

Constitution of Saskatchewan Festival of Words Inc.

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Saskatchewan Festival of Words Inc., hereinafter also called the Organization.

II. Goals and Objectives

Saskatchewan Festival of Words is an enterprise established by volunteers dedicated to creating and promoting events that celebrate, in various formats, the imaginative uses of language to entertain and stimulate readers and listeners. Its objectives are to:

- A. provide stimulating experiences in the imaginative uses of language in a festive atmosphere
- B. appeal to a wide variety of ages, interests and tastes with written and non-written uses of words including fiction, poetry, nonfiction, editing, publishing, song, drama, and other artistic forms related to these genres
- C. give educational reading-related experiences for children and youth
- D. create opportunities for established and beginning writers and, where possible, artists in other fields
- E. promote reading and literacy

III. Membership

- A. Membership is open to anyone interested in the goals and objectives of the organization.
- B. A membership fee is to be determined by the board of directors subject to approval at the next meeting of members.
- C. There shall be an annual meeting of members at a place and time fixed by the previous annual meeting or by the board of directors.
- D. The activities of the organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or accretions thereto shall be used solely to promote the goals and objectives of the Organization.

IV. Directors

- A. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than sixteen members.
- B. When a vacancy occurs or when the Board has fewer than eighteen members, the board of directors may appoint directors from among the membership of the

Organization.

- C. The board of directors shall choose from among their number a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and any other officers they deem advisable.
- D. Directors shall hold office for two-year terms.
- E. No director shall receive payment for services to the organization, but a director may be entitled to reimbursement for out-of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the organization.
- F. A simple majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.
- G. Meetings shall be called by the President in consultation with the directors.

V. Amendments

- A. Proposed amendments to the constitution must be signed by three members and must be either submitted in writing to the board of directors as set out in Clause V.B or circulated in written form to all members at least fifteen days prior to a general meeting of members.
- B. The board of directors shall cause any notice of motion to amend the constitution received at least thirty days prior to a general meeting of members to be circulated to all members as an official notice of motion at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.
- C. All changes to the constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of members and, if approved, will be filed with those organizations with whom the organization is registered.

VI. Dissolution

Subject to the provisions of the *Non-Profit Corporations Act*, in the event of the dissolution of the Organization, the remaining property and assets of the Organization shall, after the payment of all liabilities, be distributed to a registered charitable corporation or corporations with a mandate similar to the objectives of the Organization, or to the Moose Jaw Public Library, as decided by the board of directors.

VII. **Date:** , 2010