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### **Recommended By-Law Changes**

At the YPS Board Meeting on June 17, 2014, the Board voted to recommend to the membership the following changes to the existing By-laws.

*Duties added to responsibilities of the Vice-Director.*

**Article V – Officers. B. Vice Director.** The Vice-Director shall assist the Director whenever requested, may represent him/her on other organizations when requested to do so by the Director, and will perform his/her regular duties in his/her absence. The Vice-Director shall be responsible for identifying meeting program topics, identifying and procuring a speaker or speakers and securing the necessary equipment and materials for the presentations at the three membership meetings each year.

*Change Secretary to Recording Secretary.*

**Article V – Officers. C. Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall keep the general correspondence records and minutes of all meetings, including Executive Board meetings and special events. The Recording Secretary shall conduct the usual correspondence of YPS, including giving notice to the Corresponding Secretary of the time and place of regular and special meetings and of special events. Each YPS Executive Board member and each committee chairperson is to provide copies of all relevant correspondence originated by them or received by them concerning YPS activities to the Recording Secretary for retention in the central repository.

*Add the following officer to the YPS Board*

**Article V – Officers. D. Corresponding Secretary.** The Corresponding Secretary shall send all of the communications to the YPS membership. These communications will be sent via the YPS e-mail program. Examples of Communication include membership information, fund raising information, meeting notices, newsletters, etc.

**Article V - Officers E. Treasurer.** (No change)

**Article VI – Election of Officers. A. Term of Office.** All officers shall be elected for a term of two years and shall take office immediately following the election. They may be re-elected for one succeeding term.

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### **York County History Fair**

The Yorktown Preservation Society set up a table at the York County History Fair held at the Freight Shed on March 23, 2014. Other organizations with displays included the DAR, the York County Historical Committee, the York County Historical Museum, the Fife and Drums, the Watermen's Museum, the Yorktown Victory Center, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, and others.

Our display included one of our ancient County maps on loan to the Customs House, photos of the cannon and the Nelson home site, a listing of the County Records that our predecessor organization, the Yorktown Branch of the APVA, had contracted to have restored, collage photos of some of our past tours and parties, as well as other photos. [www.ypsva.org/photos](http://www.ypsva.org/photos)

Members who manned the display included Frank Edwards, Jerry Thompson, Barbara and Don Boles, and Nancy and Barry Shrout.

Although it was a raw rainy day, a number of people did show up and we received a number of favorable comments.

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### **Preservation of County Records**

A goal of the Yorktown Preservation Society is to continue the preservation of York County's records, some of the oldest in the state. Over the years, the APVA Yorktown Branch has restored close to 50 books of records that date from 1645 through the 1840's. YPS has continued that tradition by funding the restoration of Marriage Licenses 1866-1876. The restorations were completed in May with the help and support of Kristen Nelson, Deputy Clerk of Court. The records have been

cleaned, repaired, and rehoused in black leather binding by C.W. Warthen, records preservation specialists.

The books are dedicated to Thomas Clark and Nancy Lee Clark who have been devoted officers and volunteers of the organization for many years. Frank Edwards and Lois Winter presented a certificate to the Clarks at the YPS Spring Garden Party on June 2. [www.ypsva.org/photos](http://www.ypsva.org/photos). The YPS is proud to continue the tradition to ensure that records of our local history will be available to future generations.

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### **Donations to Yorktown Preservation Society**

We would like to recognize the generous donations made to YPS. The **Celebration Yorktown Committee** made a donation of \$500.00 which was used to enable our funding of the restoration of the Marriage License records for York County. **The Kiwanis Club of York** provided a donation of \$1,000.00 which will be used for the continued funding of activities to fulfill our mission of preserving the historic aspects of this unique community of Yorktown.

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### **Fundraiser Parties**

A beautiful sunny spring afternoon in Maureen and Herb Moss' lovely garden greeted members and friends for the YPS Annual Spring Garden Party Fundraiser on June 1. Hors d'oeuvres provided by members, wine and fruit infused water were greatly enjoyed by all. It was a great afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendship. [www.ypsva.org/photos](http://www.ypsva.org/photos)

We raised \$862 toward our continuing York County Record Restoration Project. In comparison we raised over \$1000 at the catered Christmas Party Fundraiser which went toward the 1836 marriage records restoration and digitization for which we expended over \$3200. Your generosity helped make this all possible. The Christmas Gala Fundraiser will be held on December 15 at Linda and George Bennett's home on Smith Street in Yorktown. More details later.

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### **Fall Tour Fundraiser**

We are planning to revive our Fall Tours this year. We are working on a "hard hat tour" of the new Revolutionary War Museum at the Yorktown Victory Center. The date and time will be decided upon dependent on the construction schedule. This will be a shining pre-

mier facility with many new capabilities and functions. The plans are amazing – something you'll want to experience! More details when we have a certain date.

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### **Email Addresses**

As a monetary concern, we wish to communicate by email as much as possible. If you are not receiving emails or snail mail, please let us know at either [yps2013@aol.com](mailto:yps2013@aol.com) or Joy Phillips at (757) 898-1243. Thanks for your help on this issue.

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### **The York County Historical Museum is Looking for Volunteers!**

We need people to greet our visitors so we can be open. The York County Historical Museum now has two sites, one in the lower level of York Hall and the other in the Medical Shop, the Park Service's small white building next to York Hall. At York Hall you will find exhibits of artifacts from several local sites, involvement of York County in War and more. The Medical Shop, which will now be our *Museum on Main*, contains a Civil War exhibit that includes photos, period art and a display of photos taken during the war compared to recent photos.

The only requirement for volunteering is a smile. Even just two to three hours would be appreciated. Some sign up for weekly, some only monthly. For more information contact Dave Meredith at (757) 890-3508. We look forward to seeing you!

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### **Survey**

In the coming weeks you will receive a survey to help mold Yorktown Preservation Society to meet the membership desires. There will be questions on meeting days and time, types of activities that meet your interest, if and how you would like to become involved with the organization. Your response will strengthen the organization and how it serves the community.

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### **Reminder**

Renewal for all YPS memberships will occur on September 1, 2014. Please make a note of this date to ensure your membership does not lapse. You will receive a notice providing you with details of renewal in the near future.