

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEPRESSION GLASS SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

**Section 1.** The name of the organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Depression Glass Society (RMDGS).

**Section 2.** The place in this state where the principal office of the Society is to be located is the City and County of Denver.

**Section 3.** Said Society is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Society shall exist:

- To aid in the preservation of American-made Depression Era glass and china;
- To provide members with an opportunity to exchange knowledge, thereby broadening the knowledge of all members;
- To promote public interest in studying, collecting and preserving Depression Era glass and china;
- To further support the preservation of said glass and china through contributions to other organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3).

**Section 4.** No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure for the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I, Section 3 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Section 5.** Upon the dissolution of the society, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the society is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** The membership of the RMDGS shall be divided into two classes: Adult and Junior.

**Section 2.** The adult members shall constitute the governing body of the RMDGS, from which all officers shall be chosen.

**Section 3.** A junior member shall be an individual under 16 years of age. A junior member shall have all of the privileges of an adult member, except the right to vote and to hold office.

**Section 4.** Visitors will be welcome at all meetings and will be encouraged to become RMDGS members.

**Section 5.** Members shall receive, at least annually, a list of the RMDGS's current members.

**Section 6.** Members shall receive a copy of the RMDGS's Constitution and Bylaws whenever it is revised.

ARTICLE III: DUES

The annual dues will be as specified in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The elective officers of the RMDGS shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary, each elected for a term of one year, and Treasurer, elected for a term of two years. Officers shall serve without compensation. No individual may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. An individual may serve more than two consecutive terms with the consent of the membership.

**Section 2.** The officers shall have the usual duties delegated to their respective offices and as specified in the bylaws.

**Section 3.** Each officer, at the expiration of his/her term of office, shall deliver to his/her successor all books, records, moneys, papers, or other property of the RMDGS in his/her possession.

**Section 4.** Upon the resignation or removal of an officer, a special election shall be held to elect a successor to complete said officer's term of office.

**Section 5.** Officers may be removed for nonperformance of duties or other compelling reasons. A majority vote of a quorum is required after notification has been given to the entire membership that such action is to be considered.

**Section 6.** One or more of the officers, or someone personally appointed to represent them, shall be present at any meeting or function officially involving the RMDGS.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

The President may appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the RMDGS. The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all committees.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

**Section 1.** Regular meetings will be held as specified in the bylaws.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the RMDGS or its officers may be called by the President, if deemed necessary.

**Section 3.** A quorum shall consist of the voting membership present at any regular or special meeting. All meetings must be announced in advance.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The constitution and bylaws may be altered or amended only by a majority vote of a quorum after notification of said changes to all members and allowing for the submission of absentee ballots.

**Section 2.** All amendments will go into effect immediately upon passage.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President to select a slate of officers for the coming fiscal year.

**Section 2.** The slate of nominees will be presented at the meeting specified in the bylaws. Nominations from the floor may be made at this meeting with the prior written consent of the nominee.

**Section 3.** Officers will be elected by secret ballot, or by voice acclamation during a regularly scheduled club meeting.

**Section 4.** Absentee ballots will be available upon request for those unable to attend the meeting at which officers are to be elected.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the beginning of that meeting.

**Section 5.** Ballots must be counted and the results announced by the Nominating Committee.

**Section 6.** A simple majority vote of a quorum is required for the election of the slate of officers.