

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

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1

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. Nonprofit Status. The Region, by virtue of its affiliation with JASNA, is a nonprofit organization. No part of the assets or income of the Region shall be distributable to or accrue to the benefit of its individual members or officers.

Section 2, Regional Business Meeting. The Members of JASNA - Maryland shall meet at least 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 (at least 15% of members) 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 charge reasonable amounts to cover costs for attendance at events hosted by the Region.

ARTICLE 11
OFFICERS

Section 1 . Officers. JASNA- Maryland shall have a Regional Coordinator (or co-coordinators) and a Treasurer, all 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 for up to two subsequent terms of office (six years total). 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 Officers. Region members may nominate other members or themselves for office by submitting an individual's name for the ballot. Only individuals who are members in good standing of JASNA and the Region may be nominated/elected to office. Nominations may not be made from the floor. Nominations must be submitted to the Nominations Coordinator in writing (or email) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the election of officers. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the election, the Nominations Coordinator shall submit to the Membership a slate listing all of the nominees who are members in good standing and eligible for election. The Nominations Coordinator will conduct the election. The officers will be elected by a simple majority (50%) of the voters present. If none of the candidates for an office receive the majority of votes, the top two candidates will have a run-off and the majority wins the office. The election shall be held at a meeting in the month of December for a term beginning, no later than, January 16.

Section 6. Resignation of Officers. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Membership and to the National Society. 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.

COMMITTEES

Additional 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 Society.

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 16, 2023, 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 Society.

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,