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## **ROCKFORD SOCIETY, Archaeological Institute of America**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **Article I: Rockford Society**

1. The Rockford Society of the Archaeological Institute of America is organized under the regulations of the Institute and is intended to include those members of the Institute who reside in northwestern Illinois and such other members as may choose to belong to it.
2. The officers of the Rockford Society shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer.
3. The officers, the webmaster, the program coordinator, membership chair, and publicity chair shall constitute the Administrative Committee, which shall be responsible for carrying out policies of the Board of Directors.
4. Officers and other members of the Administrative Committee shall be elected and shall serve one-year terms or until the election of their successors. An annual election shall be held at a meeting of the membership of the Rockford Society (which may be held in conjunction with a regular lecture) in the spring of each year. The president shall fill vacancies on the Administrative Committee by appointment between elections. The vice president shall become president if the office shall become vacant between elections.
5. The government of the Rockford Society is vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Administrative Committee and other members to serve by the appointment of each president. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the president or by three members of the Administrative Committee.
6. Business of the Society, including the previously mentioned elections, shall be conducted at meetings of the membership at times and places to be determined by the Administrative Committee or shall be handled by mail. Members shall receive notice of meetings at least a week or more before the date scheduled, if at all possible. One-third of the members in good standing, but no less than ten members, shall constitute a quorum for any proceedings of the general membership. Decisions shall be by affirmative vote of the majority of those members present. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the president or by three members of the Administrative Committee.
7. These ByLaws may be changed by vote of the membership after notice of the proposed changes shall be sent to members at least a week before the meeting at which changes are to be voted upon.

8. The Rockford Society shall be dissolved upon affirmative vote of the majority of members present at a meeting called specifically for that purpose. See #6 above for details of the manner by which Society business shall be conducted.
9. Should the Rockford Society be dissolved, after all outstanding financial obligations have been met, any remaining Society funds shall be donated to the national AIA.

## Article II: Affiliation

1. The Society is an independent entity.
2. The Society is affiliated with the Archaeological Institute of America (hereafter referred to as the AIA or the Institute) through the granting of a Charter issued by the AIA after an acceptance vote by the AIA Council.
3. The Society has agreed to the following stipulations:
  - a) To promote the AIA's mission;
  - b) To function within the guidelines of the AIA and not to adopt any regulations that conflict with those of the AIA;
  - c) To engage in no activity that would damage the name of the AIA or undermine its mission, including engaging in transactions that remove artifacts from public and scholarly access;
  - d) To maintain a membership consisting of a minimum number of persons as required by the AIA, currently 35.
4. The Society understands that failure to follow these stipulations can result in the revoking of its Charter by a vote of the AIA Council. If its Charter is revoked, the Society loses its affiliation with the AIA and the right to use the AIA name.

