

**KEWEENAW KERNEWEK:
THE CORNISH CONNETION OF THE COPPER COUNTRY**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the KEWEENAW KERNEWEK: THE CORNISH CONNECTION OF THE COPPER COUNTRY.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to preserve the Cornish heritage and identity; to strengthen ties with Cornwall; and to strengthen ties with Cornish relatives here and abroad.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. QUALIFICATIONS

Membership shall be open to any person of Cornish heritage or any person in full accord with the stated purpose of the organization.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES A. Each member is entitled to one vote.

B. Dues paying members shall receive one copy of all mailings of the organization.

SECTION 3. DUES

A. The amount of dues shall be set at the annual meeting of the organization. After June 1993 .the organization or its Board of Directors shall determine the membership year.

B. Payment of dues shall not be a condition for membership in the organization. Payment of dues shall entitle the member to mailings of the organization.

SECTION 4. RECORDS

A membership listing containing the names of all members of record since the inception of the organization shall be maintained by the secretary's office and shall be accessible to all members..

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I. The elected officers of the organization shall be: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; and three (3) Board Members all of whom shall constitute the seven member Board of Directors.

A. All officers shall be Directors of the Board.

B. All Officers and Board Members shall assume office immediately upon adjournment of the election meeting.

C. An officer or board member may resign by submitting a resignation to the Board of Directors. An officer or board member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board shall fill any such vacancy until the next annual meeting or scheduled election.

SECTION II. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. The President shall preside over meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The president shall supervise the work of the officers and committees and may be a member of all committees.

B. In the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President.

C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings which shall become the permanent records. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence. The secretary shall maintain a list of members.

D. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, pay all bills, be responsible for all funds, keep reports, and submit those reports on the status of the Treasury when requested. Payment of expenditures in excess of thirty-five dollars must be approved by the Board of Directors or general membership. Financial records shall be submitted to the Board annually for auditing. The President shall have access to financial records at all times.

E. The Board of Directors shall conduct the affairs of the organization between membership meetings. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the orders of the membership and none of its acts shall conflict with said orders.

F. The Board of Directors shall create permanent and special committees as may be deemed necessary; shall define the duties and responsibilities of such committees; and shall require reports from the chairperson at meetings of the board or membership.

G. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy which may occur in any of the offices or on the board, or any vacancy created by an increase in the authorized number of

Directors. Such appointments shall be for the time until the next annual meeting or scheduled election.

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ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Committees shall be created as deemed necessary to promote the objectives and to carry out the work of the organization.

SECTION 2. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors; by the general Membership during a scheduled or special meeting; or may select those committees in which they are interested.

SECTION 3. Committees will consist of a number of members as decided by the Board or membership and should be composed of those willing to serve. A Committee Chairperson will be elected by committee members at its organizational meeting.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Officers and Directors of the organization shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Each must be a member in good standing in the organization.

SECTION 2. The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. The candidate with the largest number of votes shall be elected.

SECTION 3. A nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members of the organization shall be appointed by the President two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting to draw up a slate of officers for the elections. Any member nominated must have consented to serve if elected. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

A. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the dates and at the places to be set by the Board of Directors or the General Membership. All regular meetings shall be open to the public.

B. The Annual Meeting shall be held during January .

C. A Quorum shall consist of those members in attendance.

D. Notice of all membership meetings shall be given to every member of the organization by any means that will insure a reasonable advance notification in order to plan for attending the meetings.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS.

A. The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary. The President or a quorum may call a meeting of the Board.

B. A quorum shall consist of three (3) Board members

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ARTICLE IX. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.

The membership shall discuss and adopt norms for the conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION I. These by-laws may be amended by a vote with 2/3 majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a membership meeting.

SECTION 2. An amendment to these by-laws shall be presented at a regular or special membership meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 3. A notice of intent to amend these by-laws shall be given to every member of the Society at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the membership meeting at which the amendment is presented. Said notice may be presented by any means which will assure a timely receipt of the notice.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION

The organization shall seek to establish affiliations with local. State. Regional. National. and International organizations that share its purpose and goals.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

In the event the organization shall become inactive. the organization will be dissolved. Any liabilities and obligations will be satisfied with monies in the organization treasury .and the remaining money shall be donated to a legally entitled non-profit organization. Any collections and materials will be offered to a library with. or in need of. a Cornish

section. All records of proceedings and membership files shall be turned over to the archives of an established institution

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Suggested Meeting Norms

The Officers and/or Board members will be responsible for preparing meeting agenda. Members wishing to have items on the agenda should contact the President prior to the meeting.

Agenda items will be communicated to members at the start of the meeting. The President shall be the chairperson in charge of conduct of meetings. The chairperson shall be responsible for keeping order at the meetings.

The secretary will keep minutes of each meeting and will submit the minutes to the membership for approval at each subsequent meeting.

The treasurer will issue a monthly report to the membership at each meeting. A quorum shall consist of those present at any meeting.

A voting majority shall consist of 51% of members present at any regularly scheduled membership meeting .

In the event of prolonged discussion, the chairperson shall be responsible for establishing closure.

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