

Bylaws for San Juan Island Grange #966 in San Juan County

ARTICLE I General Provisions

SECTION 1. The name of this Grange shall be San Juan Island Grange #966.

SECTION 2. This Grange shall hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at the hour of 7 p.m. Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. This Grange by its vote may change the date and/or place of meeting, or cancel a meeting, not to exceed three meetings in any year.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by this Grange during any meeting, or by the Master. Due notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary by mail, email, or printed in the Washington State Grange News. No business shall be transacted at such meeting unless specified in the notification.

SECTION 4. Balloting for candidates, election of officers, or suspension of members may be done only during a regular meeting in accordance with Grange law.

SECTION 5. Sale, purchase, or lease of real estate by this Grange shall be executed only in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Washington State Grange and the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

ARTICLE II Membership and Elections

SECTION 1. The membership of this Grange shall consist of all who have been voted in, or may be initiated or otherwise affiliated, and who have not been suspended for any reason. Honorary, life, and memorial memberships may be granted in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Washington State Grange and the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

SECTION 2. All elections shall be by written ballot and shall require a simple majority of all votes cast to elect.

SECTION 3. Nomination for office shall be made from the floor, but each member may vote for his or her choice whether nominated or not, and no

nominating speeches shall be made. After the ballot has been announced, if there is no simple majority, the Master shall announce that the next ballot will be taken on the two names receiving the highest number of votes, including ties. This process shall be repeated until there is an election by simple majority.

ARTICLE III Fees and Dues

SECTION 1. Each individual candidate shall pay a fee of \$3.00 for admission to this Grange.

SECTION 2. Each family shall pay a fee of \$6.00 for admission to this Grange.

SECTION 3. Each individual shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of \$46.00 by the 1st of January. Each additional individual in that household shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of \$25.00 by the 1st of January.

SECTION 4. Each family shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of \$90.00 by the 1st of January.

SECTION 5. No demit shall be granted unless the application is made in writing, and the dues of the applicant are paid to the end of the current year.

ARTICLE IV Standing and Special Committees

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the Grange shall consist of: Executive, Finance, Building, Program, Membership, Legislative, Agriculture, and any other committee ordered by the Grange.

SECTION 2. The makeup of the committees is as follows:

a. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members; the Master, who shall act as Chair, the Overseer, the Secretary, who shall act as secretary of the committee, and three elected members who shall hold office for three years, one to be elected at each annual election.

b. The other standing committees shall consist of at least three members, appointed by the Master with the advice of the Overseer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grange.

SECTION 3. Special committees will be appointed for a particular purpose, and will be considered discharged when that purpose is served. Special committees will be appointed by the Master in the same manner as standing committees.

SECTION 4. The duties of all standing and special committees shall be determined by the Grange, including but not limited to the following:

a. Executive Committee. This committee shall attend to the general business of this Grange and assist and advise the Master as necessary. This Committee also oversees the work of the Rental Agent, and manages the letting of contracts for work on the Grange Hall. Any action taken by the Executive Committee to address emergency issues in a timely manner shall be reported to the Grange at its next regular meeting.

b. Finance Committee. This committee is responsible for all Grange budgets, tracking all accounts and expenditures, and creating an annual audit of the financial status of the Grange, under the direction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member, but shall not chair the committee.

c. Building Committee. This committee facilitates maintenance, repair and renovation of the San Juan Grange Hall and grounds working within the budget provided.

d. Program Committee. This committee is responsible for the educational, literary celebratory or social work of the Grange. The Lecturer and the Director of Family Living are ex-officio members of this committee.

e. Membership Committee. This committee is responsible for increasing membership through active recruitment, management of member benefit programs, and facilitation of mutual assistance as necessary to members. The Chaplain is an ex-officio member of this committee.

f. Legislative Committee. This committee is responsible for assisting in revisions to the bylaws and making them available to all Grange members, informing members on pertinent political issues of interest to this Grange, coordinating efforts with other Granges, and assisting members in developing and introducing resolutions to the State Grange convention.

g. Agriculture Committee. This committee is responsible for advancing a wide range of local agricultural interests and activities, as well as work with other agriculturally-oriented community organizations.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Grange by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of intention to amend shall have been given in writing at the previous regular meeting.

No subordinate Grange shall change the dues or its regular meeting schedule except on resolution presented at a previous meeting. Such a resolution shall set a date upon which the vote will be taken, and such date shall not be less than two weeks nor more than two months following the introduction of such a resolution.

All members shall be notified by mail, email, or by publication of notice in the Washington State Grange News, of the date this resolution is to be voted on, and its purpose.

Adopted on _____ day of _____, 2013.

Attest:

Master

Secretary