

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

September 2017



Dear Daughters,

What a summer! Hurricane Harvey was a terrible event for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast and I am thankful that most of you came through unscathed and extend my thoughts and prayers to those of you who did sustain flooding and damage. The Log House stayed high and dry and is safe and sound.

The coming year looks to be interesting and entertaining with wonderful speakers and special events. Please check the enclosed calendar and make your plans to attend.

Our Bylaws committee has worked hard on revisions to our bylaws necessitated by changes in the State DRT bylaws and organizational changes needed in our Chapter bylaws. These proposed revisions are included in this newsletter. The revisions will be read at the October Chapter meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

The Chapter board and the Museum board have been in discussions this summer about their relationship and a very important notice about a change is in this newsletter on page 4. Please be sure and read it and join the boards for an informational forum on Thursday, September 28th at 1 pm.

I hope to see you at the Log House on September 28th and our first meeting on October 5th.

Laura-Hill Taylor, President

HONOR and MEMORIAL DAYS

- September 16** * Texian Navy Day
- September 18** * Texas Heroes Day
- October 2** * Gonzales Day *Come and Take It* (1835)
- November 3** * Stephen F. Austin Birthday (1793)
- November 6** * DRT Founders Day (1891)
- December 9** * Siege of Bexar Day (1835) **NEW!**
- January 26** * Mirabeau B. Lamar Day
Father of Education
- February 19** * Texas Statehood Day (1846)
- March 2** * Texas Independence Day (1836)
- March 2** * Sam Houston's Birthday (1793)
- March 6** * Alamo Heroes Day (1836)
- March 27** * Goliad Heroes Day (1836)
- April 21** * San Jacinto Day (1836)

San Jacinto Chapter first meeting of the 2017-2018 year.

October 5, 2017

**Harris County Happenings
Presented by Judge Ed Emmett**

Judge Ed Emmett became Harris County Judge on March 6, 2007. A member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, Judge Emmett was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission. After being confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate, Judge Emmett served on the commission for three years. Judge Emmett has received international recognition for his work in transportation and logistics policy. He was named Transportation Person of the Year by Transportation Clubs International and one of the Top 20 Logistics Professionals by Logistics Forum.

Judge Emmett attended Bellaire High School. He graduated from Rice University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 with a Master of Public Affairs degree. Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 42 years and have four children and 13 grandchildren.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017

October 5, 2017— Judge Ed Emmett
“Harris County Happenings”

November 2, 2017— Bethany Foshee

December 7, 2017—Christmas Luncheon
Entertainment by HSPVA Madrigal Group
New Member ceremony

January 4, 2018- Chase Untermeyer

February 1, 2018— Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski

March 1, 2018—Field Trip to Sam Houston Heritage Park

April 5, 2018—Beth Fisher

May 3, 2018—Memorial Service

June 7, 2018—June Luncheon
BraeBurn Country Club
State Convention report, and New Member

Special Thanks!

Special thanks go to **Susan Whitfield** for volunteering to become Newsletter Editor.

The newsletter is both a communication tool for the chapter and a historic record, so its continued creation is vital to the chapter.

Calendar of Events

SAN JACINTO CHAPTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

Texian Navy Commissioning Ceremony	September 16
District VI Fall Workshop	September 23
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meets	September 28
Chapter Meeting	October 5
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meets	October 26
Come and Sip It Fund Raiser	October 28
CRT Halloween Costume Party	October 21
Chapter Meeting	November 2
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meets	December 5
Baked Potato Luncheon	December 5
<i>followed by decorating the Log House and Christmas tree</i>	
Christmas Luncheon	December 7

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Chapter Meeting	January 4
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meets (after chapter meeting)	January 4
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meet	January 25
Chapter Meeting	February 1
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meet	February 22
Chapter Field Trip	March 1
Texas History Pioneer Day	March 12
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meets	March 29
Chapter Meeting	April 5
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meet	April 26
Chapter Meeting	May 3
DRT Annual Convention	May 15-19
Executive and PMLHM Boards Meet	May 31
June Luncheon	June 7
CRT Celebrates Summer—Field Trip	TBA

Thank You to members who supported the San Jacinto Chapter by an additional contribution this fall.

See page 3 for the donor lists.

Any additional donations will be recognized in the October newsletter.

Donations to the PMLH will be recognized in the October newsletter.

Calendar of Events (details)

Saturday, September 16, 2016 Texian Navy Commissioning Ceremony	Host: Texian Navy Where: Galveston
Saturday September 23, 2017 District VI Fall Workshop	Where: Tomball
Saturday, October 21, 2017 CRT Halloween Party	Where: Pioneer Memorial Log House Time: 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 5 2017 Decorate the Log House	Where: Pioneer Memorial Log House Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Thursday, December 7, 2017 Christmas Luncheon	Where Pioneer Memorial Log House When: 11:30 AM
Thursday, March 1, 2017 Chapter Field Trip	Where: Sam Houston Heritage Park
Saturday, April 21, 2018 San Jacinto Day Ceremony Presentation of SJC Scholarship Winners	Where: San Jacinto Battleground Time: 10:00 AM Battle Reenactment 3:00 PM http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/
May 15 -19 , 2018 127th Annual DRT Convention	Where: Dallas Details to be announced
Thursday, June 7, 2017 June Luncheon	Where: BraeBurn Country Club 8101 Bissonnet Time: 11:30 AM
June 22-23, 2018 Friday-Saturday 58th Annual CRT Convention	Where: Deer Park

San Jacinto Chapter Contributions

Elizabeth Arp	Angela Mahmarian
Nancy Barton	Peggy McGinty
Linda Beverlin	Beverly McMahan
Llisa Braley	Marysue Montgomery
Shirley Brasseaux	Miki Norton
Bette Burkett	Amanda Barton Patyk
Alice Calderon	Elysee Peavy
Rose Calhoun	Susan Sheeren
Susan Caraway	Diana Stachowiak
Bana Caskey	Betty Stokes
Patricia Doyle	Brenda Stover
Cathy Doxtater	Anita Walls
Jane Fieldcamp	Emily Wallace
Marjorie Forster	Sandra Wellen
Shelley Gottschalk	
Grace Kelley	
Liz Leifeste	
Amy Lueders	

Memorial Contributions

	<u>In Memory of</u>
Carolyn Abernathy	Betty Knight Shumake
Mopsy Andrews	Laura Andrews Wortham
Martha Bodine	Judy Dixon
Marilyn Chapman	Judith Jones Colvin
Laura Wood Cox	Laura Sue Davis
Ann Earline Johnson	Daryl Mace Adams
Gwen Kunz	Gwendolyn Boyett White
Carol Lawson	Caroline Kemp Gregory
Nancy Peebles	Julia Aguilar
Jennifer Pesek	Kae Theilen
Betty Petty	Laura Sue Davis
Brenda Puckett	Judith A. Calvin
Sarabeth Smith	Sarabeth Caldwell Waller
Martha Strang	Ollivia S. Waffle
Charlotte Taylor	Madge Roberts
Nancy Wallace	Judith J. Calvin
Sharolyn Wood	Laura Sue Davis
Luanne Zacek	Kae Theilen

Clare Deavers
Meg Sparks
Sally Whittington

In Honor of
Sally Whittington
Sally Whittington
Clare Deaver



Dear San Jacinto Chapter DRT Members,

For the past several months, board members of the San Jacinto Chapter (Chapter) and the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum (Museum) have been researching and investigating the Museum and its relationship with the Chapter and vice versa and there have been numerous discussions about the legal and financial status of both entities.

The Museum was a wonderful idea and dream. Unfortunately, the dream never became a reality. It isn't open 5 days a week. There isn't a paid, professional executive director. There isn't a paid staff of docents. It simply didn't evolve and over the years the Museum's and the Chapter's business became entangled and co-mingled to the point that the ownership of the Log House came into question. Eron and Sharolyn have been able to confirm that the Chapter never deeded ownership of the Log House to the Museum entity.

The simple solution to this issue is to dissolve the Museum legal entity. At the August 24th Museum Board meeting the vote was unanimous to proceed with the plans to dissolve the Museum entity. The last article in the Museum's bylaws state upon the dissolution of the Museum all assets of the Museum are distributed to the Chapter. This will be a silent and seamless transition.

As with all legal actions, there are multiple steps and they must be taken in the correct order. Here is the planned sequence of events.

Attached to this September newsletter are the proposed bylaws changes for the Chapter, addressing the dissolution of the Museum entity and the acceptance of the Museum's assets by the Chapter, and creating the Log House Committee and the Friends of the Log House Committee of the Chapter, both of which will be responsible for the running of the Log House.

On Thursday, September 28th, at 1 p.m., after the board meetings, all Chapter members are invited to the Log House to an informational forum to discuss this change.

At the October 5th Chapter meeting there will be a motion and a vote to amend the Chapter budget to incorporate the Museum's budget in 2 line items into the Chapter budget. There will be a Log House income account and a Log House expense account. This will authorize the Chapter to pay Log House expenses (since the existing Chapter budget does not currently have allowances for this).

The Museum and Chapter boards will meet immediately after the Chapter meeting on October 5th and sign the dissolution/merger documents, resolutions transferring the checking and investment accounts to the Chapter, dba registrations for several dba names to ease the fund raising events of the Log House and any other documents deemed necessary. The following names for dba registration have been suggested: Pioneer Memorial Log House, Friends of the Log House Society, and Friends of the Log House. All will be registered with the Harris County Clerk so we can retain control of these names.

The boards of both the Chapter and the Museum want to state categorically that this action is being taken to simplify and streamline the running of the Chapter and the Log House. Nothing changes and, in fact, no one will even notice the change. The Museum legal entity is being dissolved – not the museum. This action will make the accounting much easier and will save time and money by not having two tax returns prepared and having to consolidate two sets of books.

All monies and investments received by the Chapter from the dissolution of the Museum entity will be restricted solely for the preservation and maintenance of the Log House. There will be no co-mingling of bank accounts or investments.

We have put a great deal of thought into this. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with any questions you may have.

Board of Directors
Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum

Board of Directors
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT

**SAN JACINTO CHAPTER BYLAWS
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS**

ARTICLE I—NAME

Section 1. The name of the Organization *will* be San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Section 2. It is a chapter of the State organization of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and is organized subject to the laws of that organization.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

Section 2. To encourage historical research into the earliest records of Texas, especially those relating to the Revolution of 1835 and the events which followed; to foster the preservation of documents and relics; to encourage the publication of records of the individual service of the soldiers and patriots of the Republic and other source material for the History of Texas.

Section 3. To promote the celebration of Texas Honor Days:

Lamar Day	January 26
Texas Statehood Day	February 19
Texas Independence Day & Flag Day	March 2
Alamo Heroes Day	March 6
Goliad Heroes Day.	March 27
San Jacinto Day	April 21
Texian Navy Day	3 rd Saturday in September
Texas Heroes Day	September 18, 2017
Gonzales Day	October 2
Stephen F. Austin's Birthday.	November 3
Founders Day	November 6
<i>Siege of Bexar Day.</i>	<i>December 9</i>

Section 4. The special objective of San Jacinto Chapter ~~shall~~ *will* be to further interest in the San Jacinto Battleground, San Jacinto Museum of History, and the Pioneer Memorial Log House *and its* Museum.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership

The classes of membership in the San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are: Chapter Member, Chapter Life Member, Emerita, Associate, Affiliate, Honorary Daughter, and Posthumous. Associate And Affiliate members are members of the chapters only and do not have the rights in the parent organization by right of this chapter membership.

A. Chapter Member. A San Jacinto Chapter Member is dues paying member of San Jacinto Chapter. She has the right to attend chapter, district and annual meetings, make motions, debate, and vote.

B. Chapter Life Member. *A San Jacinto Chapter Member who is 65 years old or older is eligible to become a life member of San Jacinto Chapter if she purchases a life membership for the cost of \$500. This amount shall will be deposited in a separate account, monies from which may be used as approved by the San Jacinto Chapter executive board to pay state and chapter dues each year as needed. The life membership is applicable only to San Jacinto Chapter and is nontransferable.*

C. Emerita. *A member of 15 years or more is eligible to become an emeritus member if she is placed in long term care, is incapacitated, or finances make it difficult for her to continue to pay dues. Emerita members have all the rights and privileges of a Chapter Member.*

D. Associate Member. *A woman who is ineligible for membership in The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, yet whose a deep interest in the objectives of DRT render her acceptance as an associate member, without the privilege*

of *making a motion* or voting at the DRT Annual Convention, or serving as a general officer or at the district level. She pays only chapter dues. An associate member may make a motion, vote, or serve on a committee, or serve as a chapter officer other than as chapter president, chapter registrar, or chapter treasurer. Associate membership is applicable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT only and is not transferable.

E. Affiliate Member. A member of a DRT chapter other than San Jacinto Chapter who wishes to have a secondary chapter membership in San Jacinto Chapter as an affiliate must have her name presented and voted upon, conforming to the rules governing new applicants. *An Affiliate pays chapter dues only and may vote, hold office, and participate in San Jacinto Chapter.*

F. Honorary Daughter. *San Jacinto Chapter may designate an individual who has rendered extraordinary service to the San Jacinto Chapter as an Honorary Daughter. Such designation may be conferred upon any male or female by presenting the name to the executive board. An honorary daughter does not have the privilege of voting or holding office and pays no dues. An honorary daughter may serve on committees, but may not chair the committee. A San Jacinto Chapter honorary daughter. An honorary daughter does not have the privilege of voting or holding office and pays no dues. An honorary daughter may serve on committees, but may not chair the committee. A San Jacinto Chapter honorary daughter is applicable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT only and is not transferable. No member or former member of the DRT is eligible.*

G. Posthumous. *A posthumous membership is granted to a woman who would have been eligible for membership in DRT. A posthumous member will not be eligible for supplemental ancestors. There will be a "P" affixed to the membership number. A posthumous member will be eligible to have a member medallion affixed to her tombstone.*

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership

A. Eligibility. Any woman having attained her 16th birthday is eligible for membership, provided she is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of The Republic of Texas with the United States of America on 19 February 1846.

B. Transfer from CRT. Any girl who is a member of the Children of The Republic of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "CRT") is eligible for transfer to the chapter any time after the 16th birthday but before her 21st birthday without payment of initiation fees, subject to being accepted by a chapter. Such a member has the option of becoming a dual CR-DRT member until her 21st birthday.

Section 3. Proof of Eligibility

A. Proof. Proof submitted by an applicant *will* include documentation of her *lineal descent from her male or female Republic of Teas ancestor who served in the cause of independence before Statehood. All information on the application will be documented.* The applicant must furnish acceptable proof of her descent from *an ancestor* who served in the following capacities:

B. Resident or colonist. As a loyal resident or colonist, male or female, regardless of age, who established residence in The Republic of Texas prior to February 19, 1846. *The time period for "residence" will be the beginning of the Spanish Colonial Period in 1820 and will include both colonists and native residents during this period. "Loyal" will be interpreted to mean that he or she has not been proved disloyal*

Section 4. Application for Membership

A. Application to the Chapter

1. Prospective member. The applicant's name *will be presented to the chapter. She may be invited to apply for membership in the chapter on a 2/3 vote on a written ballot.*
2. *Application time limit: After an application for membership has been submitted, there may be additional documentation required to prove lineage or service. The applicant will have two years from the date of original submission to respond to the documentation requests. After the expiration of the two years, the dues payment will be returned.*
3. Application. Application may be made by completing either the printed DRT application form or the computer-version application available on diskette, both available from the San Jacinto Chapter registrar. The completed application papers upon the registrar's approval ~~shall~~ *will be signed by the chapter president and the chapter registrar and sent by the chapter registrar to the registrar general for final action.*

B. Approval. *All applications must be approved the registrar general. When eligibility of an applicant is questioned, the applicant may request a review and decision by the Membership Committee. The eligibility of the member will be*

determined by a majority vote of the Membership Committee. If the application is rejected, the applicant's papers, including proofs and dues will be returned. The examination fee ~~shall~~ will be retained by DRT.

C. Ownership of Application Papers. All approved application papers and the proof of lineage submitted with them become the property of DRT and will not be taken from the permanent membership file.

Section 5. Transfers, resignation & Reinstatement

A. Chapter Procedure. An inactive member, a transferee, or a member-at-large who wishes to become a member of San Jacinto Chapter must have her name presented and voted upon, conforming to the rules governing new applicants.

B. Transfers. A transferee or member-at-large, upon payment of her dues for the current year and the DRT's transfer fee, will become a member of San Jacinto Chapter. A chapter member in good standing who wishes to become a member-at-large must pay her transfer fee to the chapter treasurer who will send the fee to the treasurer general requesting the transfer.

C. Resignation. Resignation of a chapter member will be submitted to the chapter treasurer. If a member resigns, she becomes an inactive member as of the resignation date.

D. Inactive Member. An inactive member is a member whose dues are not current. If a member is placed on inactive status for non-payment of dues, she becomes inactive on *September 1st*.

E. Reinstatement. An inactive member who desires reinstatement and whose written request is accepted by vote of the chapter will be restored to full membership upon the payment of her dues for the current year and payment of the DRT reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FEES

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the San Jacinto Chapter will be from June 1 to May 31, inclusive.

Section 2. Dues and Fees

A. Dues and Fees. DRT dues and chapter dues, processing fees, reinstatement fees, supplemental line fees, and transfer fees will be charged in accordance with the Standing Rule for those items.

B. Payment of Annual Dues. The annual dues will be payable in advance. Dues apply from June 1st through May 31st each year. Dues will be accepted beginning with June 1st and will be considered delinquent after August 31st. Dues notices will be sent by the chapter treasurer by June 1st, second notice to those unpaid by July 1st, and if necessary, a third notice by August 1st. A chapter member whose dues have not been received by the chapter treasurer postmarked by *August 31st* will be placed on inactive status, and she will be required thereafter to pay a reinstatement fee and the current year's dues to return to active status.

C. Deadline. A member whose dues have not been received by the deadline will be dropped from membership and will be required to reinstate her membership.

D. First Dues for New Members. DRT and chapter annual dues for new members will be paid with heir examination fee for the current fiscal year. Members admitted in the months of March, April, and May will not be liable for DRT and chapter annual dues until the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. Officer Positions. The elected officers of the chapter will be a president, *five* vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, chaplain, CRT registrar, *the retiring president, and two advisors.*

Section 2. Appointed Positions. The parliamentarian will be appointed by the president.

Section 3. Executive Board. The executive board will be composed of the elected chapter officers and the parliamentarian.

Section 4. Responsibilities. The executive board members will perform, but not be limited to, the duties specified in the Texas Business Organizations Code, DRT's charter and bylaws, San Jacinto Chapter's bylaws, the MOP, and parliamentary authority. Officers will comply with the policies specified in the MOP.

Section 5. Removal from Office. Any elected officer may be removed from office for cause. Sufficient cause for such removal may be violation of these Bylaws or any other lawful rule, practice or procedure adopted by the San Jacinto Chapter or other conduct deemed by the executive board to be prejudicial to the best interest of San Jacinto Chapter. To remove an elected officer for cause, it will be necessary for the executive board to hold a formal hearing. A statement of the charges will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last recorded address of the

officer, accompanied by notice of the time and place of the meeting at which the charges are to be considered. At least thirty (30) days notice *will* be given, and the officer *will* have the opportunity to appear in person to present any defense to such charges before action is taken. The executive board *will* adopt such rules as may be necessary to assure due process to the officer. The decision for removal *will* be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the executive board.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The executive board *will* attend to all business of the chapter and *will* be called together by the president. The board *will* hold one stated meeting each month previous to the regular meeting of the chapter, and *will* present its recommendations to the chapter for action. The executive board *will* elect by 2/3 majority a qualified chapter member to fill an officer vacancy. She *will* serve the unexpired term of her predecessor and *will* be eligible for election to the same office for a two-year term.

Section 2. The duties of the president *will* be to preside at all meetings, to enforce all rules as adopted by the chapter, and to call special meetings when necessary. She *will* appoint all committees, except those appointed by the fifth vice president or those elected by the chapter, and she *will* be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. Postmarked no later than the date specified by the State DRT, she shall *will* send a typewritten or computer written report of the work of the chapter to the president general and to the recording secretary general. One copy of the chapter report is to be emailed to the annual proceedings chair. This report *will* be the same as the one presented to the state convention. Upon election of new officers, she *will* immediately send one (a) copy of a list of new officers to the president general, one (1) copy to the recording secretary general, and one (1) copy to DRT headquarters. *The president of the chapter will serve as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee, serving a third year on the committee as immediate past president.*

Section 3. The vice presidents *will* assist the president when requested and, in the absence or inability of the president, *will* preside in their numerical order. The first vice president shall be responsible for preparation and distribution of the chapter yearbook. The second vice president will be responsible for programs for chapter meetings. The third vice president *will* be responsible for San Jacinto Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas. The fourth vice president *will* be in charge of fund-raising projects and *will* serve as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee. The fifth vice president *will* serve as the chair of the Accessions Committee and the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee, serving a third year on the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee as immediate past fifth vice president. *She will appoint the docents, Accessions Committee, and the appointed members of the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee.*

Section 4. The recording secretary *will* keep a strict record of all business transactions at the meetings of the chapter. She *will* with the president, sign the annual chapter report.

Section 5. The corresponding secretary *will* conduct all correspondence and convey all official decisions of the chapter.

Section 6. The treasurer *will* keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer *will* issue checks only after expenditure has been approved by the executive board. All checks must be signed by the president and treasurer. The treasurer *will* notify members of unpaid dues. She *will* order the past president's pin and have it at the June Installation service. The chapter treasurer *will* conform to the DRT bylaws, Article XIV, Section 3, regarding her responsibilities.

Section 7. The historian *will* preserve papers and records of the early history of Texas which *will* come into her possession through the chapter, and biographical sketches of ancestors or each incoming member, and *will* keep the chapter history book. She *will* preserve all historic documents belonging to the chapter and *will* place same in the chapter files. It is her responsibility to submit the chapter history book for judging in odd-numbered years at the state convention.

Section 8.

A. The chaplain *will* open all business meetings with prayer and *will* preside over memorial programs and such other meetings as may require her services. She *will* send a copy of the Deceased Member Report Form to notify the chaplain general of the death of a chapter member, name of the chapter member's next of kin, any available newspaper obituary clippings, and a photo, if available, as soon as possible after the member's death. She *will* extend appropriate courtesies to members who are ill and *will* send notices of condolence to the bereaved family members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

B. A woman who has been a member of San Jacinto Chapter for many years and has served the DRT actively, and resigns because of age or illness shall *will* on the occasion of her death, be reported to the chaplain general to be

mentioned at the following convention as any deceased paid-up member would be and *will* be honored at the funeral with the Texas flag.

Section 9. The registrar *will* keep a correct list of all members of the chapter, a list of all dismissals, removals, transfers and marriages. She *will* assist in procuring data for applicants, and issue all application forms to new members, forwarding same to the registrar general. She *will* notify new members of their acceptance into the chapter. She *will* be chair of the Membership Committee.

Section 10. The CRT registrar *will* keep a correct list of all members of the San Jacinto Chapter CRT. She *will* assist in procuring data for applicants issue all application forms to new members and review applications and supplementals for accuracy. She *will* forward all approved applications and supplements to the CRT registrar general. She *will* notify new members of their acceptance into the San Jacinto Chapter CRT.

Section 11. The parliamentarian *will*, at the request of the president, direct the chapter in parliamentary usage and be a member of the Bylaws Committee.

Section 12. The Retiring officers *will* give to their successors, after installation of new officers in June, all letters and records of information.

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES

Section 1. Finance Committee *will* be composed of the treasurer, assistance treasurer (*if one is appointed*), retiring treasurer for the two (2) years succeeding her term of office, president and, by appointment of the president, one or two additional chapter members with financial experience. The committee *will* prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year and submit it to the executive board for consideration in April and then to the members for adoption in May. The committee *will* examine the account at the end of the year and report to the executive board. *The treasurer will serve as chair of the committee.*

Section 2. San Jacinto Battleground Committee *will* promote interest in the San Jacinto Battleground, and the San Jacinto Museum of History. *The first vice president will serve as chair of the committee.*

Section 3. Yearbook Committee *will* prepare and distribute a printed yearbook. *The first vice president will act as chair of the committee.*

Section 4. Children of the Republic of Texas Committee *will* assist the CRT in electing officers, holding meetings, and fulfilling objectives as outlined in the bylaws of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The third vice president *will* act as chair of the committee.

Section 5. Ways and Means Committee *will* suggest and direct means of raising funds. The fourth vice president *will* act as chair of the committee.

Section 6. Accessions Committee *will* manage the acquisition and deaccession of objects ~~for~~ in the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. The fifth vice president *will* act as chair of the committee.

Section 7. Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee *will* have the responsibility for the preservation, care, and maintenance of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the Museum, Brooks Cottage, the gardens, and associated grounds, as set out in Article XII below. The fifth vice president *will* act as chair of the committee.

Section 8. Historic Preservation Committee *will* be in charge of preserving the papers and records of the chapter, including managing the portion of the storage locations where many of these records are kept. *This committee will keep the chapter library updated as to important publications such as the Annual Proceedings and Yearbooks and will recommend annual donations to the San Jacinto Museum, Clayton Library, and Texas Room at the Houston Public Library.* The historian *will* act as chair of the committee.

Section 9. Bylaws Committee *will* update the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws to agree with any revisions, changes, or amendments to the State DRT bylaws approved by the state convention. The committee *will* review, study, and present amendments of the bylaws to the chapter for its approval. The parliamentarian *will* be a member of the committee.

Section 10. Courtesy Committee *will* welcome members and visitors and be responsible for registration at chapter meetings and events.

Section 11. Docents Committee *will* be responsible for conveying to visitors the history of the San Jacinto Chapter and the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

Section 12. Education and Flag Committee *will* promote the study of early Texas History, including activities for Texas History Month, promote the observance of Texas holidays, sponsor the display of flags on memorial days, and be responsible for taking the large Texas flag and the San Jacinto Chapter flag to the funeral service of a member.

Section 13. Houston Memorial Park Committee will be responsible for informing the general membership of matters concerning Memorial Park.

Section 14. Membership Database Management Committee will consist of the membership database administrator, the chapter registrar, and the chapter treasurer. This committee will keep accurate records of the current and past members of the chapter.

Section 15. Music Committee will provide music whenever needed.

Section 16. Newsletter Committee will be responsible for the publication of the San Jacinto Chapter newsletter. A photographer will be a part of this committee.

Section 17. Relics and Preservation of Historic Sites Committee will report at least once every year two years on markers placed by the San Jacinto Chapter at the San Jacinto Battleground and other sites. They will encourage the chapter to appropriately designate places of historic significance including ancestral graves.

Section 18. Scholarship Committee will oversee the selection and presentation of the annual Thelma Maresh Scholarship Awards to graduating students from the Greater Metropolitan Area of Houston who plan to attend a Texas college or university. Preservation is made at the San Jacinto Day Ceremony on April 21st.

Section 19. Social Committee will have charge of all social affairs.

Section 20. Telephone Committee will function when called upon by the president.

Section 21. Tellers Committee will be ready at any chapter meeting to count the ballots and report results to the chapter.

Section 22. Texas History Essay Committee will conduct the annual Texas History Essays Contest for 7th Grade and 7th Grade students. Presentations will be made on the first weekend in May.

Section 23. Texas History Teachers Committee will oversee the selection and presentation of the Outstanding 4th and/or 7th Grade History Teachers' award. Selection is made from the 4th and 7th grade Texas History teachers in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Houston. Presentation is made at the June luncheon.

Section 24. Historic Preservation Committee will consist of the website administrator and committee members as needed to assist her. The committee will manage and maintain the official San Jacinto Chapter website as directed by the executive board. The website administrator will act as chair of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month, October through June, except for January and December when the executive board may authorize a date change due to the holiday calendar. Field trip meeting dates will be set by the executive board. Meetings shall be held at the Pioneer Memorial Log House unless otherwise authorized by the executive board.

Section 2. Special electronic meetings may be called by the president for the chapter executive board or by a committee chair for her committee. A notice for the meeting shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting. The notice shall include (a) the purpose of the meeting, and only that business may be considered and (2) instructions for participating in the meeting. All participants must be able to communicate concurrently. Electronic meeting votes may be taken electronically. Reasonable methods shall be taken to identify every person voting.

ARTICLE IX—QUORUM

Twenty members, including five elected officers, shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a chapter meeting. Eight elected members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board.

ARTICLE X—PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by these bylaws and standing rules or the DRT bylaws.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended *no more than twice per year by the vote of the chapter as follows. Proposed bylaws amendments will be (i) published in a newsletter in September and March (ii) read, or distributed at the October or April chapter meetings, and (iii) read, or distributed, and voted on by the chapter at the November or May chapter*

meetings, or voted on at the next chapter meeting where a quorum is present. The proposed amendments to the bylaws will be reviewed by the executive board at the September or April executive board meetings.

ARTICLE XII—PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

Section 1. The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee

The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee will have the responsibility for the preservation, care, and maintenance of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the Museum, Brooks Cottage, the gardens, and the associated grounds.

A. Meetings. The committee will hold one stated meeting each month previous to the executive board meeting of the chapter, preferable on the last Thursday of the month or such other time as approved by the committee due to the holiday calendar. The chair may call a special meeting as may be necessary.

B. Committee. The fifth vice president will serve as chair of the committee. In addition to the chair, the members of the committee will be

- i) president, fourth vice president, and treasurer of the San Jacinto Chapter;
- ii) retiring president and retiring fifth vice president of the San Jacinto Chapter;
- iii) the chair of the social committee;
- iv) the president of the Friends of the Log House, and
- v) additional committee members as appointed by the chair of the committee.

A committee member will be elected by the committee to serve as secretary for the committee.

C. Advisory Board. Members of an Advisory Board may be nominated by the Committee and approved by the executive board of the chapter. A prerequisite to such membership will be the ability and insight to make a specific contribution to the museum and its activities. Members of the Advisory Board are not voting members and are not counted for quorum purposes.

Section 2. Friends of the Log House

Friends of the Log House is a special committee of the San Jacinto Chapter with the goal of raising funds to support the preservation, care and maintenance of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the Museum, Brooks Cottage, the grounds, and the associated grounds.

A. Meetings. The Friends of the Log House will hold such meetings called by the President of the Friends of the Log House

B. Committee. The President of the Friends of the Log House will be appointed by the president of the San Jacinto Chapter for a two year term beginning June 1st of odd numbered years, will service as chair of the Friends of the Log House, and will appoint sub-committees and organize events as needed to promote the goals of the Friends of the Log House. In addition to the President, the members of the committee will be

- i) president, fourth vice president, and treasurer of the San Jacinto Chapter;
- ii) additional committee members as appointed by the chair of the committee.

The fourth vice president will preside at any meeting in the absence of the President. A committee member will be elected by the committee to serve as secretary for the committee.

C. Eligibility. Membership is open to anyone who loves Texas history and wishes to help foster our mission to preserve and protect our state’s history at eh Pioneer Memorial Log House.

D. Membership. Membership begins on June 1 each year. Annual contributions will help maintain and preserve the house and grounds. Monetary contributions are accepted, along with donations of furniture, equipment, landscape services, etc. Membership levels are as follows:

Texas Star	\$ 25
Silver Star	\$ 50
Shining Star	\$ 100
Gold Star	\$ 250
Lone Star	\$ 500
Platinum Star	\$1000 and higher

ARTICLE XIII—ELECTION PROCESS

Section 1. In even-numbered years, a Nominating Committee of five members, each of whom has been a member of San Jacinto Chapter for at least one full year, shall be elected by written ballot at the November meeting of the chapter. Candidates may be nominated from the floor. The *senior member by length of membership in the San Jacinto Chapter* shall serve as chair. Members may not serve on this committee two consecutive terms. The chair shall present the proposed slate of officers at the meeting of the executive board prior to the March chapter meeting in odd-numbered years. The chair shall insure the proposed slate of officers is distributed to the chapter members no later than March 20 via newsletter, email or US Postal Service. The slate will be presented to the members at the April chapter meeting.

Section 2. Elections are held in odd-numbered years. A chapter member must have been a member of the chapter for one year before being eligible for election to an office. A qualified member may be nominated from the floor. When two or more members are nominated for any office, the election shall be by written ballot. All officers shall be elected for a two—year term with the exception of the treasurer whose term shall expire when her successor is elected. Officers shall be elected at the regular meeting in April and installed at the regular meeting in June. No election will be conducted on a field trip.

ARTICLE XIV—DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the San Jacinto Chapter (after payment of all liability of said organization), residual assets shall be distributed to the Daughter of The Republic of Texas, if in existence, and if not, then to another organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Executive Board.

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