

# STANISLAUS RESEARCHER

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## EXTRA!

Welcome to a very special issue of our newsletter. The Board of Directors, in an effort to reduce the huge costs associated with publishing, printing, folding, and stapling, sorting and mailing our newsletter to all of our members, has elected to try using the electronic medium of the Internet for our distribution. We will continue to include all of the articles, hints, information and news found in all of our past issues. The ONLY difference will be your assistance by accessing the newsletter on our Society website. You can still print it, if you wish.

### The Board of Directors

*Happy Holidays to you from your President and Board of Directors. May your stocking contain a clue or two that will help you in your endless search for that elusive ancestor. A ladder to climb that infamous brick wall would make my Christmas merrier.*



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**Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Genealogical Society of  
Stanislaus County, Inc.**

## ARTICLE V-DUES

*Section 4 of the dues portion of the by-laws conflicts with the standing rules, and with itself. Eliminating all of it except the first sentence will clarify it and make it possible to have a dues change without the problem of changing the amount before the annual meeting in January. Officially that is the only time that we can change anything that is in the by-laws.*

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of annual dues. ~~Notice of dues increase shall be in writing to members at least 30 days prior to the Annual meeting and shall be presented to the general membership at this Annual meeting. A 2/3 vote of members attending is required for approval.~~

## ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

### A. OFFICERS

*The change to two year terms for the directors has made Section 2 completely wrong. It needs some changes to be correct. The additional statements will clarify and legitimize.*

Section 2. The OFFICERS shall be elected and installed at the November meeting ~~for a term of one(1) year.~~—They shall assume their duties of office as of January first, following the election.

The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a term of one year. The Directors at Large shall serve for a term of two years. Chairs one, three and five will be elected to serve terms beginning in the odd numbered years and chairs two and four will be elected to serve terms beginning in the even numbered years.

*Section 3 refers to appointed officers. We have not had a parliamentarian in many years. This could be a committee chairmanship appointed by the president if there is need. The corresponding secretary is a useful position and can be maintained. Many organizations combine the two secretaries into one position. The auditor cannot be an appointed officer and a committee chairperson too.*

Section 3. ~~The APPOINTED OFFICERS shall be Corresponding Secretary, Auditor and Parliamentarian. They shall be appointed by the President with the advice of the Board.~~

Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the president with the advice of the Board.

*Section 10. would be deleted as it refers to the Parliamentarian.*

~~Section 10. The Parliamentarian shall serve on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and in an advisory capacity on the Bylaws Committee.~~

*Section 11. would be deleted as it refers to the Auditor as an appointed officer.*

~~Section 11. The Auditor shall be appointed by the President. Two other members selected by the chairperson forming a committee of three audit the books of the~~

~~Treasurer, submit a written report at the Annual Meeting and at such other times as requested by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.~~

## ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Because Section 3 relates to thr term of office for directors it needs to be changed. In reality we do not expect the Board to fill vacancies, so it could well be left off.*

~~Section 3. The term of each Director shall be one (1) year, or that portion of an unexpired term of office.~~

~~They shall fill all vacancies on the Board.~~

Section 3. The term of each Director shall be 2 years, or that portion of an unexpired term of office.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing at the Annual meeting, provided that the amendment has been proposed by the Board of Directors or Bylaws Committee, and provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member at least thirty (30) days before the Annual meeting.

These amendments were presented by the By-Laws Committee to the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting and approved for presentation to the membership. You will be asked to vote on these at the January Annual Meeting.

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