

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW SOUTH

PREAMBLE: We of the South believe that we have not taken full advantage of our opportunities to enrich our culture, although we have continually produced persons capable of the finest creative expression.

It is our purpose, by establishing an outlet for the products of southern artists and craftsmen to: stimulate an interest in the arts among laymen; encourage the desire for creative expression, and enable the South to keep the tangible benefits derived from the practice of the arts.

To attain this, we invite the support of all who are interested in developing and maintaining a widespread, active interest in the arts, and feel that the South has something wholly its own to add to the national culture.

ARTICLE I This organization shall be known as The New South.
Name

- ARTICLE II
Aims and
Purposes
1. To broaden the cultural life of Southerners of all classes;
 2. To encourage native talent toward more and higher quality production;
 3. To develop a wider market in the South for arts and crafts;
 4. To provide a center, open at all times, for those interested in the arts;
 5. To keep Southern art in the South;
 6. To encourage cooperation between the various arts and crafts;
 7. To encourage cooperation between the artist and audience;
 8. To encourage amateur participation in the arts and crafts;
 9. To encourage the formation of discussion groups and to sponsor lectures.

ARTICLE III Payment of a subscription fee to be determined by the Board
Membership of Trustees entitles any person to membership in this organization.

- ARTICLE IV
Officers
1. The officers of the New South shall be;
Director
Recording Secretary
Treasurer



2. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees for a term of one year, beginning March 15.
3. The Director shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of, and responsible to, the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V
Board of
Trustees

1. Until March 15, 1940, the Board of Trustees shall consist of the seven charter members and three members to be elected by the general membership. These ten Board members shall elect an advisory group of four who shall have the powers and privileges of other Board members, to serve until March 15, 1940. Replacements, necessary because of death or resignation, to this Board shall be made by election of the Board of Trustees.
2. After March 15, 1940, the Board of Trustees shall be determined as follows:
 - a. As many members shall retire from the existing Board as there are organized groups;
 - b. These vacancies shall be filled by election, as provided in Article X;
 - c. These ten shall elect an advisory group of four, who shall have the powers and privileges of other Board members, to serve a term of one year.
3. The Board shall elect a Chairman to serve for a period of one year.
4. Each organized group must be represented on the Board, but by not more than two Trustees from each group.
5. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at a Board meeting.
6. Replacements, necessary because of death or resignation, shall be made by election, as provided in Article X.

ARTICLE VI
Committees

The Board will appoint committees as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII
Membership

1. The Board has the power to call a meeting of the entire membership at any time it is deemed necessary or at the demand of an organized group.
2. One-half the total membership shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII
Organized
Groups

1. When enough activity develops in any particular field, this group may apply to the Board of Trustees for approval of its organization.
2. Suggested Groups are:
 - Crafts
 - Drama and Dance
 - Forum and Lecture
 - Graphic and Plastic Arts
 - Music
 - Photography
 - Writing

ARTICLE IX
Juries

1. As groups are formed, the Board of Trustees will appoint three persons from each group to act as jury for the group concerned.
2. When enough activity develops in any particular field, the Board of Trustees may appoint a jury for that division.

ARTICLE X
Elections

1. The Board of Trustees shall call a general meeting between February 15 and March 1 to elect the new Board members;
 - a. Each organized group shall nominate its representative to the Board of Trustees at the general membership meeting of the New South.
 - b. All members shall be eligible to vote on the representative of any group;
 - c. All members including retiring Board members shall be eligible for election.
2. When replacements on the Board are necessary, the new member must be from the same group as his predecessor, shall serve out his predecessor's term, and shall be elected in the same manner.
 - a. Replacements must be made within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

ARTICLE XI
Financial
Policy

The financial policy of this organization shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution must be proposed by an organized group and passed by a majority vote in a general meeting.

