

THE PRESCOTT CORRAL OF WESTERNERS INTERNATIONAL

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

The Prescott Corral of Westerners International

ARTICLE II

Object or Purpose

The Prescott Corral of Westerners International is non-profit and is organized for educational purposes by which it promotes interest in the history and culture of Western North America. The Prescott Corral disseminates knowledge about Western North America through regularly held meetings at which lectures are presented by knowledgeable experts, through field trips to historic locations in Arizona, through study groups and through published materials.

The Prescott Corral is dedicated to:

1. Preserving historic subjects of the West which may be otherwise lost.
2. Conducting research and developing a permanent record of the lore, traditions, historic explorations, prehistoric and present people of the West.
3. Perpetuating and preserving the knowledge through education, oral and video histories, presentations, and writings.
4. Promoting interest in the history and culture of the frontier experience.
5. Sponsoring and conducting organized programs, studies, and educational activities.

Fiscal Identification

1. The term of office for Officers and the fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31. The term of office for Officers shall begin following their installation at the December election through to the December election of the following year.

2. The Prescott Corral is incorporated under the laws of the state of Arizona as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership in the Prescott Corral shall be open to persons sincerely interested in the history and traditions of the West regardless of race, creed, color, marital status, sex or national origin.

1. A prospective member shall be required to pay dues for the current year to be considered a member in good standing.
2. Members shall pay dues based on the calendar year. Dues will be reviewed and established annually by the Posse. Dues must be paid by March 1st of each year.
3. Members shall, to the best of their ability, participate in the activities of the Prescott Corral.
4. The following nomenclature, in Western theme, will be utilized in identifying members, officers and activities:

Posse	Board of Directors (Elected Officers and Appointees)
Corral	Members (group)
Herd	Members in attendance
Cowpoke	Member
Maverick	Prospective Member
Roundup	Regular meeting
Sheriff	President
Deputy Sheriff	President-Elect
Keeper of the Chips	Secretary-Treasurer
Trail Boss	Sergeant-at-arms
Recorder of Marks and Brands	Membership Chairman
Swamper	Assistant to the Keeper of the Chips
Byteslinger	Website Administrator
Inkslinger	Roundup Editor
Historian	Historian
Magic Lantern Operator	A/V Technician

5. The Posse may at its discretion, grant a Life Membership in the Prescott Corral (without further payment of dues) to a long-term member in recognition of their established record of distinguished service and accomplishment over an extended period of time.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

At its Annual meeting, the Prescott Corral shall elect from its general membership the following Officers: Deputy Sheriff (Sheriff-Elect), Keeper of the Chips, and Trail Boss. The duties of these Officers shall be as follows:

Sheriff

1. The Sheriff shall be the presiding officer and shall have the power to assume the duties of president of the organization.
2. The Sheriff shall preside at all public functions of the Prescott Corral and be spokesman for the organization.
3. The Sheriff shall be responsible for developing overall plans, budgets and financial controls for approval by the Posse.
4. The Sheriff shall maintain liaison with Westerners International, A Foundation, Inc. This liaison with Westerners International may be through a representative of the Prescott Corral appointed by the Sheriff.
5. The Sheriff shall sign contracts and instruments of the Prescott Corral.
6. The Sheriff shall strive to achieve excellence in facilities, services, food and programs.
7. Upon assuming office, the Sheriff shall appoint members of the Prescott Corral, subject to the approval of the Posse, to serve in the following categories: Historian, Swamper, Recorder of Marks and Brands and Byteslinger, and such other staff as is deemed necessary.
8. In September of each year, the Sheriff may appoint a Nominating Committee which shall be instructed to present a slate of Officers for consideration by the Prescott Corral at the December meeting.
9. Annually, the Sheriff shall appoint three members of the Prescott Corral to an audit committee who shall audit and/or review the books of the Corral and report to the Posse by February 1st.

Deputy Sheriff

1. The Deputy Sheriff is the Sheriff-Elect and shall become Sheriff one year after their election as Deputy Sheriff or sooner if the office of Sheriff becomes vacant. The Deputy Sheriff shall assume the duties of the Sheriff in their absence and shall preside in their stead.
2. The Deputy Sheriff shall assist the Sheriff in making arrangements for meetings for the Prescott Corral.

3. The Deputy Sheriff shall arrange for the programs to be presented during the succeeding year when they assume the office of Sheriff.
4. The Deputy Sheriff, as requested by the Sheriff, shall exercise general coordination of the administrative affairs of the Prescott Corral. They shall provide assistance and guidance as deemed necessary by the Sheriff and Posse.

Keeper of the Chips

1. Serve as secretary of the Prescott Corral. Keep minutes of Posse and special meetings.
2. Serve as treasurer of the Prescott Corral. Collect dues and all other monies due the Corral, pay all accounts as directed by the Sheriff, keep financial records and reports and prepare monthly financial statements for the Posse.
 - a. Two signatures shall be required on all Prescott Corral checks.
 - b. The authorized signatures of checks shall be the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff and Keeper of the Chips.
3. Report all secretarial and treasurer activities periodically and annually.
4. Direct the activities of the Swamper

Trail Boss

1. Serve as Sergeant-at-arms at each meeting or public function and exercise general review of activities for conduct, appearance and quality of service.
2. Provide meeting support and supervise the setting up of equipment, screen, etc, as may be required by the speaker, arrange for the invocation, obtain a door prize to be brought to the monthly meetings.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

1. The Prescott Corral shall hold regular meetings. Notice of the meeting and information on the program and speaker will be published at least one week prior to each meeting. The Sheriff shall be the presiding officer at all meetings and shall have the power to limit discussion as they deem appropriate.

The Annual meeting of the Prescott Corral shall be at the regular December meeting of the Corral unless the Posse designates an alternate time or location.

- a. Reports may be presented by each elected or appointed officer.
- b. Officers elected shall be installed at this time.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

Nominations for office shall be the responsibility of a Nominating Committee. This committee may be appointed by the Sheriff in September and be in consultation with the Sheriff. At the time of election, qualified candidates may be nominated from the floor, provided that prior approval of the nominee-candidate has been obtained.

The election of Officers shall take place at the Annual meeting in December.

1. All members present in good standing are eligible to vote.
2. If a single slate is presented, a simple majority verbal consent is acceptable. If multiple candidates for an office are presented, each will be asked to leave the room for a verbal vote to be held. A simple majority of the votes cast shall result in election.
3. Installation of Officers shall take place at the Annual December meeting immediately following the election.
4. Should an elected Officer be unable to serve, and a vacancy exist, the Sheriff shall present a nominee for the office to the Posse. If approved, this nominee shall be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting for election.

ARTICLE VII

Posse

The elected and appointed Officers plus the three active Immediate-Past Sheriffs of the Prescott Corral shall constitute the voting members of the Posse. All other Past Sheriffs, who are active in the Prescott Corral, shall be Ex-officio members of the Posse without vote. Their participation in Posse meetings is welcomed.

The Posse is responsible for carrying out the purposes of the Prescott Corral as defined in the Bylaws and as follows:

1. Manage business transactions and set dues
2. Approve major plans of the organization
3. Review policies and act on reports
4. Review Bylaws annually and amend as needed
5. Approve the appointment of the Sheriff
6. The Posse serves in an advisory capacity and may recommend new ideas and policies, discover problems and recommend action.

ARTICLE VIII

Standing Committees

Standing Committees may be created, as needed, to fulfill the specific objectives of the organization from year to year. Appointments shall be made by the Sheriff subject to the approval of the Posse.

ARTICLE IX

Procedures Manual

Authorization: There shall be a Procedures Manual which supplements the Bylaws. The objective of the Procedures Manual is to give guidelines and provide recommended methods of operation to carry out the intent of these Bylaws.

Change: The Manual may be changed by the Posse or by a vote of the majority of the Corral members at a regular meeting on any proposal presented and treated as an amendment to the Procedures Manual. Any change may only become effective commencing with the next fiscal year unless an earlier implementation date is recommended by the Posse and concurred in by a majority of Corral members at a regular meeting.

Conflict: Should there be any conflict between the Bylaws and the Procedure Manual, the Bylaws shall prevail.

ARTICLE X

Amending Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented at the previous regular meeting. This notice must be published and contained in the announcement of the meeting at which this vote will be taken.

ARTICLE XI

Authority and Relationships

The Prescott Corral accedes to the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Westerners International, A Foundation, Inc., a copy of which is filed with the records of the Prescott Corral. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Prescott Corral of Westerners
PO Box 11086
Prescott, Arizona 86304-1086

All checks should be made payable to: "Westerners"

These Bylaws previously amended: September 3, 2015.

Amended today: September 7, 2023

