

Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists By Laws

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Article 1 – Name

- 1.01 The name of this organization shall be Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists.

Article 2 – Purpose

- 2.01 The purpose of the organization is to bring together all persons interested in the discussion of ferroequinology and other forms of energy as applied to transportation systems.

Article 3 – Eligibility

- 3.01 Eligibility for membership is open to anyone over the age of twelve (12) years.

Article 4 – Membership

- 4.01 There shall be one class of membership and all members in good standing are eligible to vote on any issue.
- 4.02 A member shall be considered in good standing if their dues are paid for the year.
- 4.03 A quorum shall be the total members in good standing present at any regular meeting of the Society.

Article 5 – Dues

- 5.01 Dues shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per calendar year per member or household, are payable on or before January 1st of each calendar year and shall cover all members of a household over the age of twelve (12) years. Dues for new members only who join after July 1st of a calendar year and were not members during the prior year shall be one-half the amount of the calendar year dues.

Article 6 – Officers and Their Duties

- 6.01 The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Finance, Secretary and Historian.

- 6.02 All officers of the Society shall perform their duties as prescribed by this Article, as amended from time to time. In addition, they shall aid the President and their fellow officers when requested.
- 6.03 The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and its official spokesperson. He shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees as directed by the Executive Committee and be an ex-officio member thereof, unless otherwise specified.
- 6.04 The Vice President for Membership shall be responsible for programs to communicate the purposes of the Society to the public and interest potential persons in becoming members of the Society. Further he shall keep a detailed role of the paid membership. In the absence of the President he shall perform all the duties of that office and upon the death or resignation of the President, shall succeed to that office.
- 6.05 The Vice President for Programs shall primarily be responsible for arrangements for all meeting programs. In the absence of the President and Vice President for Membership he shall perform the duties of the President.
- 6.06 The Vice President for Finance shall receive all funds of the society, deposit the same in a bank chosen by the Executive Committee and shall render monthly financial reports to the membership. Further he shall maintain a list of the paid membership and as Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- 6.07 The Vice President and Secretary shall maintain a record of all business meetings of the Society and Executive Committee and shall receive and keep any minutes of all committees formed and utilized by the Executive Committee as well. He shall also keep all legal documents and contracts of the Society.
- 6.08 The Historian shall maintain an accurate record of all meetings and activities of the Society, shall provide for and maintain the Society Internet Web Site and act for the Secretary in his absence.

Article 7 – Standing Committees

- 7.01 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, the Vice Presidents For Membership, Programs, Finance, Secretary and the Historian.
- 7.02 The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Vice Presidents of Finance, Membership and Programs and chaired by the Vice President of Finance.

- 7.03 Other committees may be formed by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary from time to time.

Article 8 – Elections Terms of Office and Vacancies

- 8.01 All officers of the Society shall be members in good standing and shall be elected to two year terms, or until their successors are elected and take office. If there is only one candidate for an office the vote may be viva voice, otherwise election shall be by ballot.
- 8.02 Every two years by the February membership meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee and its chairman to be composed of no less than five (5) members to propose a slate of candidates for nomination to office for election at the April membership meeting. The Nominating committee should determine that the potential nominee consents and is willing and able to devote the time necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of any office to which he is elected.
- 8.03 At any meeting for the election of officers, nominations may be made from the floor and election shall be by a simple majority of those members in good standing present and voting.
- 8.04 Each individual member or household shall have one vote on each issue before the membership.

Article 9 - Parliamentary Authority

- 9.01 Parliamentary authority shall be the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. They shall govern in all cases that they are applicable and not inconsistent with the laws of the state of Georgia, or these by laws.

Article 10 – Amendments

- 10.01 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any regular monthly meeting provided the amendment has been proposed by the Executive Committee. Otherwise any proposed amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted at any regular meeting, read and voted upon at the following regular meeting. Such amendment must be agreed to by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting.

Article 11 – Dissolution

- 11.01 The organization may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any regular monthly meeting provided that the motion has been proposed by the Executive Committee. Otherwise, any proposed motion must be submitted at any regular monthly meeting, read and voted upon at the following regular meeting. Such motion must be agreed to by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting.
- 11.02 All assets remaining after payment of any outstanding liabilities shall be donated to the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Cobb County Georgia. If the regular monthly meetings have been moved to another site, two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular meeting shall agree to donate the proceeds to another charitable organization as no part of the income or profit of the Corporation may be distributable to its members, directors, or officers.