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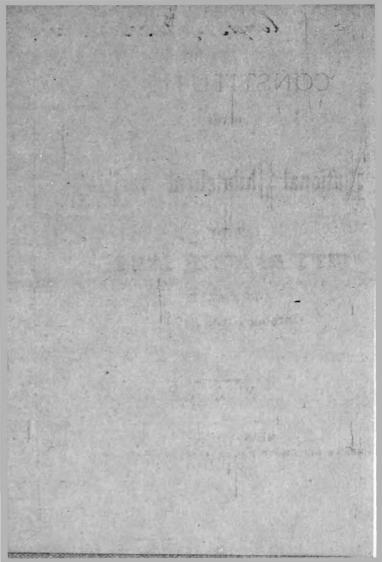
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Chas. H. Coster.

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
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ARTICLE I.

Name.

This Association shall be known as the "National Philatelical Society."

ARTICLE II.

Objects.

Its objects are as follows: To encourage the collection and preservation of Postage and Revenue Stamps of all Nations, as well as those issued by private individuals, corporations or States, and the obtaining and dissemination of knowledge in relation thereto.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Association shall be as follows:

1. President,

2. Vice-President,

3. Secretary and Treasurer,

4. An Executive Committee of three (3) members.

SEC. 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year from the date of his election.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the Society; to conduct all its correspondence; to receive & disburse all monies provided that no money shall be expended by him, except upon resolution therefor, duly adopted by the Society. He shall also keep a strict account, in writing, of all monies which he shall so receive and disburse, and his books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Society or any member thereof.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Execuive Committee to inquire into and report to the Society, upon the merits of applicants for membership, and no name shall be voted for, without having first been favorably reported upon by a majority of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall also act as a standing Committee of reference, for any matter that may be duly referred to it by the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

Membership.

SEC. 1. Every applicant for membership shall be at least Twenty-one years of age, and of good moral standing; his application to be submitted in writing by a member of the Society, giving the name, age, residence and occupation of the applicant, which shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon to the Society at its next regular meeting.

SEC. 2. No applicant shall be elected to membership without having first received a two-thirds vote, in his favor, of all the members present at the meeting at which he shall be balloted for; and shall immediately thereafter subscribe to the Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

SEC. I. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in each month. Special meetings shall be called by the President at the written

request of five members. Due notice of which shall be given.

SEC. 2. One-third of the members shall constitute a Quorum, to transact all the necessary business at any meeting.

SEC. 3. From the 1st of October until the 1st of April, the hours of all meetings shall be 7.30 P. M., and from the 1st of April until the 1st of October, 8 P. M. All meetings of the Society shall be held in the City of New York.

SEC. 4. During the transaction of business at any meeting of the Society, none but its members shall be present.

SEC. 5. The Annual Election of Officers shall take place at the regular meeting in November. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices the same shall be filled at the next ensuing regular meeting.

SEC. 6. The election of officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees and Dues.

SEC. 1. The initiation fee of the Society shall be Five Dollars, and shall accompany

each application, and in case said application shall be rejected, the said fee shall be returned.

- SEC. 2. The annual dues shall be Six Dollars, payable monthly in advance.
- SEC. 3. Any member in arrears for over three months shall be notified of the fact by the Secretary and requested to pay the same, and if within a reasonable time after such notification and request such payment be not made, the member shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Impeachments.

SEC. I. Any conduct on the part of a member which may be considered as violating the objects for which the Society has been formed, or which may be calculated to bring discredit upon it or any of its members, shall be sufficient cause for the impeachment of such member. Every impeachment must be set forth in writing over the signatures of at least three members, and must contain a concise statement of each charge, a copy of which shall be forthwith furnished the accused.

SEC. 2. Trials for impeachment shall take place at a special meeting to be called for that purpose by the President, of which due notice shall be given to the members at least one week previous.

SEC. 3. A vote of three-fourths of the members present at such meeting, for impeachment, shall be necessary for conviction. The nature of the punishment therefor shall be determined by a like vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. This Constitution shall not be altered, modified nor amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the time of the consideration of such amendment, and no amendment shall be acted upon, unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at the next preceding regular meeting, and notice thereof given to the members at least one week prior to the meeting at which such amendment may be considered.

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