**GATHERING SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**POLICY: A Policies and Procedures Manual, subject to the approval of the Council, will be maintained and will contain adequate instructions to insure consistent compliance with both the letter and the intent of the Society’s Bylaws.**

**REFERENCE: based on the current ACGS Bylaws (2024)**

**Article IV: Organization, Indemnification**

Section A: Organization:

Subsection 2: Members of the Society will comply with these Bylaws and perform their duties in accordance with the Society’s governing documents and applicable laws. No member of the Society will receive any salary or compensation from the Society other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

Section B: Indemnification

Subsection 1: The Society will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify each person who serves at any time as a Council member, officer, trustee or other official of the Society against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, incurred or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification will be provided for any such person with respect to any proceeding initiated by such person against the Society, a Council member, an officer, a trustee or another official of the Society or any matter as to which he or she will have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Society; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment will be approved by a majority vote of the Council members at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The indemnification provided hereunder will inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article IV, Section B will be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

Subsection 2: This Article IV, Section B constitutes a contract between the Society and the indemnified Council members, officers, trustees and other officials of the Society. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article IV, Section B that adversely affects the right of an indemnified Council member, officer, trustee or other official under this Article IV, Section B will apply to such Council member, officer, trustee or other official with respect to those acts or omissions that occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

**Article X: Standing Committees**

Section F: Other committees will be established from time to time as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Chieftain or the Council.

**PROCEDURE**:

There will be a Gathering Site Selection Committee (GSSC) to be appointed by the Chieftain and approved at the annual Council Meeting. The committee will consist of three (3) members, the chair of which will be selected by the committee. The purpose of the GSSC is to facilitate continuity in the annual society calendar regarding future Gatherings.

*The Gathering Site Selection Committee has responsibility to:*

* Research locations for possible future Gatherings after receiving direction from the Council regarding dates of future Gatherings.
* Obtain from the Membership Database Manager a current list of all members with their residence addresses and telephone/email contacts.
* Check with members living in the general area of the selected city to ensure that there will be adequate local assistance to the Assistant Chieftain for the Gathering to be successful.
* Coordinate with the Assistant Chieftain regarding the selected site to ensure that there are adequate facilities (airport, hotels, etc.) available for a successful Gathering.
* In coordination with the Assistant Chieftain, advise the Society Chieftain of the site location no less than nine months before the scheduled date.

*Society Support for the Gathering Site Selection Committee*

* Assistant Chieftain works closely with this Committee to assure continuity of the Society’s calendar year.
* Carry out timely communication of Society business that requires action by the GSSC.

**APPROVED**

**Approved by ACGS Council and AGM October 2024**

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