

CHAPTER 49.

*An Act to incorporate the Historical Society of Minnesota.*

Oct. 20, 1849.

**SECTION.**

1. Corporation, name, powers, and privileges of.

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2. Officers, duties; regular meetings, when and where held.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,* That C. K. Smith, David Olmsted, H. H. Sibley, Aaron Goodrich, David Cooper, B. B. Meecker, A. M. Mitchell, T. R. Potts, J. C. Ramsey, H. M. Rice, F. Steele, Charles W. Borup, D. B. Loomis, M. S. Wilkinson, L. A. Babcock, Henry Jackson, W. D. Phillips, Wm. H. Forbes, Martin McLeod and their associates, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the "Minnesota Historical Society;" and by that name, they and their successors shall be, and they are hereby made capable in law, to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, answer and be answered in any court of record or elsewhere, and to hold any estate, real, personal or mixed, and the same to grant, sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of for the benefit of said society, and to receive donations to be applied as the donor may direct, and to devise and keep a common seal; and to make and enforce any by-laws not contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States or this Territory; and to enjoy all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and that the property which the society may be allowed to hold shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

Corporate name and powers.

**Sec. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That any five members may, at any meeting of said society, constitute a quorum to do business, and shall, within one year from and after the passage of this act, organize, and under such regulations as they may adopt, elect a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary, who shall record the proceedings, do the correspondence, and file all communications he may receive touching the object of the society; which said officers shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are elected, which may take place every three years. The regular meetings of said society shall take place on the second Monday succeeding the annual meeting of the legislative assembly of said Territory at the seat of government, and the object of said society shall be the collection and preservation of a library, mineralogical and geological specimens, Indian curiosities and other matters and things connected with, and calculated to illustrate and perpetuate the history and settlement of said Territory.

Officers elected, duties of, etc.

Approved Oct. 20, 1849.