# BYLAWS OF THE SALT LAKE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

# ARTICLE I - INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF INCORPOATION

The Salt Lake Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (the Meeting) has been gathering since approximately 1975 as a religious organization without a legal structure. It is now organized under the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act to provide the benefits of a corporate structure to the Meeting and the individuals whom the Meeting comprises, namely, to shield against claims for personal liability arising from conduct of Meeting business and activity and to assure the benefits of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and the tax laws of the State of Utah for the meeting and for those who contribute financial support to it.

Nothing in these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation of the Meeting is intended to affect the fundamental structure and practice of the Meeting, which are based on the practices of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The meeting has adopted a written "Structure and Practice (Revised Nov. 2019)," which describes how the Meeting has been operating. The Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws affect the conduct of Meeting business only insofar as corporate forms and usages may be observed to comply with governmental requirements to cooperate with other corporate institutions.

Accordingly, hereafter in these bylaws the term "Meeting" may be used as synonymous with the term "corporation" and vice versa.

#### **ARTICLE II – OFFICES**

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 171 East 4800 South, Murray, Salt Lake County, Utah, 84107.

#### **ARTICLE III - GOVERNANCE**

## **Section 1: Monthly Meeting**

The corporation is governed by the monthly Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business (hereafter, Meeting for Business), which meets on the second First Day (Sunday) of each month. All enrolled members and regular attenders of the Meeting, and all persons attending Meeting may attend and participate in any Meeting for Business. All decisions of Meeting for Business shall be determined by the consensus of those in attendance. The term "monthly meeting" may be used herein to designate a particular Meeting for Business.

# **Section 2: Members of Corporation**

The Meeting has prescribed procedures for admission to it as an "enrolled member." All enrolled members and all "regular attenders" of the Meeting shall be deemed members of the corporation.

**Section 3.** Meetings of the Corporation: All Meetings for Business in which corporate matters are considered may be deemed meetings of the corporation and as is convenient and reasonable may be designated as such on forms, reports, and other communication with the Internal Revenue Service, the Utah Department of Corporations, or businesses with financial institutions and other entities dealing in corporate form and usage.

**Section 4: Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held concurrently with the Meeting for Business on the second Sunday of the month of May of each year, beginning with the year 2021, for the purpose of approving officers and directors of the corporation, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the confirmation of officers shall not be held on this day for any annual meeting of the members of the corporation, or at any adjournment thereof, the Meeting shall cause the selection to be made at a special meeting of the members of the corporation at the next monthly meeting or such monthly meeting as shall be designated. All persons interested in the business of the meeting may attend and participate, whether or not they have been deemed members of the meeting.

**Section 5: Special Meeting.** Special meetings of the members of the corporation, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by an officer, and shall be called by the Clerk at the request of the members of the corporation

present at a Meeting for Business. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be held in conjunction with regular Meetings for Business. All persons interested in the business of the meeting may attend and participate, whether or not they have been deemed members of the meeting.

**Section 6:** Notice of Meeting. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the corporation and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting. Notice on the Meeting's googlegroups.com email list, or such other electronic list as may succeed the googlegroups.com list, is sufficient notice of any meeting of this corporation. Such notice shall be given by or at the direction of the Clerk, or the Recording Clerk.

**Section 7: Membership in Corporation.** The members of this corporation for any meeting requiring a determination of a quorum of members shall consist of the enrolled members of the Meeting together with such regular attenders as may be determined from time to time by the Meeting at a Meeting for Business.

**Section 8: Quorum and Business Requiring Quorums**. Twenty-five percent of the number of members of the corporation who reside in Salt Lake County shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members of the corporation. A quorum is needed for any appointment or confirmation or removal of an officer or officers, for approval of the payment of any sum in excess of \$1500 other than the Meeting's annual dues to Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, for any transaction involving the purchase or sale of real property, for the application for any grant in excess of \$1500, and for such other matters as may be deemed of enough importance by the officers or a member of the Meeting as to require approval at a meeting that fulfills quorum requirements.

#### ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

**Section 1. General Powers.** The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Meeting for Business, a board of directors, and its officers in accordance with the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends.

**Section 2: Number, Tenure and Qualifications**. The corporation shall have three members on its board of directors consisting of the Clerk, the Recording Clerk, and the Treasurer of the Meeting, each of whom is nominated by usual Meeting procedures for approval by the Meeting at a Meeting for Business. The term of a member of the Board of Directors is conterminous with that person's term as an officer of the meeting.

**Section 3. Annual Meeting.** At least two of the three members of the board of directors shall be present at the annual meeting of the corporation. A board member may attend electronically by any medium by which their voice can be heard and they can hear the proceedings.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**Section 1: Positions.** The officers of the corporation shall be the officers of the Meeting, namely, a Clerk, a Recording Clerk, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: Selection and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen annually by the members of the corporation at a Meeting for Business on the second Sunday of May at which the Meeting's nominating committee shall present its nominations for each office. The term of each officer shall be one year but any officer may be continued in office for another term as the Meeting for Business may decide. Officers shall be nominated at the May Meeting for Business, and shall be approved by the Meeting for seasoning until the June Meeting, at which the nomination will be confirmed or disconfirmed. The term of each officer will then commence July 1.

Section 3: The Clerk shall be an enrolled member of Salt Lake Monthly Meeting, and shall serve a term of one year, but may serve consecutive terms as determined by the Meeting for Business. The Clerk convenes the monthly Meeting for Business and has the other administrative responsibilities for the Meeting described in the Meeting's publication Structure and Practice (Revised Nov. 2019). For convenience, the Clerk may be shown as president of the corporation on forms required by government or entities other persons. The clerk may sign, with the secretary or any other officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the Meeting for Business, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Meeting for Business has authorized to be executed, and shall be a

co-signatory on the Meeting's accounts at financial institutions; and in general shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Meeting for Business from time to time.

Section 4: The Recording Clerk shall assist the Clerk with the conduct of Meeting for Business and other meetings requiring formal decisions of the Meeting. In the course of these meetings, the Recording Clerk shall make a general record of the proceedings and as the meeting proceeds, prepare for the approval of those in attendance a minute of each decision reached. The Recording Clerk shall prepare a formal statement entitled Minutes of the Meeting for Business and where necessary other meetings that, in consultation with the Clerk, shall be presented to the next Meeting for Business for approval as the permanent record of the Meeting. General responsibilities of the Recording Clerk are described the Meeting's publication Structure and Practice (Revised Nov. 2019). For convenience, the Recording Clerk may be shown as secretary of the corporation on forms required by government or other persons or entities.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; (b) be the primary signatory on the Meeting's accounts at financial institutions, and shall receive and give receipts for moneys contributed to or due and payable to the Meeting from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Meeting in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as shall be selected by the Meeting for Business; (c) report monthly on the general financial status of the Meeting to the Meeting for Business and annually make a financial statement showing contributions, other receipts, in-kind contributions where claimed by the contributor, and expenses and other payments; and (d) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the president or by the board of trustees.

# ARTICLE V - CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

**Section 1. Contracts.** The Meeting, at a Meeting for Business, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract, execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Meeting, and exercise such authority as may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 2.** Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Meeting and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a formal minute of a Meeting for Business, with such authority granted only after such advance notice to members of the Meeting as the Meeting for Business may prescribe. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 3. Checks, Drafts, and Similar Instruments**. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Meeting and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Meeting for Business.

**Section 4. Deposits.** All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as the Meeting may approve All funds in corporate savings accounts, if any, shall be federally insured.

Along with recommendations for investment or depositary options to the members of the Meeting, the reporting officers shall advise with particular attention as to compatibility with Quaker principles, safety, and rate of return.

# **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

Alterations, amendments, or the repeal of these Bylaws in whole or in part may be proposed by any member of the Meeting for approval at a Meeting for Business.

## ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of December in each year.

No member, officer or employee of or person connected with the Meeting, or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the corporation, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of such reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Meeting in effecting any of its purposes as shall be fixed by the Meeting; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon the termination of the corporate state of the Meeting or the laying down (termination) of the Meeting itself. All members of the Meeting shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon such dissolution, laying down, or winding up of the affairs of the Meeting or the corporation, whether voluntary and involuntary, the assets of the corporation, after all debts have been satisfied, then remaining in the hands of the Board of Trustees shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered, and paid over, in such amounts as the Meeting may determine or as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction upon application of an appropriate representative of the meeting, exclusive to charitable, religious, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

## **ARTICLE X - EXEMPT ACTIVITIES**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member, officer, employee, or representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2)of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the Clerk of the Salt Lake Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be the Bylaws of said corporation.

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Jon Rand Hirschi

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