

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name and address of this society shall be the Wanakena Historical Association, PO Box 73, Wanakena, New York 13695.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the society shall be:

- a. To promote and encourage original historical research;
- b. To disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of the State of New York and particularly Wanakena and its environs;
- c. To gather, preserve, display and make available for study artifacts, relics, books, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history of the State of New York and particularly of Wanakena and the surrounding area;
- d. To encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest; and
- e. To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and preserve and maintain such sites and structures.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership shall be of five classes:

1. Individual active members – Any person interested in the purposes of the society shall be eligible.
2. Family members – Any family groups interested in the purposes of the society shall be eligible.
3. Institutional members – Any organization, board, school or library interested in the history of Wanakena shall be eligible.

4. Contributing and sustaining members – A person, group or firm offering special support to the objectives of the society shall be eligible.
5. Honorary members – Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whose activities have contributed to the objectives of the society. Honorary members shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of members present at an annual meeting, upon nomination by the board of trustees.

ARTICLE IV
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held in September.

ARTICLE V
Officers and Board of Trustees

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be members of the board of trustees and elected for a term of one year; and between five and fifteen trustees, including the officers, who shall be elected for a term of three years.

Section 2. The officers and trustees shall constitute the board of trustees. Their number shall not be less than five nor more than fifteen.

ARTICLE VI
Election of Officers and Board of Trustees

Section 1. All officers and trustees shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by secret ballot at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Not less than two months prior to the annual meeting, the secretary of the society shall send to each member of the board of trustees a blank upon which such member may nominate one person for each office open to election. Nominations shall be returned not less than one month before the annual meeting. A committee on nominations, appointed by the president of the board of trustees, shall select the candidates from a list of all nominees.

Section 3. Nominations may also be made by any member of the society at any time prior to balloting at the annual meeting. Any nomination made after the deliberation of the

committee on nominations shall be added to the slate of candidates upon affirmative vote of a majority of members present at the annual meeting. A candidate for election shall be an individual active member.

Section 4. A person who has been elected to the board of trustees for two consecutive terms, or elected as president for three consecutive terms, shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year elapses between the end of his or her last term and the beginning of the term for which he or she is nominated.

Section 5. Officers and trustees shall be installed at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of resignation or incapacity of any officer except the president, or any director, the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the board of trustees for the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VII

Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the institution shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or, to another organization to be used in such manner as in judgement of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will best accomplish the general purposes for which the society was formed. Organizations to which such assets and property are distributed, if such assets of property are in the nature of scientific or cultural material, shall have collections management policies similar to the society.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendment

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting; or it may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.