 Jan 2021

The Dallas Genealogical Society hereinafter referred to as “the Society”:

1. The standing rules of the Society are governed by the Society bylaws, Article Proposed changes, additions, or deletions to the standing rules must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors for approval by a majority vote of the entire board. Such rules are for the guidance of the Society officers, directors, and members and cannot conflict with these bylaws.

2. No Society member shall act in the name of the Society without the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Members of the Society shall not do research for other persons in the name of the society.

4. The members of the Society shall not give or sell the Society membership list to any non-member or organization without the approval of the Board of Directors.

5. The Society shall pay for the updating of the Society’s plaques at the Dallas Public Library. This shall be the duty of the incoming president.

6. All payments shall be approved by two officers, one of whom may be the Treasurer using payment procedures authorized by the Board. Purchases over $1500 require authorization by two officers, excluding the Treasurer.

7. The Board of Directors shall set the prices for all Society materials held for sale, and approve registration fees for fundraising events.

8. Advertising in all Society publications must have prior approval of the Executive Committee. Fees for approved advertising shall be established by the Board of Directors.

9. Announcements at regular meetings not pertaining to the Society must have been submitted in writing to the presiding officer for approval by the Board of Directors.

10. Profit-making persons or organizations are prohibited from soliciting, handing out fliers, or in any other way advertising their goods and services at Society meetings or on the premises, unless previously approved by the Board of Directors.

11. The President shall appoint a committee of two Board members and two members-at-large by the January general meeting to select recipients of the Dallas Genealogical Society Annual Service Awards. The awards shall be DGS Volunteer of the Year, DGS Award of Merit, DGS Distinguished Service Award, and DGS Heritage Preservation Award. Selection of recipients shall be based on established criteria. The awards shall be presented at the Awards Banquet in May.

12. The Board may at its discretion may provide memberships and Seminar tuition to individuals and organizations in special circumstances.

13. The President shall appoint in September a DGS member to serve as the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Delegate; position to be a 12-month term, from September 1 to August 31.
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14. Each Special Interest Group leader shall provide advance notice of speaker topics and presentations, a report of monthly attendance numbers, a copy of the SIG’s email distribution list annually. The Webmaster, and Directors of Education and Publicity shall be included in the email distribution.

15. As a gesture of appreciation for the DPL genealogy staff, for each DGS Seminar, the manager of the DPL History and Social Sciences Section or Genealogy Section may be asked to recommend one staff member who may attend a seminar at no cost. This person will officially register and will receive the same benefits as paid members (badge, syllabus, lunch, etc.).

16. Officer Election Procedures
   1. By a majority vote of the members present and voting at the general business meeting in May.
   2. The presiding officer shall accept additional nominations from the floor at the general business meeting in May, provided the nominee consents in person or in writing.
   3. OR by means of electronic balloting in accordance with the following guidelines:
      ○ The board of directors will select and document an appropriate methodology for distributing and collecting ballots.
      ○ No provision shall be made for members who do not have an email address of record associated with their membership account.
      ○ Ballots will be distributed to all members of record as of the date of the general business meeting in May within seven (7) days following the meeting.
      ○ Ballots must be returned as directed by the board within fourteen (14) days following distribution to be valid
      ○ A committee consisting of the Past President, the Director of Membership and the Director of Education will be responsible for collecting and validating all ballots and tabulating the results. Results will be communicated to the membership electronically within seven (7) days following the end of the balloting period.
      ○ If the number of valid ballots returned does not meet the quorum requirement the process will be repeated.

Once nominations have been closed the election shall proceed by the methodology previously determined by the board of directors. However, If the board has selected an in-person vote, and there are insufficient members present to establish a quorum, the vote will be conducted via electronic balloting.

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In the event that a quorum of members is not present the election will be conducted by electronic balloting as prescribed by the standing rules.

These Revised Standing Rules of the DGS were:
   • Presented by the Bylaws Revision Committee to the Board of Directors via email on: 2 Jan 2021
   • Approved by the Board of Directors on: 2 Jan 2021
   • To be effective on: 2 Jan 2021