

CONSTITUTION OF THE
SCHMUCKER-SMOKER-SMUCKER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Article I. NAME

This organization shall be called the Schmucker Smoker Smucker Family Assn., Inc.

Article II. INCORPORATION

- A. This Corporation will have the purposes or powers as may be stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and such powers as are now or may be granted hereafter by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1972 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any successor legislation.
- B. The Board of Directors shall serve as the members of the corporation.
- C. A current list of the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors shall be kept on file at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. The address of the Society shall be considered the legal address of this Corporation.

Article III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. To plan a membership meeting every five years and other periodic meetings or reunions for people interested in the family heritage.
- B. To encourage and coordinate historical research as it relates to the family.
- C. To promote interest in the family heritage with items such as newsletters, correspondence, seminars, tours, etc.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is granted when registering at one of the five year meetings, making a contribution, or paying for a subscription to the Newsletter. One of these acts must be continued every five years to be considered a member.

Article V. MEETINGS

A business meeting shall be held at the five year meeting for the purpose of electing officers and to receive reports from the Board of Directors.

Article VI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by two thirds of the members present at the business meeting or by two thirds of responses to a mail vote.

BY-LAWS

Article I. OFFICERS

- A. Position and duty
- 1) The President shall preside at all board meetings and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association in accordance with the constitution.
 - 2) The Vice President shall serve as delegated by or in the absence of the president or as otherwise assigned by the Board of Directors.
 - 3) The Secretary Treasurer shall keep minutes of the business meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors and provide financial reports as specified in Article IV.
 - 4) Forth and Fifth Members shall assist in the work of the organization as members of the Board of Directors.
 - 5) Additional persons may be coopted for their expertise and shall serve as non-corporation members.

- B. The Term of office shall be five years or until a replacement is elected.

C. Elections/Appointments

The president, vice president and secretary treasurer shall be elected from a slate prepared by the nominating committee and presented to the membership at a five year meeting, or by mail if for some reason the meeting could not be held. The fourth, fifth and additional members shall be appointed by the elected officers.

Article II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The officers (Article I) shall serve as the Board of Directors. They shall direct the affairs of the Association, administer, preserve and protect the property of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors may appoint persons and committees to carry out the work of the Association. They shall approve salary schedules and compensation where such is required to accomplish the Association's work.
- C. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.
- E. The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times in a five year period.

Article III. COMMITTEES

- A. A Nominating Committee composed of three members shall be appointed at least two months prior to the date of the election to prepare a slate of officers as outlined in Article I. This committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, one from the Board and two from the wider membership.
- B. Other committees, either standing or with one time tasks may be appointed by the Board of Directors. Such committees might be Archive Committee, Publication Committee, Historic Sites Committee, Program and Reunion Committee, Membership Committee, etc.

Article IV. FINANCES

The Board of Directors may raise funds in any of the following or combination of ways; registration fees, offerings, membership fees or solicitation of gifts or grants. A financial report shall be prepared annually by the treasurer for the Board of Directors and provided to any member upon request. Every five years a financial report shall be provided at the membership meeting or through the mail to all members.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

- A. The Board of Directors may suspend parts of the By-Laws in the period between five year meetings.
- B. These By-Laws may be amended by a two third vote of the membership present at a five year meeting or responding to a mail vote.

Article VI. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, any remaining assets shall be transferred to the geneological department of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

Adopted by the Steering Committee,
3-4-85 in session at Lancaster, Pa.