

Constitution of the Brazosport Archaeological Society

1. NAME – Brazosport Archaeological Society

I. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION – The Purpose of the Brazosport Archaeological Society shall be:

- A. To foster an active interest in the discovery, conservation and salvage of archaeological sites and in recording and preserving archaeological remains and data in harmony with scientific procedures.
- B. To bring together persons with similar interests in the subject of archaeology, thereby creating an atmosphere conducive to the exchange of information and ideas. In the study of archaeology, in the collection of materials and data, and in the publication of archaeological information, this Society will endeavor, in every way practicable to sponsor projects and promote investigations intended to instill a wider public understanding, appreciation of archaeology and the related fields of science.
- C. The goals of the Brazosport Archaeological Society are to work in harmony with the stated objectives, rules and by-laws of the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science and make it a policy of the Society to make available all of its' data and information.
- D. Activities of the Society shall be limited exclusively to the pursuit of these scientific and educational functions. These activities shall remain within the scope of all Federal and State antiquity laws.

II. STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. All business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- B. The Society will be guided by a board of five Directors consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Society member-at-large.
- C. The Directors will be elected from the membership by popular vote annually and will serve for one year. Elections will be held at the first meeting in September. In the event that any of the Directors cannot serve after elected, they will be replaced by election if the unexpired term of office is more than four months, the Board will appoint a Society member to serve the remaining term of office.
- D. The Directors will be empowered to handle all matters concerning policy and the President will handle emergency decisions and matters of a routine nature.
- E. Any member desiring to present items of interest, questions of policy, etc., should present these in writing to the Board of Directors for considered action. The Board of Directors is to respond either in writing to the person of in presentation to the general membership in a reasonable time.
- F. The following standing committee may function to further the Society's activities:
 - i. Education
 - ii. Field Trips
 - iii. Nominating

- iv. Programs
- v. Publications
- vi. Publicity
- vii. Social
- viii. Society Historian

G. The board of Directors will establish additional committees at such times that committees are deemed necessary.

H. Dues will be payable annually on or before November 1. Dues for new members joining the Society will be based on the number of months remaining in our year which ends September 30. Membership structure of the Society will be as follows: Student Membership; Active Membership; Family Membership; Contributing Membership and Life Membership. Dues shall be established by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.



I. In the event the Brazosport Archaeological Society passes out of existence any remaining assets in the treasury will be distributed to an organization recognized under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

J. The Brazosport Archaeological Society is a non-profit organization.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership application is extended to all mature persons who have an interest in the pre-history and history of man and who are in sympathy with the purposes and objectives of this Society.
- B. Any member who demonstrates an unwillingness to abide by the stated goals and objectives of the Society, may have their membership revoked by a majority vote of the Directors of the Society.

IV. PLEDGE

All persons applying for membership, shall be obliged to sign the following statement:

“I, _____, have read the constitution of this Society and pledge to adhere to the purposes and objectives of this organization. I further pledge that I will not intentionally engage in any pursuit which will lead to the destruction of Archaeological sites, materials and records.”

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution shall be made by two-thirds majority vote of members at any regular meeting, provide the proposed amendment shall have been filed with the Directors and read to the membership no less than one month prior to the regular meeting at which the vote is called.

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