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WELSH ASSOCIATED YOUTH OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

DRAFT BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be known as Welsh Associated Youth of Canada and the United States.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organization shall be to promote Welsh culture, including hymnology, literature, poetry, dance, and the Gymanfa Ganu; to recognize the mutual responsibility and interdependence of all mankind and to work for the establishment of peace in the world by bringing together young people in a spirit of harmony and understanding.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any resident of Canada or the United States of Welsh lineage or in sympathy with the objectives of the organization as herein set forth shall be eligible for membership with all responsibilities and privileges pertaining thereto.
2. There shall be two classes of membership, namely Active Membership and Associate Membership.
3. Active Membership shall be extended to all those who are eligible for membership under the conditions set forth above and who are between the ages of 13 and 30 inclusive.
4. Associate Membership shall be extended to all those who are eligible for membership under the conditions set forth above and who are aged 13 and under or 31 and over.
5. An Active Member in good standing shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and shall be entitled to one vote. An Associate Member in good standing shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting but shall not be entitled to a vote, nor shall he be eligible to hold office in the organization.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The affairs of the organization shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of three elected officers, namely a President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Public Relations Director.
2. The election of officers shall be held by ballot at the Annual General Meeting at such time and in such place as is provided for in the By-laws.
3. The term of office of each officer shall be two years. No officer shall be

4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to care for the business of the organization that arises between Annual General Meetings and to be the governing body of the organization. It shall control the general business activities and properties of the organization.
5. One member of the Executive Committee shall be from Canada, one from the United States, and one from either Canada or the United States. No two members of the Executive Committee shall be from the same city.
6. Each officer elected to the Executive Committee shall be named ex officio a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term prior to officially taking office at the Annual General Meeting of the following year. This one-year term shall serve as one of general acquaintance and observation.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(continued)

7. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the remaining members shall, if they deem it advisable, appoint a replacement until the next Annual General Meeting, at which time a new member shall be elected to the Executive Committee in the manner set forth in these By-laws.
8. In the event the organization shall be dissolved, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to distribute any assets on hand to such charitable organizations in Canada and the United States as have objectives harmonious with those of the organization as herein set forth.

#### ARTICLE V

#### OFFICERS

*(corrected)*

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all Annual General Meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees with the approval of the other members of the Executive Committee and shall be ex officio a member of all committees. He shall see that the By-laws of the organization are enforced in all activities carried on in the name of the organization. He shall present a report of the year's activities at the Annual General Meeting and shall perform any other duty pertaining to his office.
2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the minutes of the meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee. He shall at all times keep a correct list of all members of the organization with their full names and addresses. He shall answer the organization's correspondence under the direction of the President. He shall collect all membership fees and shall receive and deposit all moneys belonging to the organization in a financial institution approved by the other members of the Executive Committee. He shall disburse organization funds only upon order of the Executive Committee. He shall present a report of the financial activities of the organization at the Annual General Meeting and shall perform any other duty pertaining to his office.
3. It shall be the duty of the Public Relations Director to edit and publish the organization's newsletter, to solicit and write articles and advertisements about the organization's activities for use in the newsletter and in other publications, to serve as Information Officer for the organization, and to perform any other

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- The Annual General Meeting for the election of officers and for presentation of annual reports shall be held at such time and in such place as the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association's annual Gymanfa Ganu is held, the day and hour to be determined by the Executive Committee. Written notice of this meeting shall be sent to all members at least a ~~week~~<sup>month</sup> in advance.
2. Any regional committees may organize themselves, elect officers, and hold meetings at any time or place convenient to them.
  3. The Executive Committee shall not hold regular meetings unless it is so decided by the members of the Executive Committee themselves.

ARTICLE VII

QUORUM

1. Any two members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at their meetings.
2. Fifteen voting members shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

In these By-laws and in all other By-laws of the organization hereafter passed less the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender as the case may be and vice versa.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these By-laws shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration at least thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Amendments to these By-laws shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of ~~all~~<sup>eligible members.</sup> *at the annual meeting.*

PASSED this 4 day of Sept, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer