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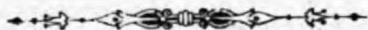
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ARTICLE I.

*Name of the Society.*

SECTION 1.—This Society shall be called

*"The Staten Island Philatelic Society"*

(Verein für Briefmarkenkunde auf Staten Island),  
and its meetings shall be held in Stapleton, Richmond  
County, N. Y.

## ARTICLE II.

*Object of the Society.*

SECTION 2.—The object of this Society is the study, collecting and interchange of postage stamps, envelopes, postal cards, etc., and the discussion of subjects relating thereto.

## ARTICLE III.

*Membership.*

SECTION 3.—The membership of this Society shall be divided into the following classes:

Active Members,  
Corresponding Members,  
Honorary Members.

SEC. 4.—The first class (Active Members) shall constitute the governing body of the society, from which all officers and committees must be elected.

SEC. 5.—The second class (Corresponding Members) shall consist of those who, by reason of residence abroad, or distance from place of meeting, do not desire to become active members. They are expected to take an interest in the objects of the society, and to aid it by contributions or information.

SEC. 6.—The third class (Honorary Members) shall consist of those persons who, by virtue of valuable service in the cause of Philately, are considered deserving of the distinctive title of honorary members.

SEC. 7.—Candidates for membership in either of the above classes, must be eighteen (18) years of age, or above, and proposals must be made in writing, by an active member of the society, at one of its meetings, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon at the next meeting, when the ballot takes place.

SEC. 8.—No candidate shall be entitled to membership without the consent, by ballot, of a simple majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Government.*

SECTION 9.—The governing board of officers of the Society shall be as follows:

President,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary and Librarian,  
Treasurer,  
Executive Committee of two members.

SEC. 10.—The term of each office shall be for one year from date of annual election and shall hold office until their successors be elected. A simple majority of the members present at such meeting, shall be sufficient for election.

SEC. 11.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society and act as chairman on all Committees.

SEC. 12.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside, in case of the absence of the President, at all meetings, and, in the absence of both, a temporary chairman shall be appointed.

SEC. 13.—The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the society. He shall conduct all its correspondence, keeping copies thereof in a book provided for that purpose. Notify members of their election and give notice of all meetings, at least three (3) days in advance of such meetings. All letters received by him in his official capacity, shall be filed among the archives of the society, and furthermore, in doing duty as Librarian, he shall take charge of all books and papers belonging to the society, and shall keep the same in good order.

SEC. 14.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, provided that no moneys shall be expended by him, except by orders to that effect, duly voted upon by the members present at a regular meeting. He shall keep a strict account, in writing, of all moneys which he may so receive and disburse, in books kept for that purpose, together with all accounts relating to the society; and these books of accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the inspection of the society or any of its members.

SEC. 15.—The Executive Committee shall inquire into the merit of all applicants for membership, and report thereon to the society at the next meeting. It shall also act as a standing committee of reference for any matters that may be duly referred to it by the society; as well as to examine and approve the annual statements reported by the treasurer and secretary.

SEC. 16.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall turn over at the termination of their offices all letters, moneys' vouchers, documents, books and other properties belonging to the society to their successors in good order.

## ARTICLE V.

### *The Meetings.*

SECTION 17.—The regular monthly meetings of the society shall be held at its rooms in Stapleton, on the third Wednesday in every month.

SEC. 18.—Special meetings shall be called by order of the President, at a written request of three members; due notice of three (3) days in advance must be given by the Secretary.

SEC. 19.—Six (6) Active members shall constitute a quorum to transact all the necessary business of the society.

## ARTICLE VI.

*The Elections.*

SECTION 20.—The annual election for officers and executive committee shall take place at the regular meeting in May. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, the same shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 21.—The election of officers shall be by ballot, a simple majority of the whole number of members present at such meeting shall be sufficient for a choice.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Entrance Fee and Dues.*

SECTION 22.—The entrance-fee for Active or Corresponding Members shall be one (1) dollar.

SEC. 23.—The annual dues shall be three (3) dollars for active and two (2) dollars for corresponding members, payable semi-annual at the first meetings in May and November.

SEC. 24.—Any member, in arrears for six (6) months dues or over, shall be notified of the fact by the Treasurer, and requested to pay the same. If, within thirty (30) days after such notification and request, the arrearage be not paid, he shall then, on motion, cease to be a member of the society, and his name stricken from the roll.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Resignation of Members.*

SECTION 25.—Any member may at any time resign his membership and leave the society, on payment of all his liabilities (consisting of stamps taken from exchange books, etc., and unpaid dues) to the society.



SEC. 26.—A member may be expelled by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the members present, at any regular meeting of the society, for non-payment of dues etc., or gross misconduct.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Dissolution of the Society.*

SECTION 27.—The Society shall be dissolved only upon a resolution to that effect, carried by a majority of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members present, at a special meeting called for the purpose, and of which fourteen (14) days notice must be given by the Secretary. On such dissolution all property of the society shall first be converted into money, by selling the same to the highest bidder, and the proceeds thereof, together with remaining money in the treasury, shall be equally divided among the members.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Amendments.*

SECTION 28.—This Constitution, as well as the hereafter following By Laws, shall not be altered, modified, or amended, except at a regular meeting, by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the members present. No action thereon shall be valid, unless one (1) months notice shall have been given.

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# BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

### *Rules of Order.*

All questions of order and parliamentary law arising at any meeting in debate, shall be decided according to  
"Cushing's Manual."

## ARTICLE II.

### *Order of Business.*

The following shall be the order of business at all regular meetings :

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
3. Proposals for Membership.
4. Report of Executive Committee on applications.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. New Business.
10. Election of Officers and Committee.
11. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE III.

*Time of Meetings.*

All regular meetings held at the society rooms, shall be called as directed by the President.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Sales and Exchange.*

No stamps shall be bought, sold or exchanged at the place of meeting of the society, during any of its sessions. After adjournment in accordance with the following rules.

*Rules.*

1. All stamps for circulation amongst the members shall be placed in books provided for that purpose, and those for foreign circulation on sheets.
2. All stamps are to be washed and then fastened with gummed hinges to either books or sheets.
3. Each member is earnestly requested to pass the book on every Monday to his following member as indicated on list of members accompanying each book.
4. Mark large and plain your number on places where you have removed stamps.
5. Mark on Account list in each book, under your number total amount you took out of the book.
6. On November 1st and April 1st of each year each member will send the book he has in his possession at that time to the owner. Owner will examine his account list and spaces where stamps have been removed and send same at once to the Treasurer for entering amounts in the ledger.
7. Cancel all places with your private mark where stamps have been removed on your books, and put in new dup-

licates, and have your book ready for circulation, awaiting notice to that effect.

8. Mark over or under each stamp your lowest price in U. S. Currency, the Society will deduct 10 per cent. of each stamp sold, for expense account.
9. All foreign sheets must bear owners name and number.
10. If a member is out of town for any length of time, he has to notify his foregoing number to that effect, so as not to create any delay in the circulation of exchange books.
11. All members not complying with the above rules, will be excluded from the exchange list without any further notice.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Foreign Stamps.*

Each member will be allowed three (3) days to examine the sheets sent us by foreign societies, after which time they have to be sent to the following number. The last man returning the sheet to the Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Members withdrawing from the Society.*

In case any member wishes to withdraw from the Society, he can only do so upon full settlement of his account the society has against him. Should there be a balance in his favor, the society will settle in cash after deducting the usual 10 per cent. for the expense account.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Language.*

The English Language shall be regarded as the official language, all home correspondence, minutes of meetings,

constitution and by-laws shall be kept in the same unless otherwise directed by order of the society.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### *Counterfeit Album.*

The Society's Counterfeit Album shall be kept in good order by the Librarian and shall be on exhibition at any regular meeting after adjournment, on request of any member, if made in time to the Librarian.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### *Members' Responsibility.*

All members shall be held responsible for a period of the first six (6) months, after election, for the accounts of new members proposed by them. After the expiration of such time they are released from such responsibility.



# Addenda.

## PAGE 3. ART. I. SEC. 1a.

This Society constitutes the S.I. Branch of the A.P.A.—  
as all its active members are made active members of the  
A. P. A.

(Meeting July 20., 1887.)

PAGE 4., ART. III., SEC. 5. shall read: "The second  
class (corresponding members) shall consist of those who  
reside outside of the United States."

(Meeting May 16., 1888.)

PAGE 5., ART. IV., SEC. 9. add to the board of  
governing officers.

Manager of Exchange Dept. and SEC. 16a.

The Manager of Exchange Dept. shall run his office  
for inland exchange according to the By-Laws of the  
A. P. A. Sec. 5. see page 12 Const. A. P. A.

(Meeting March 18., 1887.)

PAGE 6., ART. 5., SEC. 19. shall read hereafter: Five  
(5) members shall constitute a quorum &c.

(Meeting April 20., 1887.)

PAGE 7, ART. VII., SEC. 23., line 3 shall read here-  
after instead: "Payable semi annual at the first meeting in  
May &c." as follows: "Payable semi annual in advance".

(Meeting August 17., 1887.)

PAGE 10, ART. IV of the By-Laws "Sales and Exchanges".

The rules are modified as far as Inland exchange is  
concerned, according to the By-Laws of the A. P. A., Sec. 5.  
see page 12. Const. A. P. A.

PAGE 12 of the By-Laws, ART. X, "Deceased members".

The Society will take proper steps to dispose of collec-  
tions of deceased members to the best advantage of the  
heirs, if they so desire, to prevent sacrificing the property.

(Meeting May 16., 1888.)



PHILATELIC SECTION.