

Constitution

of the

Pearl River Community College Museum Patrons' Organization

Section 1. The purpose of the Pearl River Community College Museum Patrons' Organization (hereafter referred to as the Organization) shall be to offer support to the Pearl River Community College Museum (hereafter referred to as the Museum) through fund raising activities and volunteer assistance and to bring together those people interested in preserving the history of Pearl River Community College, its member counties and the surrounding areas of South Mississippi and Southeast Louisiana. Understanding the history of Pearl River Community College is basic to our appreciation of both the accomplishments of the college and of the goals and future direction of the college. Through the Museum we can assure that those who follow after will understand those accomplishments and assist in steering the college in the direction its founders and leaders envisioned.

Section 2. The Organization's major function will be to assist the Museum in any way necessary and to aid in the discovery of and collection of any materials which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the college; its establishment, development, and activities throughout the years of its existence. It will collect printed material such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogs, circulars, handbills, programs, and posters; manuscript material such as diaries, letters, journals, memoranda, reminiscences, rosters, service records, account books, charts, surveys, and field books; and museum materials such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, scenes, aboriginal relics, uniforms and clothing, jewelry, and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities of the past and present.

Section 3. The Organization will assist the Museum in providing for the preservation of such material and its accessibility, as far as be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the College; and to undertake the preservation of historic building, monuments, and markers.

Section 4. The Organization will assist the Museum in the dissemination of historical information and the awakening of interest in the past by publishing historical material in the newspapers or otherwise; by holding meetings with pageants, addresses, lectures, papers, and discussions; by marking historic buildings and sites; and by using the media of radio and television to awaken public interest.

Section 5. The Organization will cooperate with the State Historical Society and the Department of Archives and History to collect and preserve materials of statewide significance so that these materials can be made available to students and scholars.

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