

**303.7 Membership in state historical society.**

1. The state historical society board of trustees shall recommend to the director rules for membership of the general public in the state historical society, including rules relating to membership fees. Members shall be persons who indicate an interest in the history, progress, and development of the state and who pay the prescribed fee. The members of the state historical society may meet at least one time per year to further the understanding of the history of this state. The members of the society shall not determine policy for the department of cultural affairs but may advise the director and perform functions to stimulate interest in the history of this state among the general public. The society may perform other activities related to history which are not contrary to [this chapter](#).

2. As used in [this chapter](#), “state historical society” means the state historical society of Iowa, an agency of the state which is part of the department of cultural affairs. It does not mean or include any private entity.

3. Unless designated otherwise, a gift, bequest, devise, endowment, or grant to or application for membership in the state historical society shall be presumed to be to or in the state historical society of Iowa.

4. Notwithstanding [section 633.63](#), the board may enter into agreements authorizing nonprofit foundations acting solely for the support of the state historical society to administer its membership program and funds.

[C73, §1902; C97, §2884; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §4544; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §304.3; C75, 77, 79, 81, §303.3, 303.4; [82 Acts, ch 1238, §5](#)]

C83, §303.4

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1307](#)

C87, §303.7

[89 Acts, ch 78, §3](#)