

## WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS DOES THE SOCIETY HAVE?

In addition to the many other programmes that the Society administers, special emphasis has been placed on encouraging Batswana in general, and younger people in particular, to take a greater interest in Botswana's history, culture, environment and development. The active involvement of secondary school and university students in these initiatives will be promoted.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- You can help the Society to achieve its objectives by becoming a fee-paying member, encouraging others to join the Society, participating in fundraising activities, attending symposia, other meetings and book launches, and purchasing the Society's publications.
- You can become a FRIEND OF BOTSWANA SOCIETY and support its activities by raising funds, assisting the Secretariat to plan and manage specific events and programmes, selling its publications, and promoting its image and objects.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Fill in the simple form on the back page and post it or fax it to the address/telephone numbers supplied below.

You may E-mail the Executive Secretary at:

**botsoc@botsnet.bw**

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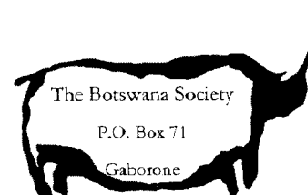
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I would like to join the Botswana Society as the following type of member.

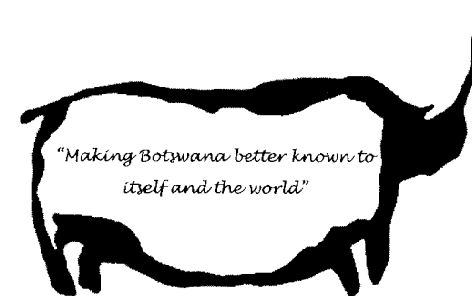
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# The Botswana Society



*Preserving our Past! Safeguarding our Future!*

The Botswana Society was founded in 1969 by a group of concerned individuals who felt that the history, culture and current affairs of the young democracy needed to be publicly discussed, recorded and made available to all interested people.

## WHAT DOES THE BOTSWANA SOCIETY DO?

The Society actively promotes interest in, and scholarship, research and debate on a wide range of subjects relating to the history, physical and social environment, and economic development of Botswana. The Botswana Society is an a-political, non-profit, civil society organisation registered under the Societies Act.

## HOW DOES THE SOCIETY ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTS?

- Holding regular public at which topical issues and research findings are presented and debated.
- The organisation of occasional conferences, symposia and/or exhibitions on research findings and public policy issues of national importance.
- The publication of writings about Botswana of a scholarly nature through books and the journal of the Society known as BOTSWANA NOTES AND RECORDS.

## HOW IS THE SOCIETY FUNDED?

- Members pay annual membership fees.
- Publications sponsored by the Society are sold to cover the costs of the Society's on-going projects.

- Private companies and donor agencies are approached to fund specific projects.
- Fundraising events are held to raise additional funds for the administrative management of the organisation.

## WHO RUNS THE SOCIETY?

The Society currently employs a full time Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant who are responsible for the day-to-day management of its affairs.

The Executive Director reports to an Executive Committee, elected each year at the Society's Annual General Meeting. A Management Committee supervises the Secretariat. The Executive Committee typically comprises professionals (including at least one accountant), academics, researchers, consultants business leaders and retired public officers.

## WHAT SYMPOSIA HAS THE SOCIETY ORGANISED SINCE 1969?

12 Symposia have been held since 1970 with a wide range of topics. Many of these symposia have been used as guidelines for creating government policy, for ongoing research and as reference guides by Private and Government institutions.

- The Okavango Delta and its Future Utilisation - 1976

- Democracy in Botswana – 1988
- Burials and Bereavement – Is the cost of funerals killing us? – 2001

## WHAT BOOKS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED?

In addition to publishing 32 volumes of Botswana Notes and Records, the Society has sponsored the publication of 38 books ranging in subject matter from Bibliographies, Environment, History, Language, Natural History, Research and Biographies to Social Sciences. A catalogue is available and the publications are advertised on the Internet:

Titles include:

- Monarch of all I survey: The Bechuanaland diaries of Sir Charles Rey, 1929-37 (edited by N. Parsons and M. Crowden)
- BOTSWANA The road to independence (Allan Tilbury and Peter Fawcus)
- The Livingstones at Kolobeng 1847 – 1852 (Janet Parsons)
- Ditswa Mmung - Archaeology in Botswana (Edited by P. Lane, A. Ried and A. Segobye)
- Seretse Khama 1921 – 1980 ( N. Parsons, Willie Henderson and Thomas Tlou)