

JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
REGION OF MARYLAND
(JASNA - MARYLAND)

(A nonstock non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the
general corporation laws of the State of Maryland)

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Section 1. Qualifications. All persons interested in furthering the aims of the Jane Austen Society of North America, Inc. (the National Society or JASNA), may become Members of the Society and of this Region (JASNA - Maryland) by paying applicable dues to the National Society; thereafter, they may participate in the activities of the Society at both the National and Regional levels, subject to the provisions of the National Bylaws, as long as they shall continue to be Members in good standing. In accordance with the National Bylaws, all Members other than Life Members shall cease to be in good standing when their annual dues are more than two months in arrears.

Section 2. Regional Business Meeting. The Members of JASNA - Maryland shall meet once every two years in a Regional Business Meeting for the purpose of electing a Regional Coordinator. In addition, the election or appointment of a Treasurer to manage and maintain the financial records of the Region will be made or ratified at the meeting. At said meeting, the Region's membership, at its discretion, may also elect or ratify the appointment of other officers or committees to assist in the management of the Region.

Section 3. Quorum and Proxy. For elections, a quorum shall be deemed to be the Members in good standing in attendance at the Regional Business Meeting. In accordance with the National Bylaws, no Member shall vote or be represented by proxy.

Section 5. Membership Categories and Dues. Categories of membership, payment of dues and terms and conditions of Membership are established by the National Society as set forth in their Rules and Bylaws. JASNA - Maryland may also, at the discretion of the Members, charge nominal dues to cover the cost of operation of the Region and may charge reasonable amounts to cover costs for attendance at events hosted by the Region.

ARTICLE II
OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. JASNA- Maryland shall have a Regional Coordinator and a Treasurer, both of whom must be Members in good standing in the Jane Austen Society of North America.

Section 2. Regional Coordinator. The Regional Coordinator's principal function shall be to coordinate the activities of the Region, including but not limited to organizing and conducting meetings and other activities of and for the Members. The Regional Coordinator shall also serve as the Region's representative to the National Society.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have general charge and supervision of the finances, securities, and books of account, and custody of all funds and securities of the Region. The Treasurer shall have full authority to receive and give receipts for all money due and payable to the Region, to make disbursements, and to endorse checks, drafts, and warrants in its name and on its behalf, and to give full discharge of the same. The Treasurer shall further render a report on the finances of the Region at the Regional Business Meeting and shall file a full financial report to the National Treasurer in accordance with the National ByLaws.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The Regional Coordinator shall serve for a term of two years and may be re-elected to subsequent terms of office. In accordance with the National ByLaws, the term of office shall commence on December 16th of the year in which the election occurred. If the election is held after December 16th, the term of office will commence immediately upon the end of the Regional Business Meeting. The Treasurer and any and all other officers or committees established by the Membership shall continue to serve at the discretion of the Membership without limitation.

Section 5. Nomination and Election of Regional Coordinator. The Regional Coordinator shall be proposed by a Nominating Committee in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the National ByLaws. The election shall be by voice vote or show of hands of the Members in attendance at the Meeting.

Section 6. Resignation of Officers. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Membership and to the National Organization. An officer who is more than two months in arrears in the payment of National dues shall be deemed to have resigned in accordance with Article I of the National ByLaws which defines a Member in good standing.

ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

Committees for the Region may be appointed by the Membership at any Regional Meeting or by the Regional Coordinator to assist in the coordination and running of the Region.

ARTICLE IV JASNA - MARYLAND DESIGNATION

Section 1. Designation. The Maryland Regional Group of the Jane Austen Society in North America (JASNA - Maryland) shall consist of Members residing in or proximate to the State of Maryland in accordance with guidelines established by the National Society

and shall be known by the title in its Articles of Incorporation on file with the State of Maryland: the Jane Austen Society of North America followed by the State Name Maryland, or JASNA - Maryland.

Section 2. Regional Membership. All members of the JASNA - Maryland Region must be Members of the National Society and pay the established dues as set forth in Article I, Section 5, of the National Bylaws.

Section 3. Conformity. The Region shall at all times operate in conformity with the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of the National Organization.

ARTICLE V REMUNERATION, ANNUAL AUDIT OR EXAMINATION, FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Expenses and Remuneration. No Officer or Member of JASNA - Maryland shall receive remuneration as such but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

Section 2. Annual Audit or Examination. The accounts of JASNA - Maryland shall be audited or examined at least once a year and submitted to the National Treasurer in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and ByLaws of the National Organization.

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The National Board of Directors of the Society shall determine the fiscal year for the Society and its Regions, including JASNA - Maryland.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These ByLaws, approved at the JASNA - Maryland Regional Business Meeting held on December 11, 2010, may be amended at any Regular Meeting of the Members. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and sent to the Members at least 30 days prior to the Meeting and adoption shall require a vote of two-thirds of those present. All Amendments must be in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and ByLaws of the National Organization.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The parliamentary authority for JASNA and for JASNA - Maryland, wherever applicable, and when not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, shall be the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. Effective Date. These bylaws and all amendments thereto are effective from the time of their adoption by the Membership at a Regular Meeting.