**Captain Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter Bylaws**

Wisconsin Society

Sons of the American Revolution

August 14, 2022

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Captain Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter, Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1 – All elections shall be held at the April Meeting. The April meeting shall be held before the WISSAR State Society annual meeting or at such time and place as the executive committee shall decide.

Section 2 – The chapter shall meet at quarterly in each year at such time and place as the executive committee shall decide.

Section 3 – Special meetings of the chapter may be called at the request of two members in good standing, or at the direction of the president.

Section 4 – Chapter meetings shall be in person. In times of emergency meetings may be conducted in person, by electronic means or a combination of the two through use of any means of communication by which all individuals participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. The president shall consult with the Executive Committee, if possible, as to how the meeting shall be attended.

ARTICLE IV – QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the president, or if he is unable to attend, then the natural succession of officers, and two-chapter members in attendance.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of this chapter shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. The secretary and treasurer may be combined into one position as secretary/treasurer as needed. In times of Emergency, the Vice President can perform the jobs of Secretary and Treasurer until that position is filled.

Section 2 – Duties of Officers:

President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the chapter. He shall appoint all committees and chairs. He shall perform such duties as shall pertain to his office. The President is a member of all committees except for the audit committee.

Vice President. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president. He will serve as chairman of the audit committee. In the event that the President cannot fulfill the duties of President, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President and appoint a Vice President.

Secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the chapter, recording the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner, and keeping the register of all members. He shall advise the WISSAR secretary of the membership, notification of all meetings and conduct the correspondence of the chapter. He shall, in the absence of the president and vice-president, preside over chapter meetings. He shall maintain the current membership roster. He shall be responsible for preparing all reports required for WISSAR and NSSAR. He and/or the chapter treasurer shall be responsible for filing the required state and/or federal tax reports.

Treasurer. The treasurer is in charge of collecting, safekeeping, depositing all funds of the chapter, disbursing funds only within budgeted accounts unless there is prior approval of the president. He shall maintain the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time. He and/or the secretary shall be responsible for filing the required state and/or federal tax reports. He will serve as the chairman of the budget committee.

Section 3 – Executive Committee. Comprised of the current elected officers and the immediate past-president. If the immediate past-president is not available the previous past-president shall take his place.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers shall be elected at the April meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successor is elected. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by vote of the chapter or appointed by the president to fill the vacant term. The officers take office at the annual meeting in which they are elected.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership Types:

A - Regular Membership - Any man attaining the age of eighteen (18) shall be eligible for membership who is in good standing of the Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

B - Junior Membership- Any male new born to age 18 in good standing of the Wisconsin Sons of the American Revolution.

C – Lifetime Membership – Any member with National Lifetime Membership that keeps his state and chapter dues current.

Section 2 – The expulsion of any lineal member of the chapter will require the same procedures and rules outlined in Article XII of the WISSAR Bylaws.

Section 3 – Any member, with dues up to date, shall be considered a member in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Committees shall consist of a Committee Chair who is appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee and as many members as the members as deemed necessary by the President and Committee Chair or wish to volunteer. Any member in good standing is eligible to be on a committee.

All committees are to be ad-hoc.

All officer candidates shall be nominated from the floor.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or altered at any meeting of the chapter by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting Said amendment(s) or alteration(s) having been provided in writing to active members at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s)/alteration(s) are to be considered.

Article X – Finances

All expenses over $200.00 must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee.