

FIRST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION

Adopted at Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1925

- PURPOSE -

To promote Welsh Hymnology and aim for its enhancement in both conception and rendition, thereby preserving a befitting characteristic of the Welsh-American people.

- MEMBERSHIP -

Any Welsh-American or Welsh-Canadian church or social organization, in the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, in sympathy with the stated purpose of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association shall be eligible to membership therein, as well as individuals who qualify as herein stated.

- OFFICERS -

The officers of the Association shall consist of president, two vice presidents, secretary and treasurer; and a standing music committee of three (3) members.

- OPERATION -

The organization of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association shall be permanently continued by token of the pleasure and wisdom of the officers, the personnel of the standing music committee, and delegates chosen by the respective member organizations who shall gather together annually on or about the Labor Day Sunday of September for the dispatch of business and the furtherance of the spiritual purpose of the Association.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -

The elected officers of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association shall constitute an executive board with full authority of the Association to deal with and pass on any extraordinary matters that may arise between annual meetings.

- FINANCE -

The Association will receive its financial support from dues annually paid to its treasury by the organizations, individual memberships, by donations and endowment; and the receipt of twenty per cent. of any and all surplus accruing from the local committee sponsoring the annual gymanfa.

- THE ANNUAL GYMANFA -

On or about Labor Day Sunday of each year a National Gymanfa Ganu shall be held. The venue shall have been decided by the delegates, by majority vote, at the stated business meeting of the previous year. The organization member who shall be accorded the responsibility of the festival beforehand agrees to maintain the dignity and traditions of the Association, and by its own initiative to meet the expense of its maintenance for that year, by its sale of National Gymanfa Ganu hymn books, admissions, collections and donations; and to co-ordinate fully with the Association.

- PROGRESS -

The National Gymanfa Ganu Association in its wisdom may undertake to inspire the composition of new works and to print and publish, or otherwise propagate, whatever it may decide is in furtherance of its objective and likely to reflect glory on its endeavors in a spiritual sense.

- BY - LAWS -

The annual dues of membership organization shall be \$1.00 payable in advance to the Association treasury. Such membership entitles the organization member to a delegate at the annual meeting of the Association and a voice and vote in its deliberations.

Individual membership, without voting privileges, may be secured on the payment of twenty-five (25) cents or more per year to the Association treasury.

Honorary life membership with full privilege will be accorded to any Welsh-American interested in the promotion of the work of the Association who shall contribute \$25.00. ~~or~~ or more to the Association.

-ANNUAL MEETING -

The annual meeting of the Association will be held at the time and place of the annual National Gymanfa Ganu the venue of which shall be decided by the delegates assembled at the annual stated meeting.

- ELECTION -

The officers of the Association shall ~~consist~~ consist, of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall be nominated and elected in 1935 and alternate years thereafter, by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the stated annual meeting, who shall serve for the two years next succeeding or until their successors have been elected and initiated.

A second vice president shall be annually nominated and elected to serve for one year, by the member organizations successfully bidding for the venue and sponsorship of the next year's festival. The vice president so chosen shall be chairman of the local committee of arrangements for the festival for that particular year and with whom the National Gymanfa Ganu Association are beforehand committed to co-operate for the success of the respective annual Gymanfa.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL GYMANFA

The organization sponsoring the annual National Gymanfa will formulate the program and all arrangements of the festival other than that the Association hymn book shall be utilized.

- MUSIC COMMITTEE -

A music committee of three persons of distinctive qualifications shall be nominated and elected annually, at the stated meeting, which shall be committed to the work of selecting music and Hymnology approved of the Association. To compile the same in a manner that will avail a standard booklet for general use of the Association membership at the lowest cost commensurate with quality.

It is the sense of the National Gymanfa Gannu Association, that while the popular Welsh hymn classics are to be preserved, new additions should be made from time to time of the modern compositions, and their popularity among the membership encouraged .

- QUORUM -

Three members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

Fifteen (15) shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.

- AMENDMENTS -

The constitution and by-laws of the National Gymanfa Gannu Association may be amended or repealed at any regular annual meeting by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the delegates present at such meeting.

Respectfully submitted

David J. Lewis

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