



Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, NJ

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Summary of proposed changes to Bylaws

Proposed changes are listed below:

1. To better describe the organization the word “**Historical**” was incorporated throughout the document;
2. **Article II Mission focus** - The mission focus was expanded to include scholarships.
3. **Article IV Trustees/officers**: their election and duties -**section 6: Publicity** was renamed Public Relations and Publicity Chairperson was renamed Public Relations Chairperson.
4. **Article IV section 9 Trustee** becomes “Trustees-at-Large” and the “duties will be determined by the Board of Trustees” one will oversee the administration of the scholarships.
5. **Article IV Section 10 Establishes an Advisory Council for the HPSUT Board.** The creation of an Advisory Council to provide expertise as needed.
6. **Article IV section 11 Elections** – the election of Trustees/Officers will occur in November by a “simple” majority vote instead of a “2/3” vote.
7. **Article V Committees section 4** establishes a Scholarship Committee and spells out its purpose and duties;
8. **Article V Committees section 5** establishes a Museum Committee and spells out its purpose and duties;
9. **Article VI Membership and Volunteers – section 1 Qualifications** - Clarifies and expands the qualifications for a paid membership and notes that volunteers may or may not be paid members;
section 2a Responsibilities – explains the responsibilities of members and volunteers, including abiding by the Ethics policy found in Addendum 1 of the Bylaws;

section 2b changes the September 1 date to June 1 for new members to receive membership extending into the following year;

ARTICLE VI Section 3: VOTING RIGHTS

Members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote each on any subject properly brought before any meeting of the Historical Society, provided that member is present. Business and Organization Memberships are not entitled to a vote. No vote may be cast in proxy.

10. **Article VII Meetings section 1 – Frequency (b)** This section set Board of Trustees meetings will be held monthly,
(e) establishes the procedure for holding “Special Meetings”,
section 2 Procedures (d) establishes who may attend meetings;
11. **Article X Society Assets section 2 Expenditures** – This section is completely revised and both Capital and Operating expenses are defined including a statement on having adequate insurance coverage. Procedures for the expenditures of funds is explained;
12. **Addendum 1 HPSUT Ethics Policy-** The policy is being modified to include Members. Two additional paragraphs are added – **paragraph 13** This policy shall be Affirmed by signature at election of officer and/or appointment.

Paragraph 14 Consequence in the failure to abide this policy will be decided by members of the Board of Trustees selected by the President.

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Revised Summary to be forwarded to membership Final vote to be conducted in April 2024

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