

Excerpts from email:

From: Louisa McCord

Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2009 6:40 PM

Subject: Results are in

Good evening everyone,

In between the Elmwood service and the Service at the State House, the ballots were tallied. I asked Nancy White, President of the Mary Huntt Chapter and Melanie Frye, Vice-president of the Louisa McCord Chapter to count and verify the votes for the ballots. We currently have 13 active chapters and 13 ballots were returned.

I am honored and humbled to announce that I will be serving two more years in my last term as SC Society OCR President.

The majority ruled and all of the proposed amendments, save #4, passed and will become effective immediately. I have noted the amendments below for everyone. They will be incorporated into our SC Society OCR Bylaws and sent out to each Chapter for distribution to your members. After the change over of the webmaster and web materials, they will be posted on the website. The new bylaws are listed below:

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

A. The members of the Society will be the OCR chapters in SC, the members of those chapters, and independents (members-at-large). Each chapter will set its own membership eligibility rules. Members, known as Roses, must be of the minimum legal age in this state: eighteen (18). Members below the age of eighteen (18), known as Rosebuds (girls) or Thorns (boys), pay no dues and have no voting privileges; however, they may purchase and wear

V. DUES:

B. A. Annual member dues will be billed to the Chapters, and the Chapters are authorized to collect the funds and forward them to the Society. Each member of the chapters will pay \$15.00 when they first join and \$10.00 annually for renewal dues. New members will be given a Society pin and a membership certificate.

D. Renewal dues for individuals must be postmarked no later than May 31. Renewal dues postmarked between June 1 and June 30 will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. Renewal dues postmarked between July 1 and July 31 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee. Renewal is not available after August 1; individuals will need to rejoin the organization as new members.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

C. Nominees for president will be accepted at the January meeting of the Executive Council. 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, all chapters-in-good-standing will be notified of the nominees. At the annual meeting, the president will be elected by closed ballot with each chapter-in-good-standing receiving one vote. A quorum for this ballot will be a majority of chapters-in-good-standing in attendance

IX. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

D. The final meeting must be in January to finalize plans for the Society's Annual Meeting, to accept proposed changes to the bylaws, and to accept nominations for Society President (when needed).

XI. BY-LAWS:

A. Proposed changes to the bylaws of the SC Society Order of Confederate Rose will be accepted at the January meeting of the Executive Council. 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, all chapters-in-good-standing will be notified of the proposed change(s). At the annual meeting, the proposals will be discussed and accepted or rejected by closed ballot. Each chapter-in-good-standing will receive one vote. A quorum for this ballot will be a majority of chapters-in-good-standing in attendance.

XII. VOTING:

A. Every chapter-in-good-standing is eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each chapter-in-good-standing has one vote per issue.

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D. Votes will be tabulated at the Annual Meeting by two (2) members appointed by the State President with all members in good standing in attendance.

XIII. COMMITTEES:

C. 6. Editor will create a quarterly electronic newsletter which any member may download from the website. Each active OCR Chapter is provided one electronic copy of the newsletter for distribution to their chapter members. The newsletter is also published on the SC Society OCR website.

Respectfully and Humbly,
Yours in history....Andrea Wolfe, President
SC Society OCR