

THE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY OF OREGON
By Laws

Article I. NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as “The Covered Bridge Society of Oregon”.

Article II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The organization shall have for its purpose:

- A. Promoting the study of the history and construction of Oregon’s covered bridges;
- B. Assisting in the preservation and restoration of the remaining covered bridges in Oregon, including endowments as voted by the membership.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Any person may become a member of the organization upon receipt of formal application and payment of the required dues for one year (calendar).

Section 2. Annual dues for individual members shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. The dues shall be payable in advance. Members who have not paid dues prior to March 31 of the following year shall be dropped from the mailing list and shall forfeit all privileges of membership.

Section 3. Honorary membership shall consist of those persons or organizations who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation or restoration of Oregon’s covered bridges. Honorary membership shall be conferred upon an affirmative vote of 2/3 of those present at the annual meeting.

Article IV. ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held in May. Regular meetings shall be held monthly except December and January, or as called by the president.

Article V. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the appointive positions of Historian and Newsletter Editor and Chapter Representatives.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected for one year by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. No person shall succeed to the same office for longer than two consecutive years.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee, and shall appoint the Historian and Newsletter Editor.

Section 5. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside.

Section 6. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall carry on correspondence as necessary on behalf of the organization.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay necessary bills and keep proper account of all income and expenditures, subject to an annual audit. Funds of the organization shall be deposited in a known bank with withdrawal by both signatures of the President and Treasurer/Secretary of the organization. The Treasurer shall present a Treasurer's report at all regular meetings.

Article VI. REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. The statewide organization may, as membership warrants, form regional chapters to more effectively pursue the goals of the organization. Each chapter will be encouraged to elect a representative to the organization.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Program: Responsible for providing programs and speakers when required. The Vice-President shall act as chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 2. Historian: Act as a collecting agent of data, photographs, and research elements of covered bridge lore. The Historian shall act as chairman of the Historical Committee. Material collected by the Historian on behalf of the Society shall become the property of the Society.

Section 3. Publications: Responsible for collecting articles and preparing authorized materials for publication by the organization. The Newsletter Editor shall act as chairman of the Publication Committee.

Section 4. Publicity: Responsible for providing publicity and public relations for the Society.

Section 5. Other committees may be appointed by the President.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to those by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, with written notice having been given at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article IX. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of the Society, all assets (cash, records, or any tangible property) shall revert to either the Hugh Morrow Collection, Salem Public Library or Special Collections Division, University of Oregon Library.