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Mr Click Relander 1212 N 32 nd ave Yakin, Un. The Washington Archaeological Society was organized by a group of advanced collectors who recognized the need for an organization which would provide the means for the diffusion of archaeological knowledge and the preservation of archaeological findings, materials and sites. Aside from the immediate problem of providing a means of learning archaeological techniques and the basic concepts of the science of archaeology, the group recognized that the organization had to be compatible with the letter and spirit of the existing antiquities laws. The process of organizing the Society was consequently accomplished in consort with the Washington State Museum and the Department of Anthropology of the University of Washington. The attached copies of the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics and Statement of Policy embody the policies and framework by which the Society functions.

The cultural heritage of this country includes not only the events recorded in written history but also all of the activities which preceded written history. The pre-historical past is the cultural heritage of our present American Indian population. The Society is cognizant of the fact that the pre-historical past constitutes an important segment of the cultural heritage of all those now present.

It is the aim of the Society to provide a means for all persons interested to help discover and establish the pre-history of this area. For those who have and are establishing a personal collection, the Society provides the knowledge that will give meaning to the artifacts as well as having the knowledge and data provided by these artifacts recorded where it will form a part of the data used to reconstruct the pre-history.

The fundamental requirement for membership in the Washington Archaeological Society is a genuine interest in archaeology which is in agreement with the statements made in the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics and Statement of Policy. As a person interested in archaeology, the Society invites you to apply for membership. This may be accomplished by completing the attached application and returning it to:

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If you do not know a charter member who can act as your sponsor, a member of the Membership Committee will take care of this detail when the application is processed.

ARTICLE I The name of this organization is "WASHINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY."

ARTICLE II The Washington Archaeological Society is dedicated to the diffusion and preservation of archaeological knowledge and related sciences implemented by its members' active participation in, and in collaboration with the State Museum's program of archaeological investigations, research, publications and displays.

ARTICLE III The official repositories of the Society shall be the State Museum at the University of Washington in Seattle. Other repositories may be established with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV Membership is open to any person genuinely interested in the diffusion and preservation of archaeological knowledge and able to participate in some phase of the activities of the society.

ARTICLE V The administrative officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall be the presiding officer of all meetings. The Vice-President shall be the presiding officer during the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep an authentic record of the proceedings of the Society and handle the correspondence of the Society. The Treasurer shall be the official custodian of the funds of the society. The term of office for each of the administrative officers shall be one calendar year.

ARTICLE VI The Board of Directors shall consist of (1)
Director of the Washington State Museum acting a Advisory
Chairman, term of office permanent; (2) Curator of Anthropology
of the Washington State Museum acting as Executive Chairman,
term of office permanent; (3) Board Member I, term of office
one year at first election, three years at all succeeding elections;
(4) Board Member II, term of office two years at first election,
three years at all succeeding elections; (5) Board Member III,
term of office three years; (6) President, term of office,
one year; (7) Vice-President, term of office, one year.

ARTICLE VII Meetings shall be held once a month on the second Wednesday of each month. The annual meeting at which officers are elected shall be the regular meeting in the month of October.

ARTICLE VIII Procedure for amending the constitution shall be at the direction of one of the permanent members of the Board of Directors who will present the amendment to a quorum of the membership for discussion at one meeting and a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the membership at the succeeding meeting having a quorum.

BY - LAWS

- 1. Kinds of membership are: (a) Life membership which is bestowed upon a Senior Member upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and a vote of the membership; (b) Senior membership which is the membership status of an active adult member; (c) Associate membership which is available for those desiring limited participation; (d) Student membership which is available to students attending an institution of higher learning; (e) Junior membership which is offered to interested persons through high school age.
- 2. Requirements for membership are that the person applying to the Membership Committee can demonstrate a genuine interest in the subject of archaeology and agreement with the purposes of the Society and it's Code of Ethics & Statement of Policy.
- 3. Admission of members shall be made upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee to the Board of Direcors who will act on the recommendation and submit their action to a vote of the Membership.
- 4. Dues for Senior members shall be \$5.00 annually,; for Associate members \$2.50 annually; for Student members, \$2.00 annually; for Junior members \$1.00 annually. Adult family membership provides for one Senior fee of \$5.00 annually and other adults of the family of any number at the Associate Members fee of \$2.50 annually, the later being considered Senior members. Life members are relieved of any payment of dues.

5. Powers and duties of officers: (a) President: As presiding officer he shall (1) conduct all meetings according to a standard code of parliamentary procedure; (2) Call for special meetings and change or postpone regular meeting dates; (3) appoint committees; (4) direct activities; (5) attend Board of Directors meetings.

(b) Vice-President: (1) preside in absence of president; (2)

attend Board of Directors meetings.

(c) Secretary: (1) attend and record minutes of Board of Directors meetings; (2) attend and record minutes of meetings;

(3) record significant activities performed by members.

(d) Treasurer: (1) act as official custodian of the funds of the Society and shall be bonded at the expense of the Society;

- (2) collect and disburse funds at the direction of the Board of Directors; (3) report the financial condition at each regular meeting.
- 6. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the Senior members present, that number constituting a quorum.
- 7. The Board of Directors shall establish the basic policies and activities of the Society subject to the approval of a quorum.
- 8. Regular committees to be appointed by the President shall be
 (a) Program Committee, (b) Publication Committee, (c) Museum
 Committee, (d) Membership Committee, (e) Activities Committee,
 (f) Contact Committee, and (g) special committees as
 required.
- (9) Procedure for amending the By-Laws shall be at the motion of a senior member, the accepted motion to be read at the following meeting, the By-Law being enacted by a two-thirds majority of a quorum at the succeening meeting having a quorum.

WASHINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CODE OF ETHICS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY

- l. With the full realization that scientific and historical work in archaeology involves a complete recording of an excavation and its results, I pledge myself to do no digging on sites of known archaeological value until I am familiar with the fundamentals of archaeological technique. By archaeological technique it is meant that simple excavation by measured levels and the recording of artifacts and other finds by these levels is understood and followed. A profile sketch of any soil levels or changes and the records of the dig, but not necessarily the artifacts, are to be filed with the Society. The Society encourages individual and group exploration for new sites, by Society members and within the scope of the Code of Ethics.
- 2. I, realizing that the archaeological remains of our state are a finite resource, and one which is not only of purely scientific value but is of great popular interest and appeal, do pledge myself to make all reasonable effort to conserve and save archaeological deposits and manifestations for future generations. Where destruction is inescapable, as with erosion or construction, I shall devote myself to salvage, in terms of 1, above.
- 3. I pledge myself to work with and under the scientific direction of competent professional archaeologists on Society excavations. The Society's plan of procedure involves five steps and I pledge myself to follow them:

A. SURVEY

- 1. To use professional methods and forms.
- 2. To file, at the Washington State Museum, a complete record of sites together with photographs, tracings or drawings of artifacts found or photographed from local collections, together with pertinent observations.
- 3. To make available as loan or gift (on terms of mutual agreement) to the Washington State Museum any artifacts from surface collections that may be designated as type specimens.

B. EXCAVATION

1. To participate in Society excavations which shall involve digging according to established archaeological techniques.

B. EXCAVATION (continued)

 To work under the control of Society officers and a professional archaeologist, designated by the Board of Directors and the President on Society excavations.

To place all records, artifacts and observations made while working on a Society-sponsored dig in the Washington State Museum or another designated museum as part of the permanent records. When, following the judgements of the archaeologistin-charge and the officers of the Society, a sufficient sample of an archaeological deposit has been secured, the Society controlled dig may be terminated and further sections of the deposit may be worked on an individual basis as a contribution to a widened understanding of the site. Techniques used are to be those of the Society dig; artifacts recovered are to be cataloged properly but may remain in individual collections.

- C. I further pledge that I shall devote myself to the preparation of records or reports that may be published in order that our work shall not be lost in files and on Museum shelves.
- D. I pledge myself to work with State and County museums to aid in the care and conservation of collections and to aid in the preparation of displays which will bring to the general public an understanding and feeling for the prehistory of the area.
- E. I pledge not to commercialize material which I collect and to discourage commercialization and faking of archaeological materials.

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