

**BYLAWS
OF
HILL COUNTRY ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
(Adopted: May 21, 2016)**

Article I

The name of this "Association" shall be:
"The Hill Country Archeological Association"

Article II

- (a) The purpose of this Association shall be to bring together persons with an active interest in the archeology and prehistoric heritage of the Hill Country of Texas in an atmosphere conducive to the exchange of information and ideas;
- (b) To educate the public about archeological preservation;
- (c) To promote scientific archeological investigation and documentation;
- (d) To preserve the archeological materials and records of the region;
- (e) and to interpret and publish data attendant thereto.

Article III

- (a) Membership shall be extended to all persons who are in agreement with the purposes of the Association and by payment of the prescribed annual dues, pending approval of the application by the Board of Directors. The Board reserves the right to decline an application, and the decision of the Board is final.
- (b) All members shall agree to abide by the following statement of ethics:

"I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any Texas and Federal Antiquities Statutes, as same now exist, or shall be hereafter amended or enacted, or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data or disregard proper archeological field techniques."

Article III (con't)

- (c) Membership may be terminated by one of the following reasons:
 1. Resignation by filing a written resignation with the Association Secretary.
 2. Non-payment of dues.
 3. Suspension or removal by the Board of Directors with a majority vote; the decision of the Board is final.

Article IV

Meetings shall be held every other month (bi-monthly) at a location designated by the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors shall be empowered to call special meetings when necessary.

Article V

- (a) The government of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors elected at large.
- (b) A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.
- (c) Approval/decline of a motion to the Board of Directors may be accomplished through a majority vote of a quorum of those Board members present at a Board meeting. Four (4) Board members shall constitute a quorum. Also the Board may vote on a motion through email (E-vote), which is the only other accepted format in which the Board may vote. A majority of E-votes shall be required to approve the motion, provided that sufficient E-votes are received to constitute a quorum. Results will be incorporated into the minutes of the next meeting.

Article VI

The officers shall be elected by popular vote annually and shall serve one year. The first meeting of the calendar year will be the annual business meeting at which time officers will be elected and take office.

In the event any of the Directors cannot serve after elected, the Board will appoint a member to serve the remaining term of office.

Article VII

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any business meeting, provided the membership has been notified at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of intention to amend and the nature of the proposed amendment.

Article VIII

- (a) Membership categories will be as follows:
 - Student (fulltime only)
 - Individual, Institutions, and Societies
 - Family (includes spouse and children to age 21)
 - Contributing (includes spouse and children to age 21)
 - Supporting (includes spouse and children to age 21)
 - Lifetime (includes spouse and children to age 21)
- (b) Dues for each membership category shall be established by Board of Directors.
- (c) Renewals for current year not paid by March will be considered delinquent. Delinquent members will not be permitted to participate in Association activities.
- (d) New membership dues are payable at any time and will receive all prior publications for the current year.

Article IX

Officers must be members in good standing.

Article X

- (a) Expenses of the Association will be delineated in an annual budget which will be approved by the Board.
- (b) The President shall not authorize any non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$100.00 without approval of the Board.

Article XI

The President will appoint committees at such time as committees are deemed necessary. All committees appointed by the President shall cease to exist upon the expiration of that President's term of office unless specifically requested to continue their organization and purpose by the President Elect.

Article XII

Special awards may be determined by the Board.

(Adapted from Southern Texas Archeological Association By-Laws)