

Bylaws of Friends of Great Northwest Library

ARTICLE I Purpose

The Friends of Great Northwest Library is a branch group under the parent organization of the Friends of San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL). The mission of FOSAPL is to promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community, and to encourage the extension and improvement of its services. Friends of Great Northwest Library will support and appreciate the Great Northwest Library as an important community asset through fundraising and activities that promote the library and carry out this mission.

These bylaws shall provide direction for the Friends of Great Northwest Library. They are superseded by the by-laws set forth by FOSAPL. In the event of a conflict between these by-laws and those of FOSAPL, the bylaws of the parent organization will be followed.

ARTICLE II Membership

Membership in the Friends of Great Northwest Library (hereafter referred to as “Friends of GNW”) is open to any individual or family that submits a request and appropriate fee for membership to FOSAPL and indicates a desire to be affiliated with the Great Northwest Library. Individual memberships are currently \$15.00 of which \$5.00 will be credited to the account of the Friends of Great Northwest Library. Membership is renewed annually before January 31. The Board of Directors of FOSAPL establishes the membership year and annual fee for all membership categories.

ARTICLE III Meetings

Meetings will be held six times per year during the even numbered months. The regular meeting schedule will be set at the December meeting for the following year. The date, time and location as well as purpose of each meeting will be posted in the library for at least 10 days before the meeting. Meetings will be open to all who wish to attend but only Friends of GNW members will count toward a quorum and have voting privileges.

Meetings will be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedure with guidance from the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*. A quorum will consist of at least 25 percent of the current membership and at least one elected officer but no less than four total persons. All members are encouraged to attend the Friends of San Antonio Library meetings which are held at various library locations during odd-numbered months.

Special meetings may be called by the president or three members. The meeting time and place will be coordinated with the library staff and do not need to be posted. Members will be notified of special meetings by e-mail or telephone.

