

AMENDING RESOLUTION # 304-96 -SETTING UP CAYUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM COMMISSION.

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WHEREAS, Resolution #304-96 set up the Cayuga County Agricultural Museum Commission to oversee the Cayuga County Agricultural Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has functioned in that capacity for the years since it was established; and

WHEREAS, there have been many changes in the museum and the Commission since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Commission at it's meeting of October 4, 2005 did review Resolution No. 304-96 and determine that changes were needed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature does hereby amend resolution 304-96 to read as follows:

Article I. The name of the museum shall be the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural Museum and the name of the Commission shall be the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural Museum Commission.

Article II. The purpose and objectives of the Museum shall be to preserve and create an awareness of the agricultural and rural heritage of Cayuga County. Specifically to collect, preserve, classify and display agricultural tools and other artifacts reflecting rural life in the area from early time to the mid 20th century.

Article III. The Commission

1. All major policies of the Museum shall be reviewed by the Commission, which shall consist of not more than 15 members, at least one of which is to be a member of the Cayuga County Legislature. The Commission shall act as an advisory board to the Cayuga County Legislature and shall report its recommendations to the Legislature through the Public Works Committee. The Commission shall have other authority as set forth herein or delegated to it by the County Legislature from time to time.

2. The names of those to be placed in nomination for the Commission shall be selected by a Nominating Committee, drawn from the Commission membership. This suggested list of nominees shall then be submitted to the Chairman of the County Legislature for his/her consideration and then formal confirmation of appointment by the County Legislature.

3. A vacancy existing on the Commission for any reason other than expiration of the term of office may be filled by the same procedure as in Section 2.

4. Commission members are appointed to serve for a four (4) year term. However, they shall continue to be able to act in the event the County Legislature does not appoint a new member to his/her position before expiration of a member's term and shall so continue to act until the County Legislature so makes a new appointment. An arrangement shall be worked out by which the terms of the members shall be staggered to provide for continuity on the Board.

5. Lack of attendance at three (3) consecutive meeting may be sufficient reason to terminate a member's membership on the Commission provided the President of the Commission

certifies the absences took place without cause being communicated to him/her by the individual.

6. There shall be nine (9) monthly meetings per year. Special meeting shall be called as needed.
7. Seven (7) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business; a majority vote of those members present at any meeting shall be sufficient to carry any proposition submitted for action at the meetings.

Article IV. Duties of the Commission

1. To elect the officers of the Museum Commission. These are to consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer
2. To set up and maintain proper liaison with the County Legislature of Cayuga County.
3. Be responsible for oversight of all property belonging to the Museum.
4. Establish and maintain a Collection Policy that follows State and National Museum Standards.
5. Set up financial controls and procedures relating to receiving, banking, and disbursing money. Monies received through the sale of items that are deaccessioned, in accordance with the Collection Policy, must only be use to replenish the Museums collection or used on conservation work such as care and restoration.
6. Investigate and instigate methods of raising and earning money to help finance the Museum's programs.
7. Appoint staff members as needed, in concurrence with the County Legislature.
8. Prepare an updated Annual Inventory and forward it to the Cayuga County Legislature during the month of January or when requested.

Article V. Duties of Officers

1. President: Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. His/Her duties shall be: to preside at the meetings of the Commission; appoint members to standing and special committees with the approval of the Commission and to represent the museum whenever necessary.
2. Vice-President: Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. His/Her duties shall be: to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President; to assemble and preserve a scrapbook reflecting the activities of the Museum during the year and then pass it on the succeeding Vice-President.
3. Secretary: Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. His/Her duties shall be: to record the minutes of each meeting in proper form and to be responsible for all correspondence of the Museum.
4. Treasurer: Elected for one (1) year and serve at the pleasure of the commission. He/She is responsible for all the financial affairs of the Museum at the direction of the Commission.

Article VI. Committees:

1. There should be five standing committees as follows:

- Collections Committee
- Education Committee
- Long Range Planning Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Programs Committee

2. Ad Hoc Committees may be established by the Commission as needed.

Article VII. Parliamentary Authority: Roberts Rules of Order shall be the guide for conducting meetings of the Commission.

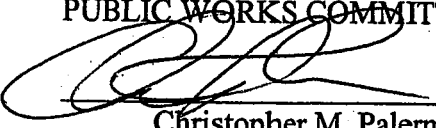
Article VIII. Admission Fee: Admission fees to the Museum and its events shall be set by the Commission from time to time.

And be it further

RESOLVED, Commission members shall be considered County Officials while doing Commission activities and business and shall be indemnified by the County of Cayuga pursuant to Section 18 of the Public Officers Law with regard to any claim or lawsuit arising out of the members' actions done in the course of Museum activities or museum business to the extent permitted by the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that since the County owns the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural Museum buildings and their contents, the Emerson Park Maintenance Supervisor and his staff are hereby instructed to continue proper maintenance and up-keep of the buildings and grounds associated with the museum.

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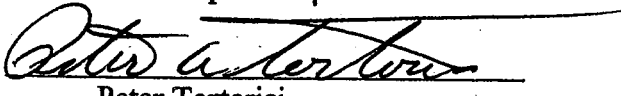
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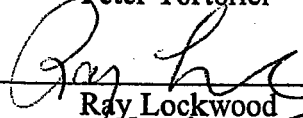
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