

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
BLEECKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
As amended May 6, 2013

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this Society shall be: Bleecker Historical Society

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Society shall be:

1. To promote and encourage original historical research;
2. To disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of the State of New York and particularly the Town of Bleecker and its environs;
3. To gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and material relating to the history of the State of New York and particularly of the Town of Bleecker and the surrounding area;
4. To encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest; and
5. To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and preserve and maintain such sites and structures.

All of the above subject to action by membership of the Society.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be of four classes:

1. Individual, family, members—Any person or family group interested in the purpose of the Society shall be eligible.
2. Contributing and sustaining members—A person, organization Board, school, or library or firm offering special support to the objectives of the Society shall be eligible.
3. Lifetime members—Any person or family group interested in the purpose of the Society shall be eligible.

4. Honorary members—Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whose activities have contributed to the objectives of the Society. Honorary members shall be elected by a three-fourth vote of the members present at an annual meeting, upon nomination by the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE IV ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held during the month of November.

#### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SECTION 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary who shall be elected for a term of one year; and a treasurer and three trustees who shall be elected for a term of three years.

SECTION 2. The four officers and three trustees shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SECTION 1. All officers and trustees shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast either by secret ballot or by show of hands (as determined by the members present) at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. A Committee on Nominations, appointed by the chairperson of the Board of Trustees, shall compile a slate of candidates to be presented at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Nominations may also be made by any member of the Society at any time prior to balloting at the annual meeting. A candidate for election shall be an individual, active member.

SECTION 4. A person who has been elected to the Board of Trustees as a trustee or treasurer for two consecutive terms; i.e., a total of six years, or elected as president or vice-president or secretary for three consecutive terms; i.e., a total of three years, shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year elapses between the end of his or her last term and the beginning of the term for which he or she is nominated.

SECTION 5. Officers and trustees shall be installed at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of resignation or incapacity of any officer except the president, the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Board of Trustees for the unexpired term of office. Vacancy in the office of president is covered in the Bylaws – Article III, Section 2.

#### **ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property (excluding real property) of the institution shall after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or, to another organization to be used in such manner as in judgment of a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will best accomplish the general purposes for which the Society was formed. Organizations to which such assets and property are distributed, if such assets of property are in the nature of scientific or cultural material, shall have collections management policies similar to the Society. Real property shall revert back to its deed holder.

**ARTICLE VIII  
AMENDMENT**

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of membership present provided notice was given at the previous meeting; or it may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Adopted at meeting held on May 6, 2013.

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Eliza Jane Darling, President

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Kathryn Evans, Secretary