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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceShort Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning		July 1	, 2009, and ending	June 30	, 2010
B Check if applicable		C Name of organization		D Employer identification number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.		93-0684590	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)		E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		P. O. Box 1468		541-512-2340	
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		F Group Exemption Number ►	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		Phoenix, OR 97535-1468			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending					

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

H Check ► if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ► www.RVGSlibrary.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

REVENUE 2010 SCANNED	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	38969.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	9983.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	13850.
	4 Investment income	4	671.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe ►)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ►	9	63474.	
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	11889.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1986.
	16 Other expenses (describe ► Direct program expense)	16	22541.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17	36416.
NET ASSETS	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	27058.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	225970
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) <i>Inventory adjustments</i>	20	5721.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ►	21	258749.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.
(See the instructions for Part II.)

BALANCE SHEETS	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year		
	22 Cash, savings, and investments	58123	22	90773.
	23 Land and buildings	136459	23	149058.
	24 Other assets (describe ► furniture and equipment)	31388	24	18918.
	25 Total assets	225970	25	258749.
	26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0	26	0
	27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	225970	27	258749.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► _____ ; section 4912 ► _____ ; section 4955 ► _____		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► _____		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► Oregon		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► Collsta Bailey Telephone no. ► 541-772-8318 Located at ► 4425 W. Main St., #16, Medford, OR ZIP + 4 ► 97501		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____	42c	✓
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43 □		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	✓
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	✓
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	✓
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	
50	Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

	(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None					

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ► _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None			

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ► _____

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		
	► <i>Collsta Bailey</i>		11-11-2010
	Signature of officer		Date
► Collsta Bailey, Treasurer			
Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
EIN ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
Phone no. ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.

Employer identification number

93 0684590

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other
 - e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box _____
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? _____
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?	(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?	(vii) Amount of support
				Yes	No		
Total							

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33½ % support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33½ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 33½ % support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33½ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		► <input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)
Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	51646	48753	35604	32102	52820	220925
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	4613	4875	5043	6306	9983	30820
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	56259	53628	40647	38408	62803	251745
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year					1800	1800
c Add lines 7a and 7b					1800	1800
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						249945

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	56259	53628	40647	38408	62803	251745
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	212	640	1092	650	671	3265
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	212	640	1092	650	671	3265
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	56471	54268	41739	39058	63474	255010
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.01	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	1.28	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1	%
19a 33½% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33½%, and line 17 is not more than 33½%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
b 33½% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33½%, and line 18 is not more than 33½%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
95 Houston Road, P.O. Box 1468
Phoenix, OR 97535-1468
Phone (541) 512 - 2340

BY LAWS OF THE
ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. The name of this Corporation shall be the **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.**, hereinafter called "the Society."
2. The registered office of this Corporation shall be in Jackson County, State of Oregon.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of RVGS is to establish, maintain and make accessible to the public a library of materials of genealogical and historical interest; secure information of a genealogical nature from public and private records by way of historical research as well as indexing and abstracting and to provide for the preservation and publication of results; to preserve and protect the collection for future generations; and to inform and educate the community by promoting life-long learning and access to technology regarding genealogical research and the value of genealogy and family history.

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ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the Society shall be:
 - a to acquire by gift, purchase or other means, genealogical materials including books, maps, films, fiche, electronic media, documents, records and artifacts of genealogical and historical interest, and to preserve and protect these for future use;
 - b. to acquire funds from membership dues, donations, and fees, and to acquire by gift, purchase or other means, personal and real property in order to support the Society's purposes;
 - c. to cooperate and/or affiliate with other nonprofit entities/organizations with like purposes.
2. The Society is organized as a nonprofit organization exclusively for education and research within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Oregon. These objectives do not exclude other activities within the intent of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Oregon.

ARTICLE III - POLICIES

1. The Society shall be nonprofit, nonpolitical and nonsectarian.
2. The properties and assets of the Society are irrevocably dedicated to educational & research.
3. No part of the net earnings, properties, assets or activities of the Society shall accrue to the benefit of any private person or individual, or of any member, Officer or Director of the Society.
 - a. Society property, time, supplies, or equipment shall not be used for anything other than Board of Officers and Directors (Board) sanctioned Society business and/or activities.
 - b. Ownership of any Board sanctioned project and any associated royalties and/or copyrights rests solely in the Society.
4. No individual may use a position in the Society for personal gain or to benefit another at the expense of the Society, its mission, its reputation, and the community it serves.
5. Elected Officers, Committee Directors and Volunteers:
 - a. understand and support the mission of the Society.
 - b. base working relationships on equity and mutual respect.
 - c. adhere to professional standards of conduct when representing the Society.
 - d. promote the good of the Society rather than individual financial gain, or personal interest.
6. The Society shall always act to preserve the physical and intellectual integrity of its library collection which is:
 - a. open and available for research by the public during business hours.
 - b. accessioned in permanent Society files following standard cataloging procedures.
 - c. maintained through replacement and disposal consistent with Society purposes and goals.
 - d. insured and protected by security and fire alarm systems.
7. In the event of dissolution of the Society:
 - a. Dissolution of the Society is determined by the vote of the membership. The membership shall be kept notified of the proceedings until final disposition of assets.
 - b. The incumbent elected officers at the time of dissolution shall remain seated until the dissolution is completed, or name an agent to act on the Society's behalf to complete the dissolution.
 - c. Copies of itemized asset lists, compiled by direction of the officers, shall be made available to each member of the Board, and another copy will stay with the assets.
 - d. The Board shall dispose of all the liabilities of the Society.

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 - e. The Board, within one (1) year of dissolution, shall donate the assets of the Society, including all acquisitions, to an organization within Jackson County whose objectives are the same as the Society's as stated in Article II, a,b,c; if said organization qualify at the time as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If after the first year following dissolution, the officers are unable to find an organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code within Jackson County, then the officers shall seek out an organization within Oregon that will accept the Society's assets.

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ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Any person who supports the purposes of the Society may become an active member by making application and paying the prescribed dues.

2. Any Organization, Library, Historical or Genealogical Society may become an institutional member of the Society, either by exchanging bulletins with the Society or by making application and paying the prescribed dues.
3. **Honorary Life Members** may be elected by the Board to honor those members who have demonstrated devotion to the Society, and who have contributed time and effort towards the objectives of the Society. No active member of the Board is eligible for this designation. Honorary Life memberships are for a lifetime and have the privileges of active membership.
4. **Life and Life Benefactor Membership.**

PURPOSE: A Life or Life Benefactor membership shall be a one-time payment to RVGS sufficient to support annual membership for the duration of the member's life and to provide long-term financial stability to the organization through the Endowment Fund, as well as increasing the number and variety of member benefits.

CONDITIONS: Life and Life Benefactor memberships shall be available to an individual of any age; the fee is not refundable and may not be transferred.

FEE: The Life Membership fee is \$500, \$300 will be deposited to a restricted life membership account and \$200 will be added to the Endowment Fund (tax deductible by the donor). The Life Benefactor Membership fee is \$5,000, \$300 will be deposited to a restricted life membership account and \$4,700 will be added to the Endowment Fund (tax deductible by the donor).

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ADMINISTRATION: A restricted life membership account will be administered by the Treasurer. At the beginning of each fiscal year \$30 for each Life and Life Benefactor member will be transferred from the restricted life membership fund to the general Dues Fund to support membership. If a Life or Life Benefactor member dies before his/her restricted life membership funds have been depleted, the balance will be transferred to the Endowment Fund. If the Life or Life Benefactor member is alive after his/her restricted life membership funds have been depleted, no additional funds will be transferrable by the Treasurer to the general Dues Fund and no additional membership fee collected from the Life or Life Benefactor member.

RECOGNITION: In addition to the benefits of annual membership, Life and Life Benefactor members will receive special recognition in the BUD/Digger. The name of a Life Benefactor shall be added to a Life Benefactor member plaque displayed in the Library. Life Benefactor membership will also include voting rights as a Life Trustee on the Board of Directors if in attendance at any Board meeting.

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5. Annual dues shall be determined by vote of the membership and are due and payable each subsequent year in their month of joining.

ARTICLE V –BOARD OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The governing body of the Society shall be the **Board of Officers and Directors** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) which shall consist of the five (5) elected officers, plus the Immediate Past President, and appointed Directors. In the event the Immediate Past President is unable to serve, the Board shall select another eligible Past President who is willing to serve.
2. The voting members of the Board shall be the elected officers ; **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer,**

Trustee plus the Past President and the appointed directors of Library, Education, Electronic Publications, Finance, Membership, Public Relations, Maintenance, and any other directors as approved.

- 3 The Board shall set Society and Library policies, and shall control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society.
4. The Board shall meet prior to each regular or Special Meeting of the Society.
- 5 The Board shall request preparation of an annual budget for the next fiscal year and submit it to the membership for approval by the last general meeting of the fiscal year.
- 6 Prior to September 1, the Board shall appoint an Internal Finance Review Committee.
7. An officer or director position shall be declared vacant when the officer or director has been absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without adequate reason. In each case, adequate reason shall be determined by consensus of the Board at their regular meeting.
8. A vacancy in any elective or appointive position shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board.
- 9 No person will hold more than one elective or appointive office.
- 10 Both elective and appointive positions will be sworn in by the same oath at the first General Meeting following appointment.
- 11 All elective and appointive positions shall be for a one (1) year term. Re-nomination and re-election are required to serve additional elective terms. Appointive positions may be reappointed and confirmed for additional one (1) terms with no limit on the number of terms.
- 12 The term of office is January 1 through December 31.
13. Committee Chairs may appoint members except as noted in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall:

- preside at all Society regular and special meetings and Board meetings;
- appoint, with the approval of the Board Officers, all directors, committee chairs, editors, historian, and cashier, except as noted in these bylaws.
- be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Finance Review Committee.
- carry out the instructions of the Board and be the official spokesperson of the Society.
- be a signer of checks of the Society

2. The Vice-President shall:

- assist the President in the performance of the duties. In the absence or upon the inability of the President to perform the duties, the Vice-President shall assume the duties pertaining to the office of the President.
- be responsible for maintaining an annual inventory of all Society assets, other than the catalogued library collection.
- be a signer of checks.

3 The **Secretary** shall:

- be responsible for keeping minutes of all Society regular and special meetings and Board meetings, and for conducting the general correspondence of the Society upon the direction of the President.
- maintain a permanent file of all minutes, reports, motions of record, and correspondence.

4 The **Treasurer** shall:

- maintain financial records of the Society;
- make disbursements as directed by the Board
- supervise the collection and deposit of all dues, fees and debts owing to the Society
- invest and account for funds contributed for capital reserves, special uses and projects, including a fund for storage of assets in the event of dissolution, etc
- provide a written financial report at each meeting of the Board and each general membership meeting and provide access to the books for audit by the Finance Review Committee.
- be a signer of checks of the Society.
- maintain a file of all financial records.
- Accept and receive legacies and endowment gifts made to the Society, crediting them to the established Endowment Fund. Endowment gifts may include memorial gifts, gifts which designate the Endowment Fund as the recipient, and/or gifts for which no designation is made by donor. Additions may also be made to the Endowment Fund from operating funds or special projects by action of the Board. Once funds are added to the Endowment Fund, no principle shall be withdrawn except in the case of extreme financial emergency. The interest may be used as determined by the Board.

5. The **Trustee** shall:

- serve as a member of the Finance Review Committee
- maintain records of Library Usage and keep a copy of the accession book off premises.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES/ DIRECTORS AND DUTIES

1. Directors of Standing Committees may be appointed by the President with Board approval including Library, Education, Electronic Publication, Finance, Maintenance, Membership, Public Relations and any other committee directors as approved. Committee directors may be reappointed and confirmed for additional one (1) year terms with no limit on the number of terms.
2. Each committee chair will appoint the committee members, except as noted in these by-laws.
3. The **Library Director** shall oversee the daily operation of the Library, train new librarians, maintain librarian's work schedule, communicate new procedures and technology updates to librarians, and maintain the Librarian's manual.
4. The **Education Committee** will conduct genealogy classes, plan and arrange programs for all regular meetings of the Society. The Vice-President shall be a member of this committee.

5. The **Electronic Publications Committee** will research material for electronic publication, maintain the Society website(s), and add new material as appropriate. The webmaster will be a member of this committee.
6. The **Finance Committee** will be responsible for resource development for the Society, including, but not limited to, soliciting for grants, major contributors, and for planning and implementing fund raising events. The Treasurer will be a member of this committee.
7. The **Membership Committee** will keep a current list of all members and will provide reports to the Board. A printed copy of all reports shall be maintained in the files. The Committee will recruit new members and maintain a welcome packet for new members. The Committee will send renewal reminder notices to members who have not renewed annual dues.
8. The **Public Relations Committee** will plan and implement projects to enhance the community's awareness of the Society, will submit for publication in those local newspapers designated by the Board, the time and place of monthly general membership meetings.
9. The **Maintenance Committee** will periodically inspect the building and grounds and notify the Board of major repairs when needed. The committee will perform minor repairs and upkeep and supervise the cleaning committee.

ARTICLE VIII - OTHER COMMITTEES

1. The **Finance Review Committee** shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer annually and report findings and recommendations to the Board. The Trustee will be a nonmember coordinator of this committee.
2. The **Budget Committee** will prepare an annual budget for submission and approval by the Board and the general membership. The Treasurer will be a member of this committee.
3. The **Nominating Committee** shall select from the membership at least one (1) candidate for each elective office. See Article XVII - Nominations and Elections.
4. The **Society Quarterly Bulletin and Member Newsletter Committees** will gather and publish information and materials pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV- MEMBERSHIP PUBLICATIONS. The chairs will be the editors and the President shall be responsible for the duties of these committees.

ARTICLE IX - LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

1. The Society shall maintain an education & research library under the supervision of the Board.
2. The library collection shall be catalogued and inventoried annually, and shall be accessible to both members and non-members for educational and genealogical research purposes.
3. The Board shall provide for the management of the library and may either hire a library manager, appoint a volunteer manager and/or co-managers to oversee the daily operation of the library and the preservation of the collection.

ARTICLE X - HISTORIAN

1. The Historian shall collect and organize materials on the activities and events of the Society, prepare a scrapbook, and present it to the Society Board at the end of the calendar year.
2. The President will monitor and supervise the Historian's activities.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARIAN

1. The Parliamentarian shall furnish instructions in parliamentary procedure and render decisions at the request of the President.
2. The Parliamentarian will attend all business meetings and maintain an up-to-date record book of all by-laws, revisions, amendments, and Standing Rules.
3. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE XII - MEETINGS

ORS 192.620, The Oregon form of government requires an informed public aware of the deliberations and decisions of governing bodies and the information upon which such decisions were made. It is the intent of **ORS 192.610** to **192.690** that decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly.

1. The Society membership shall meet each month of the year, except for the months of July and August, unless a quorum of the membership votes otherwise.
2. A quorum for any regular or special meeting of the Society shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the active membership and not less than three (3) members of the Board. For this purpose, active members are members eligible to vote; that is, all honorary members plus all individual members whose dues are paid to date. All persons attending the meeting shall sign the attendance register, indicating whether they are members or guests.
3. In accordance with **ORS 192.630**, All meetings of the Society shall be open to the public and **ORS 192.640**, public notice of meetings shall be published in the meeting notices of local newspapers, and Society publications.
4. Regular Board meetings shall be held at the Society Library, the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. unless a change is authorized by the Board.
5. The time and location of Society meetings shall be determined by the Board and prior notification provided the membership as stated in **ORS 192.640**. Any changes shall be announced, posted and published at least one month prior to any membership meeting.
6. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Board, or by request of members.
 - A written request signed by ten (10) active members and stating the purpose of the meeting shall be presented to the Board.
 - Notification of special meetings to the members shall be in writing and conform

to ORS 192.640.

ARTICLE XIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members recommended by the President and approved by the Board no later than the September Board meeting. Members of the Board are excluded from participation on this committee.
2. The Nominating Committee will elect one (1) of its members as chair.
3. The Committee will select at least one (1) willing nominee for each office and report recommendations to the President and to the membership at the October meeting.
4. All elected positions will be for a one (1) year term. Officers may serve more than one (1) term if re-nominated and re-elected.
5. Following the report of the Committee, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October and November meetings.
6. Officers will be elected at the regular November meeting by eligible members present.
7. Election will be by written ballot. However, if there is only one (1) candidate for any office, the President may request the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot.
8. Proxy voting is not allowed.

ARTICLE XIV - MEMBERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

1. The Society will publish a Quarterly Bulletin, *The Rogue Digger*, at least four (4) times per year. The Bulletin will be devoted primarily to informative articles containing historical and genealogical data and research, resource materials, and queries. This Bulletin will be distributed to all active member households, and institutional members.
2. The Society will publish a Member Newsletter, *Between Us Diggers*, at least four (4) times per year. The main purpose of the newsletter is to keep members & other interested persons fully informed of the Society's activities. The Newsletter will be distributed to active member households, and to other interested individuals and organizations at the discretion of the Board..

ARTICLE XV - SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

1. Members with mutual interests may request from the Board, authorization to form a Special Interest Group. Such groups may meet at the Society's Library, subject to availability, may publicize its meetings within the Society, and may establish its own membership policies.
2. Special Interest Groups may not use funds of the Society for their operation.
3. The activities of authorized Special Interest Groups must conform to those of non-profit groups within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Oregon.

ARTICLE XVI - FISCAL YEAR

1. The Fiscal Year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XVII - GOVERNING RULES

1. The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws shall constitute the governing rules of the Society.
2. The conduct of meetings and any other matters not covered in paragraph #1. above, shall be governed by the current editions of Robert's Rules of Order and the Oregon Revised Statutes.

ARTICLE XVIII - AMENDMENTS

1. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at a regular meeting of the Society.
2. All proposed amendment(s) to the By-laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary and shall provide the wording of the entire paragraph(s) in which the change is requested. After receiving the proposed amendment(s), the Secretary shall submit copies of the proposed amendment(s) to the Board for action at its next meeting.
3. The Board shall present proposed amendment(s) at a regular membership meeting and post the proposed changes at the Society Library for two (2) consecutive months.
4. After completion of the required notice, voting on the proposed amendment(s) shall be at the next regular meeting of the Society.

As required by these documents, this revision was posted in the Society Library and presented to the general membership for two consecutive months; September, 2007 and October, 2007. After the required notice period, these documents were approved at the general meeting held November, 2007.

Signed **CHARLEEN BROWN** Date **SEPTEMBER 18, 2007-**

Society Board President

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