

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The name of the organization shall be UE Loyalists Bridge Annex

AIMS

The aims of the Group shall be to provide a virtual connection point for individuals with an interest in the history of focus of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC) who may not have a particular affiliation to joining any of the other physical branches (e.g., no family and/or regional connection), or finds membership in an active virtual branch to be the preferred means to connecting with UELAC either as their primary branch, or as a secondary membership. This group will benefit those interested in: UE Loyalist history, Canadian history, American Revolution history, and pre and post-Revolutionary history, who are seeking to engage in history preservation through discussion, research, and sharing. This branch will attract individuals mainly in Canada and the United States of America, but will appeal to a wider global audience.

NON-PROFIT STATEMENT

The Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in furtherance of its purposes.

POWERS

To further these aims the committee shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group.
- (b) Associate local authorities, voluntary organizations and the residents of North America in a common effort to carry out the aims of the Group.
- (c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Voting membership shall be open to all members over the age of 16 who support the aims of the group.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by the committee before a final decision is made.

Any member over the age of 16 years, who is in good standing (membership paid) in the calendar year in which voting is required, shall have the right to do so. Those not meeting these standards shall be considered *non-voting members*.

Any member, whether holding a primary or secondary membership, shall have the right to vote, if the above conditions are met.

Members' meetings will be held virtually, this includes the Annual General Meeting (AGM), meaning means such as: Skype, interactive communications (private social media platforms), via email discussion group and voting timelines, etc., will be used to inform and engage the membership of this branch.

All information gathered for the purposes of membership shall adhere to the Principles of Data Protection, as detailed in the Data Protection Act 1998.

MANAGEMENT

- (a) A Board of Directors elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall manage the Group.
- (b) The committee shall consist of a chair, secretary, treasurer, and two (2) other voting members.
- (c) The committee shall meet at least twice (2) times each year, via telephone conference, skype, or any other electronic meeting means.
- (d) At least 3 committee members must be present, in person or electronically, at a committee meeting to be able to make decisions.
- (e) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.
- (f) The Directors/Trustees shall serve as such without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from their position as such, provided that directors may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties

GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 12 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter. This meeting may be held electronically.
- (b) Notices of the AGM shall be published three weeks beforehand and a report on the Group's financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time. All notices will be given via electronic methods.
- (c) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of the committee, or not less than one quarter of the membership. A notice explaining the place, date, time and reason shall be sent to all members three weeks beforehand.
- (d) One third of membership or four members being present, whichever is the greater, shall enable a General Meeting to take place. Attendance may be electronically.
- (e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the secretary at least 28 days before a general meeting and approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

ACCOUNTS

- (a) The funds of the group including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The funds belonging to the group shall be applied only to further the aims of the group.
- (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.

DISSOLUTION of the Corporation & Distribution of Income

- (a) Any distribution of income of the Corporation during its lifetime or of earned surplus in the event of winding up the Corporation, to any Member or for the personal benefit of any member of the Corporation is prohibited.
- (b) Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after the payment of all debts and liabilities, any remaining surplus of the Corporation, shall be distributed or disposed of to charitable organizations that are registered under the Income Tax Act with the purposes that are beneficial to communities of United Empire Loyalists.

Signed by Chair.....
Date.....

Signed by Secretary/Treasurer.....
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