

Changes to By-Laws of the Historical Society of Riverton

Passed at Annual Meeting June 9, 2011 “” indicates a change

The committee led by Vice President Phyllis Rodgers with members Mabel Kloos and Susan Dechnik forwarded the following nominations to fill two, one year terms and a single three year term to the board of directors effective June 1st, 2011:

Three Year Term:

Donald Dietz

Three Year Term Renewal of Existing Directors:

Nancy Hall,

John McCormick

Phyllis Rodgers

One Year Term:

Pat Brunker

Cheryl Smekal

Three Year Term for Expanded 16 Member Board
(pending passage of proposed bylaw changes):

William McDermott

J. Edward Gilmore

Mary Lou Smith

Michael Spinelli

Nominations for officers of the board of directors for a two year term include:

President - Gerald Weaber

Vice President - Phyllis Rodgers

Secretary - Charlotte Lippincott

Treasurer - Paul Daly

Recommendations for changes to the By Laws of the Historical Society of Riverton: Please consult the web site for the current organization bylaws at <http://rivertonhistory.com>

At the board meeting on April 14, 2011, the following recommendations were passed by a quorum of members.

Motion: recommend the following changes to the by laws for consideration by the membership at the annual meeting in May 2011. Moved: Waters, E.; Seconded: Rodgers, P. PASSED

Article II. Meetings: Section 5.

Existing language: “A quorum shall consist of six members.”

New language: ... “A quorum shall consist of eight members.” changed to nine

Rationale: The increase in the number for a quorum should increase as the maximum size of the board is increased from 12 to 16 members. A quorum represents fifty percent of the total number of board members to enable the board to take action on business.

Article III. Membership: No changes

Article III. Duties of Officers & Directors:

Section 1. President

Existing language: “Expenditures by the President of any sum beyond \$50.00 requires board approval before action.”

New language: The only change recommended is to the amount from \$50 to \$150

Rationale: To enable board business to be conducted in an efficient manner while limiting the maximum expenditure required without board approval.

Article III. Vice President, Section 2.

Existing language: “Vice President may serve as program chairperson.”

New language: “The 2nd Vice President may serve as program chairperson and the 3rd Vice President may serve as the membership chairperson.”

Rationale: The 2nd and 3rd Vice President positions are added to recognize the responsibilities associated with the leadership of the program and membership committees.

Article IV. Annual Meeting, Section 2. No changes recommended.

Article V. Directors and Officers, Section 1.

Existing language: “The Board of Directors of this Society shall consist of twelve members...”

New language: “The Board of Directors of this Society shall not exceed sixteen members...”

Rationale: To enable the Society to attract more board members to assume committee leadership positions to conduct the business of the organization.

Article V. Directors and Officers, Section 2.

Existing language: “The officers of this Society shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall be elected by and from the board of directors at the Board’s Re-Organization meeting in May, following the annual meeting. Terms for Officers shall be two years, or until their successors are elected.”

New language: “The officers of this Society shall be: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and...”

Rationale: The 2nd and 3rd Vice President positions are added to recognize the responsibilities associated with the leadership of the program and membership committees.

Use of Language: Consider changing the term *Chairman* to *Chairperson* wherever the term appears in the by-laws.