

Proposed Revision of Association By-Laws  
Article VIII. Miscellaneous. Section 4. Gifts

Prior to receiving a positive response from the Internal Revenue Service on our request for 501(c)3 federal tax exempt status, we were required to elaborate on our gift acceptance policy in order to ensure our compliance with 501(c)3 guidelines for tax exempt corporations. The Association's Gift Acceptance Policy statement below was approved by the CSHSA Board of Trustees at our February 2013 Board Meeting and has satisfied the need for clarification requested by the IRS. Since Gifts are covered in Section VIII of the Association's By-Laws the following amendment to the Association's By-Laws is proposed for adoption at the next annual or called Membership Meeting:

Current Association By-Laws adopted at January 2013 Membership Meeting:

Article VIII. Miscellaneous

Section 4. Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Association.

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Article VIII. Miscellaneous.

Section 4. Gift Acceptance

The Association will only accept monetary donations or contributions of books, media or gift items for resale in the museum store in order to further the Association's mission to promote the life and work of Carl Sandburg and support of the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site. Contributions of real property, intellectual property, works of music or art, licenses, royalties, or collectibles or any other items that are significant to Carl Sandburg or would benefit the site will be referred to the site supervisor of the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site.

The Association will not accept donations with donor restrictions that would limit the association's 501(c)(3) exempt purpose.

Action Taken:

Approved by CSHSA Board of Directors, June 11, 2013

Submitted for adoption by Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting, July 9, 2013