

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
ANSON BOWEN CALL FAMILY ORGANIZATION**

**(Restated August 6, 2023)**

**SECTION I - General Matters**

**Section 1.1 – Name:** The name of this organization is the Anson Bowen Call Family Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization)

**Section 1.2 – Mission:** The Organization is a voluntary, non-profit organization established to perpetuate the memory and achievements of Anson Bowen Call (1863-1958), his wives Mary Theresa Thompson (1868-1957), Harriet Cazier (1870-1894), Dora Pratt (1878-1904), and Julia Sarah Abegg (1885-1937), their respective ancestors, and their posterity, among all descendants of Anson Bowen Call, in order to increase love and respect for all Call Family members, both those living and those who have passed on.

**Section 1.3 – Governing Principles:** Although the Organization is not a part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the leaders of the Organization will strive at all times to conduct the Organization’s affairs in accordance with the principles and practices espoused by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Section 1.4 – Purposes:** The Organization exists to engage in activities consistent with its mission and governing principles. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **PROMOTE RESEARCH:** Organize and conduct genealogical research on the ancestors and descendants of Anson Bowen Call, his wives and their respective families and genealogical lines.
2. **PRESERVE HISTORY:** Locate, identify, and preserve family histories, artifacts, and graves and historical sites.
3. **CONNECT DESCENDANTS:** Hold regular family reunions and meetings to help Call descendants get to know each other better, maintain a directory of contact information for descendants, and maintain an Anson Bowen Call Family website. Promote connections and relationships among descendant families, and assist smaller family groups to organize and meet together.
4. **SHARE HERITAGE WITH YOUTH:** Encourage youth of Call descendant families to learn and value their pioneer heritage of family and faith through stories, reunions, activities, electronic media, publications, books, and mementos honoring their ancestors. Facilitate sharing of historical information relating to Anson Bowen Call and his wives among Organization members.

**Section 1.5 – Motto:** With the input of family members a Family Moto may be developed

## **SECTION II - Organization**

**Section 2.1 – General Structure:** The Organization exists to serve its members through the following general groups:

- Members (defined in Section III);
- Officers (defined in Section IV);
- Family Representatives (defined in Section V);
- Committee Chairs (defined in Section VI); and
- Advisory Board members (defined in Section VII).

**Section 2.2 – Family Branches:** The Organization is supported by individual “branches” represented by each of the children of Anson Bowen Call:

Ethel Vententia Romney	Clella May Call Jones	Ola Call*
Athelia Viola Call Sears	Florence Leah Call*	Fulvia Call Dixon
Ivis Pamela Call Farnsworth	Charles Helaman Call	Adro Thon Call*
Cleo Afton Call Clark	Waldo Noel Call*	Nelda Call Young
Harriet Elizabeth Call*	Lorna Call Alder	Vesta Call Brown
Mildred Theresa Call Hurst	Ara Om Call, Sr	Ruth Call Evan
Anson Bowen Call, Jr.	Omer Lehi Call*	Arnold Bowen Call
Gaius Delmar Call	Homer Eli Call*	Eran Abegg Call
Velan David Call		

\*Died without posterity

Each of the eighteen (18) surviving branches of the family is represented by a “Family Representative.” (See Section V.)

## **SECTION III - Membership**

**Section 3.1 – Regular Members:** Membership in the Organization is automatic for all direct descendants of Anson Bowen Call and his wives, whether natural-born or legally adopted. Membership is also automatic for all spouses (including former or widowed spouses) of such direct descendants for so long as they wish to affiliate with the Organization.

**Section 3.2 – Honorary Members:** From time to time, the Officers may designate persons who are not automatically members of the Organization as “honorary members.” Such designation is for the life of the person so recognized, and will be recorded by the Secretary, who will also ensure that contact information for each such person is maintained in the contact lists of the Organization.

**Section 3.3 – Duties of Members:** All members are encouraged to contribute their time,

financial means, and other resources to the Organization as they are able. In addition, all automatic members are encouraged to contribute their personal life stories, genealogical information on their immediate families, family photographs, and any other items of historical interest to the Organization.

#### **SECTION IV - Officers**

**Section 4.1 – Definition of Officers:** The officers of the Organization consist of a president (the “President”), at least two vice presidents (each a “Vice President”, and collectively, “Vice Presidents”), a treasurer (the “Treasurer”), and a secretary (the “Secretary”). The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary collectively constitute the “Officers” of the Organization. Other persons appointed by the Officers to serve the Organization may be invited to meetings and engage in various functions, but are not Officers. The Treasurer and Secretary may be the same individual.

**Section 4.2 – General Duties of Officers:** The Officers represent and manage the day-to-day affairs of the Organization. They will be diligent in fulfilling the mission and purposes of the Organization. Under the direction of the President or the next highest-ranking Officer, the First Vice President or then the Second Vice President, in the absence of a functioning President, the Officers are authorized to perform the following general duties:

- Implement the purposes of the Organization.
- Recommend the time and place of reunions and other meetings.
- Appoint Committee Chairs as set forth in Section VI.
- Authorize and approve expenditures as set forth in Section VIII.
- Fill the vacancy of any Officer, Family Representative, or Committee Chair.
- Perform such other duties as may be requested by the Family Representatives and Advisory Board and agreed to by a majority of the Officers consistent with the mission and purposes of the Organization.

**Section 4.3 – Duties of the President:** The President oversees and implements all actions necessary to further the purposes of the Organization set forth in Section I and the general duties of the Officers specified in Section 4.2. Additional duties of the President consist of the following:

- Oversee, implement, and direct all purposes and activities of the Organization.
- Convene, preside over, and conduct regular meetings of the Organization.
- Ensure that a reunion of all members is properly planned, publicized, and held regularly as set forth in Section IX.
- Encourage each branch of the Organization and other subgroups of descendants to organize themselves and hold regular family reunions.
- Ensure that active Committee Chairs are appointed and functioning as set forth in Section VI.
- Obtain reports from, and report regularly to, other Officers, the Family Representatives, and the Advisory Board.
- Communicate information regularly concerning activities of the Organization.
- Coordinate Organization and individual branch activities through the

Family Representatives.

- Actively encourage members to become involved in accomplishing the mission and purposes of the Organization.
- Generally represent the Organization.

The President may delegate any duty to any Vice President, with the exception of presiding, which the President cannot delegate unless personally unable to participate in a meeting.

**Section 4.4 – Duties of Vice Presidents:** The duties of each Vice President are to assist the President in the fulfillment of the President’s duties under the direction of, and as determined and assigned by the President.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to assist and counsel the President in all matters pertaining to the activities of the family organization. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President or then the Second Vice President to act in behalf of the President in his/her absence. Upon the resignation or demise of the President, the First Vice-President shall be the acting President until the next election.

**Section 4.5 – Duties of the Treasurer:** The duties of the Treasurer consist of the following: (The Treasurer and Secretary may be held by the same person)

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep an accurate record of all dues, contributions, and other monies received by and in behalf of the family organization and to handle all expenditures and disbursements for and in behalf of the family organization. He/she shall maintain paper or electronic copies of all financial documents.

Prepare at least annually a financial report for the Officers, Family representatives and Advisory Board that accounts for the receipt and disbursement of all Organizational funds

**Section 4.6 – Duties of the Secretary:** The duties of the Secretary consist of the following, as directed by the President:

- Prepare agendas for meetings of the Organization.
- Prepare and distribute on a timely basis minutes of all meetings of the Organization, including reunions.
- Prepare necessary correspondence, including announcements, flyers, notices, and other publicity, for Organization meetings, including reunions.
- Maintain an historical record of all agendas, minutes, and correspondence of the Organization.
- Maintain updated contact lists of all members of the Organization, including contact information for all honorary members (as defined in Section 3.2) with the help of the Information Committee Chair.
- Direct the activities of the Historian as described in Section 6.2.
- Oversee all record-keeping activities of the Organization.
- Appoint one or more non-Officer assistants as deemed necessary.

**Section 4.7 – Immediate Past President:** The Immediate Past President serves as a member of the Advisory Board along with other past presidents in order to provide support, continuity and advice to the current Organization leadership.

**Section 4.8 – Nomination of Officers:** The current Officers and the Advisory Board constitute the nominating committee for the selection of candidates for new Officers. The nominating committee will convene at least once every two years in even-numbered years and recommend one or more names of members for the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary. The current Officers will obtain the consent of each nominee, who must be of legal age, together with the ratification of a majority of the Family Representatives in advance of election. Any incumbent Officer is eligible to be nominated to retain their office or be nominated for an office held by another incumbent Officer.

**Section 4.9 – Election of Officers:** New Officers will be elected by ballot (physical or electronic) at duly convened reunions held in even-numbered years. Names of persons recommended by the nominating committee will be printed on a ballot in alphabetical order for each office to be filled. Balloting will be in secret and the ballots turned over to the President and Secretary for tabulating. Results of an election will be given immediately. All automatic members in attendance at the reunion who are at least 16 years of age are entitled to vote for new Officers. In the absence of a reunion held in an even-numbered year (or in the absence of voting at a reunion), new Officers will still be nominated and elected in each even-numbered year, except that voting will be done by secret ballot by the current Officers, Family Representatives, and Advisory Board.

If the reunion is to be held by a type of virtual meeting, the voting for the officers will be sent out [at least three weeks in advance] via email to all the family members that the organization has an email address on record.

The family members will vote from the email ballot that they receive and will be asked to return their ballots via a reply email to the organization's email address to arrive there at least one week prior to the reunion. All automatic members who are at least 16 years of age are entitled to vote for new Officers. Each email returned must contain in the body of the return email the name or names of the family member(s) voting in order to be a valid vote(s).

If it would be difficult for the President and Secretary to physically meet together to tabulate the election emails returned, the email results will be tabulated by the President and Secretary separately and their counts of the election by each will be compared for accuracy.

The election results will be announced to the members at the Virtual Reunion or other type of virtual meeting.

Write-in candidates for any office must be automatic members of the Organization in order to be eligible.

**Section 4.10 – Installation of Officers:** New Officers will be installed at the close of a reunion or, in the absence of a reunion, at the conclusion of voting.

**Section 4.11 – Officers Terms of Service:** The term of office for each Officer will be for two (2) years from the time of installation until the next scheduled election or until a successor is duly elected or appointed, whichever is less time.

**Section 4.12 – Successive Terms of Service:** The President will not be permitted to remain in office for more than two (2) successive terms (or 4 years), but after two terms will be eligible for re-election as President after vacating that office for at least one two-year term. All other Officers will be permitted to remain in office for more than two (2) successive terms upon the consent of a majority of both the Family Representatives and the Advisory Board.

**Section 4.13 – Filling Officer Vacancies:** In the event of the death, illness, or resignation of any Officer, the President or next highest-ranking Officer in the absence of a President, and in consultation with the Family Representatives and the Advisory Board, will immediately appoint a replacement for such Officer’s unexpired term. In order to continue to serve, any replacement Officer must be duly elected at the next scheduled election. The period of service of such replacement Officer prior to the next scheduled election will not count toward any applicable office term limit.

**Section 4.14 – Removal of Officers:** In the event of the death, illness, or resignation of any Officer or in the event an Officer engages in behavior that is unethical, illegal, or that violates the organizations governing principals (Section 1.3), they will be subject to the removal from office process. This removal process consists of a unanimous vote of the Officers. Any vacancies will be filled as outlined in Section 4.13.

**Section 4.15 – Compensation:** Officers and Committee Chairs shall serve without compensation for their services. Members (including Executive Officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee members) may receive reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performing his or her duties (e.g., postage for letters mailed or webpage hosting services) as subject to Expenditure Approvals outlined in Section 8.2 – Accounts and Section 8.4 – Receipts.

## **SECTION V - Family Representatives**

**Section 5.1 – Definition of Family Representatives:** Each of the 18 surviving branches of the family is represented by a “Family Representative.” Each Family Representative serves as the official representative of its respective branch to the Organization, and also of the Organization to its respective branch. The Organization serves as an “umbrella” organization over, and in support of, each branch through the Family Representatives.

**Section 5.2 – Appointment; Tenure of Family Representatives:** Each branch is authorized to designate its own Family Representative to the Organization. In the absence of an official appointment by a family organization generally recognized as representing the entire membership of a branch, the Officers, in consultation with the other Family Representatives and the Advisory Board, will identify and appoint a Family Representative for such branch.

Family Representatives can serve for as long as they are willing to serve. However, Family Representatives may be replaced, as deemed necessary, if the majority of the Board concur that they are not fulfilling their responsibilities.

**Section 5.3 – Duties of Family Representatives:** Each Family Representative will

diligently perform the following duties during his or her term of service:

- Coordinate activities between the Organization and the Branch.
- Communicate regularly with members of the Branch regarding activities of the Organization.
- Attend all meetings convened by the Officers.
- Conduct business of the Organization, including receiving and approving regular reports and minutes of prior meetings.
- Advise the Officers regarding their duties.
- Compile and submit at least annually current contact information for each member of the Branch.
- Regularly submit to the Organization updated genealogical information on all members of the Branch, including an annual report of all known births, marriages, deaths, and other pertinent genealogical and historical information occurring within the Branch during the previous year.

**Section 5.4 – Voting by Family Representatives:** Each Branch of the Organization is limited to one official or voting Family Representative. Each Family Representative has equal voting weight with any other Family Representative.

**Section 5.5 – Additional Family Representatives:** Branches of the Organization may appoint additional “alternate” Family Representatives for their respective Branch to assist the official Family Representative in his or her duties. An alternate Family Representative may represent his or her Branch at Organization meetings in the absence of the official Family Representative.

## **SECTION VI - Committees**

**Section 6.1 – Committee Chairs:** The Officers will appoint “Committee Chairs” to coordinate specific activities of the Organization through committees. Committee Chairs are authorized to appoint others to assist on their respective committees whose names are approved in advance by a majority of the Officers in consultation with the Family Representatives. Committee Chairs serve at the discretion of the Officers and may be changed by the Officers as deemed necessary or desirable. Officers are encouraged to appoint at all times active and capable Committee Chairs to serve as Historian, Genealogist, Website and Social media, Information Committee Chair and Committee Chairs for other committees may be appointed as necessary.

**Section 6.2 – Historian:** A majority of Officers will appoint an “Historian” to work under the direction of the Secretary for collecting and preserving historical information. Special care will be taken by the Officers and Family Representatives to ensure that materials gathered or contributed by any member of the Organization do not become the personal property of the Historian or any other individual. The new Officers will meet and ratify the existing, or appoint new, Committee Chairs immediately after they are installed.

**Section 6.3 – Genealogist:** A majority of Officers will appoint a “Genealogist” to coordinate all genealogical research activities of the Organization. One or more “Research Committees”

may be established by the Genealogist to research specific family lines or research problems. The duties of such Research Committees may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- Encourage members of the Organization participate.
- Coordinate research
- Coordinate The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple ordinance work.
- Report on status of research completed.
- Submit research findings to the Organization for preservation, dissemination, and publication.
- Post research findings on Organization and other reputable genealogy websites.

**Section 6.4 – Website and Social Media:** A majority of Officers will appoint a “Website and Social Media Committee Chair” to be responsible for managing the online presence and electronic assets of the family. Responsibilities include:

- Managing the Organization’s website, storing and backing up genealogy, family history, Executive Board files, training and helping all members to communicate and access the content.
- Supervise the Organization’s social media sites.
- Under the direction of the President, shall be responsible for promoting the purposes and objectives of the Organization, encouraging donations and visits to the Family Website
- Shall design news releases and postings to increase awareness of the work of the Organization and respond to information requests from social media contacts by forwarding those requests to appropriate officers for their response.

This person should take special care that access credentials can be retrieved by others in case they are incapacitated.

**Section 6.5 – Information Committee Chair:** A majority of Officers will appoint an “Information Committee Chair” who shall develop, collect, and maintain a database or repository of names, email addresses, phone numbers, and street addresses of the Organization’s members. A Descendancy List, with ID numbers, will be maintained through the database. Family Representatives will provide updates, at least annually. A Descendancy Summary will be totaled and reported at the family reunions.

**Section 6.6 – Other Committees:** A majority of Officers may establish other committees and appoint Committee Chairs, as necessary, to fulfill specific functional duties, including, but not limited to, planning reunions, fundraising, updating contact lists, preparing publicity materials, distributing a newsletter, Additional duties may include organizing temple sessions in conjunction with reunions, assigning ordinance work to interested members, etc.

## **SECTION VII - Advisory Board**

**Section 7.1 – Advisory Board Members:** Immediately upon expiration of his or her respective term of service, a past President of the Organization becomes a member of the



Organization's "Advisory Board".

**Section 7.2 – Purposes of Advisory Board:** The purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise the Officers, Family Representatives, and Committee Chairs. Advisory Board members are expected to lend their experience and insights in order to ensure the continuity and functioning of the Organization, and implementation of the purposes of the Organization. Members of the Advisory Board will be notified of, and are invited although not required to attend, meetings convened by the Officers. Members of the Advisory Board are only authorized to vote or transact business on behalf of the Organization as set forth in these By-laws.

## **SECTION VIII - Finances**

**Section 8.1 – Accounts:** The Organization is authorized to maintain bank accounts for collecting donations and making payments in furtherance of the purposes of the Organization. The Treasurer and at least one other Officer will be included at all times as authorized signers on behalf of any account maintained by the Organization. Other authorized account signers may be added by the Officers as necessary.

**Section 8.2 – Expense Approvals:** All material Organization expenses must be approved or ratified by a majority of the Officers.

**Section 8.3 – Dues:** Voluntary dues or contributions may be established and received by the Organization. The amount of dues shall be proposed by a majority of the Officers and approved by a majority of the Family Representatives. Contributions may be made physically by check or cash or by approved electronic means.

**Section 8.4 – Receipts:** Receipts for payments and donations to the Organization will be provided for tax purposes if requested.

## **SECTION IX - Reunions and Meetings**

**Section 9.1 – Purposes of Reunions:** Regular reunions shall be held to further the purposes of the Organization specified in Section I.

**Section 9.2 – Determination of Reunion Dates and Locations:** The Officers, as assisted by the Family Representatives and Committee Chairs, are primarily responsible for the planning and implementation of regular family reunions at a time and place most convenient for the majority of the members. Reunions may be held using the latest remote video technologies to accommodate those unable to travel great distances to attend.

**Section 9.3 – Meetings:** The Officers will meet at least quarterly to coordinate the activities of the Organization. The Officers will also convene quarterly meetings with the Family Representatives and Committee Chairs. The Officers may invite others to attend any meeting of Officers or Family Representatives. Family Representatives are not authorized to transact business on behalf of the Organization except in a meeting convened and presided over by the

Officers. Minutes of all meetings will be kept by the Secretary, who will distribute a copy of such minutes to all meeting participants and the Advisory Board as soon as possible after the meeting. Posting of the minutes on the Organization website will meet this requirement.

### **SECTION X - Dissolution**

**Section 10.1 – Dissolution:** In the event that the Anson Bowen Call Family Organization is dissolved at some future date, after any liabilities are satisfied, all remaining assets of the organization will go to other 501(c)(3) public charities and not benefit any board members, officers or other members of the organization.

Failure to hold a reunion or failure to hold any election shall not disorganize the Organization

### **SECTION XI - Amendments**

**Section 11.1 – Amendment Procedures:** The Officers may seek to amend these By-laws from time to time by presenting proposed amendments to the Family Representatives. These By-laws may be amended upon a two-thirds vote of the total number of Family Representatives and Advisory members present at any meeting duly convened either in person or virtually, by the Officers; *provided*, that advance notice has been given to the Family Representatives and Advisory Board members informing them that amendments to these By-laws will be considered, which notice will include the text of such proposed amendments. These By-laws may also be amended by a majority vote of members present at a duly convened reunion either in person or virtually of the Organization. At least two weeks advance notice must be given to the general membership informing them that amendments, via email or other means, to these By-laws will be considered and notification of and invitation extended to vote.

**Section 11.2 – Superseded By-laws:** The foregoing By-laws of the Organization were adopted August 6, 2023. These By-laws supersede and replace all previous By-laws, including the Constitution and By-laws of the Organization dated October 3, 1969.

These By-laws shall be construed in accordance with applicable Utah law.