

BYLAWS  
OF THE  
LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1. NAME. The name of the Association is The Lacey Historical Society, incorporated on September 26, 1980 under the laws of the State of Washington.

2. PURPOSES. The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes for the promotion, collection, preservation and interpretation of the history of Lacey, Washington and environs and for the Lacey Museum.

3. HISTORICAL AREA. For the purposes of designating a general historical area only, but not to limit the activities of the Society, the Lacey historical area shall consist roughly of that area known as the North Thurston School District or further defined as Lilly Road on the west, Nisqually River on the east, the Yelm School District to the south, and the waters of Puget Sound to the north; however, the historical area may be expanded by the Board of Trustees in special circumstances.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES. Any person interested in the history of Lacey, Washington and environs who applies for membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall become a member. Annual dues are \$5.00 for each member. Dues shall be payable on or before October 1 of each year. Any member in arrears of membership dues is automatically dropped from membership in the society. Every member shall be eligible to vote on all matters affecting the Society and shall be entitled to all membership privileges. Members who join the Society before December 31, 1980 shall be considered founding members but they shall have no privileges greater than any other members.

5. MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of October of each year. Meetings shall be held at the Lacey Museum or at such other place and time as the Board of Trustees directs with notice to the members. The annual meeting shall include the election of trustees and officers of the Society. Regular meetings shall be on the second Sunday of every other month unless the Board of Trustees shall set another date upon notice to the members as herein set forth. Special meetings shall be called by the President whenever he or she shall deem the same necessary or whenever he or she shall be called upon to do so by three members of the Board of Trustees. Members must be notified by mail or phone of special or irregular meetings. All notices of any special meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting. A quorum at the meetings shall consist of at least ten (10) members. Voting thereat shall be by a majority vote cast in person or by written proxy.

6. TRUSTEES. The affairs and business of the Society shall be managed by a board of seven (7) trustees, of which four (4) members shall be the officers of the Society and the additional three (3) members shall be members at large. Such trustees shall serve for the ensuing year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Regular or special meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called by the Board or the President whenever he or she deems them necessary or whenever he or she is called upon to do so by two of the trustees. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Vice-President of the Society shall be Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the Trustees present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Trustees.

7. OFFICERS. The officers of the Society shall be four (4) in number: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Society, charged with the duty of supervising all of its functions, subject to the orders of the Board of Trustees. He or she shall be ex officio a member of all committees. In the President's absence or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall also perform such other functions as the Board of Trustees may from time to time assign. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, issue notices of and keep minutes of all meetings of the Society, be custodian of the records, keep the roll of all members, and discharge such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by the Board of Trustees or President. The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and shall have the care and custody of all the funds and property of the society, which shall be disbursed by him or her only upon the order of the Board of Trustees or of the President. The Treasurer shall submit a report for the preceding year at the annual meeting and shall render special reports whenever requested to do so by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds in the name of the Society in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Trustees. Should any vacancy occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled without undue delay by the Board of Trustees.

8. COMMITTEES. Committees shall be designated and appointed by the Board of Trustees as may be required.

9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order, current edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Society, except in such cases as are governed by by-law.

10. AMENDMENTS. The by-laws of the Society may be amended or revised or repealed by the Board of Trustees by unanimous vote of all trustees, or by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting or at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of any such meeting contains a summary of the proposed amendment.