

# ***Historic Homes of Illinois***

## Coalition Guidelines

### **1] Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition is to promote to the general public the individual sites through a collaborative marketing effort.

### **2] Definition:**

Definition of “historic homes” as it relates to the collaborative efforts of the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition are those houses located in the State of Illinois and that are available to the general public either as a museum, bed & breakfast establishment, or other public use, and that fall into one of the following categories:

a] Any domestic dwelling structure that is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, or determined by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to be eligible for listing, or has been recognized as an historic landmark by a county or local government.

b] Any domestic dwelling structure that is part of a historic district that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or determined by the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency to be eligible for listing, or has been recognized as an historic district by a county or local government.

c] Any domestic dwelling structure, 50 years or older, that holds promise for the significance of a previous resident or architect, or that holds promise for the significance of an event that occurred on the property, or that exemplifies an architectural style and that maintains the architectural integrity of that style.

### **3] Requirements for Inclusion:**

Any site can become involved in the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition provided that they meet the following criteria:

a] The individual property meets one of the definitions stated above.

b] The individual property is a member of the Illinois Association of Museums, Landmarks Illinois, or the Illinois Heritage Association.

c] The individual property has a website and agrees in writing to provide a link to the website of the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition ([www.visithistoricillinois.com](http://www.visithistoricillinois.com)) within a timely manner.

d] The individual property has the responsibility of notifying the person or firm responsible for the maintenance of the website for the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition of any changes in their website address, discontinuance, or any other such concern, which would affect their link from the site of the coalition.

### **4] Promotion:**

The *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition shall be promoted through the use of the website [www.visithistoricillinois.com](http://www.visithistoricillinois.com), and any other means which the coalition undertakes that benefits its individual sites. The website shall be updated twice yearly for the purpose of adding sites that become a part of this coalition.

### **4] Funding**

Funding decisions will be made by the members of the coalition as the need arises.

### **5] Slogan**

The slogan of the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition shall be “Visit Historic Illinois: Behind Every Door Is a Story.”

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### **6] Meetings:**

Meetings of the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition shall be as agreed upon, no less than three times per year, and at a location of one of the coalition members if possible.

### **7] Representation:**

Representation on the *Historic Homes of Illinois* coalition shall be any individual who has the authority to represent the historic home site or is a representative of the Illinois Association of Museums, the Landmarks Illinois, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the Illinois Department of Tourism, and any other organization that supports the efforts of the coalition.

### **8] Addendum:**

Changes or additions to these guidelines may be made at any meeting.

**Adopted by the Historic Homes of Illinois coalition on 18 September 2006.**

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