

# The Society of Senior Scholars of Colorado State University

## By-Laws

The Society of Senior Scholars is established under Section B.2.6 (University Centers, Institutes and Other Special Units) of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual. The Society reports directly to the Provost who serves as its Responsible Administrator. It is governed by the Faculty Manual and by the principles given below.

### Article I: Mission

The Society exists to enhance life in retirement for faculty members of Colorado State University. The Society provides a range of intellectual, artistic and cultural programs of interest to active individuals during their retirement years. It further nurtures opportunities for retired faculty to continue, as desired, their contributions to the teaching, research and outreach components of the CSU mission. The Society negotiates benefits for retired faculty. Assistance with retirement planning is offered through workshops, guidelines and brochures. Finally the Society advocates for improved policies affecting retired faculty as a class within the CSU community.

### Article II: Membership

The Society adopts an inclusive posture toward membership. Accordingly, any individual who has held an academic appointment at Colorado State University and who is now on a transitional retirement appointment or is fully retired from CSU is considered a full member of the Society of Senior Scholars. Furthermore, Affiliate Membership is available on request to faculty who have retired from other institutions of higher education such as those within the northern Colorado region or those from elsewhere who may now reside within this region.

### Article III: Officers and Leadership

Officers of the Society shall be:

- President
- Vice President

These officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Society's Executive Committee. Term of service for these officers shall be two years with re-election to a second consecutive term permitted.

The Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of a minimum of eight and a maximum of twelve members. Committee incumbents will, upon nomination, approve new and replacement members. The President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, will chair the

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for Society policy, structure and general program oversight.

In addition, lead roles for various Society activities may, from time to time, be formally designated. These may include: Speaker Series Chair, Excursion Series Chair, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and others as needed.

#### **Article IV: Meetings and Executive Decisions**

The President shall call the Executive Committee together for a minimum of three business meetings per year, one in each semester and one during the summer break. Additional business meetings may be called as needed.

Decisions at business meetings will be made by consensus. If general consensus is not achieved, voting will proceed according to *Robert's Rules of Order* with the majority vote prevailing. A quorum shall consist of those present at the meeting but shall not be less than seven individuals.

Business discussions and concluding decisions may also be conducted using the Internet. In such cases, the President shall maintain for the record the votes cast by each Executive Committee member as though it were a roll call vote.

#### **Article V: Funding**

The University, through the Office of the Provost, provides base funding, staff support and office space for Society activities. Funding levels may vary from year to year depending on need and resource availability.

The Society may seek funds from outside the University to support its various programs. If such funds are sought, existing procedures of the University will be followed.

#### **Article VI: Amendments**

These By-Laws became effective on December 1, 2009 by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee acting in regular business meeting. These By-Laws supercede all previous Constitutions and By-Laws, whether existing in draft or as a formally adopted document.

Amendments to these By-Laws must be proposed and made available to Executive Committee members not less than two weeks before their formal consideration. Any changes to these By-Laws shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present at a quorate business meeting.