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OF THE

# CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(A. P. A. BRANCH No. 1)

ORGANIZED OCT. 8, 1886.

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# CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.-NAME.

This Association shall be known as the CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

#### ARTICLE II, --- OBJECTS.

The objects for which this Society is formed are:

The encouragement of the collection and preservation of the postage and revenue stamps of all nations, as well as those issued by states, corporations, and individuals: the procuring and dissemination of knowledge in relation thereto: the inculcation of the best principles of classification and arrangement, and the consideration of stamps in all their relations.

#### ARTICLE III, -- MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The membership of this Society shall be divided into three classes, as follows:

- 1. Active members.
- 2. Passive members.
- 3. Honorary members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Society, from which all officers and committees must be chosen.

The second class shall consist of those who desire to affiliate with the Society, but through inability to attend meetings or for any other cause do not wish to become active members.

The third class shall comprise those persons who are considered deserving of the distinctive title of honorary members. SEC. 2. Proposals for membership in either class shall be made in writing, by an active member of the Society, at any regular meeting, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon before any action may be taken on the same.

SEC. 3. No candidate shall be entitled to membership without the consent, by ballot, of three fourths of the members present at a regular meeting.

SEC. 4. A rejected candidate can not be again proposed for a period of six months after his rejection.

#### ARTICLE IV.-GOVERNMENT.

SECTION I. The Government of the Society shall be vested in the following officers:

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

SEC. 2. Officers shall be elected for one year, and shall serve until their successors have qualified. In case of the death or resignation of an elective officer an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term of such office.

SEC. 3. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society; he shall sign all warrants ordered drawn on the treasury; and he shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 4. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings, in the absence of the President, and assist the latter in the discharge of his duties.

In the absence of both President and Vice-President, a temporary chairman shall be appointed.

SEC. 5. The Secretary and Librarian shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Society; he shall notify all members of any important action of the Society; he shall obtain from the Treasurer an account of the receipts of each meeting and enter them upon the minutes; he shall sign all calls for special meetings; he shall draw and sign all warrants on the treasury; and he shall conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Society. He shall also take charge of all books, periodicals, etc., belonging to the Society; he shall keep the same in good order, record when and from whom received, and report to the Society quarterly the condition of the library.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Society; but no moneys shall be expended by him except on a warrant signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President; he shall keep a strict and true account of the finances, in books provided for that purpose; which account shall at all times be open for inspection to the officers of the Society, or to any committee appointed to examine them.

SEC. 7. The Executive Committee shall inquire into the merits of all applicants for membership; it shall act as finance committee and audit all accounts presented for payment, examine the books of the Treasurer and the Society's property held by other officers' and report on the same, on the close of sach officers' term of office or upon the resignation of any of them; and it shall transact such other business as the Society may refer to it.

All officers shall turn over to the Society at the close of their term of office, all moneys, property, or effects in their charge that belong to the Society.

No person engaged in the business of buying and selling stamps shall be permitted to hold office in this Society; nor shall any person who is an active member of any other local organization, of the same nature as this Society, be permitted to hold office in this Society.

#### ARTICLE V.-MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on alternate Thursdays after the adoption of this Constitution,

Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of three active members, due notice of which must be given by the Secretary, in writing, to each active member,

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SEC. 2. Five active members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VI. - ELECTIONS.

SEC. I. The annual election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in December of each year. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office it shall be filled without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 2. All officers shall be elected by ballot; a majority of the whole number of votes cast being necessary for a choice.

SEC. 3. Any officer who shall absent himself from three successive regular meetings—except in case of sickness, or absence from the city—shall be guilty of neglect of office, and the President shall declare the office vacant, and order an election to fill the vacancy.

#### ARTICLE VII. - REVENUES.

The revenues of the Society shall be derived from the subscriptions of members as provided in the By-Laws.

No assessment shall at any time be made without the written consent of two thirds of the members affected thereby.

#### ARTICLE VIII.-CHARGES.

Charges preferred against a member shall be referred to a special committee of three members, who shall investigate the same and report to the Society. Should either the accused or the Society desire it, a trial shall be ordered and full opportunity offered to demonstrate the innocence or guilt of the member accused. If found guilty, the accused shall be expelled from membership.

#### ARTICLE IX, -BY-LAWS.

Such By-Laws as may be required for the government of the Society, and are not in conflict with this Constitution, may, as occasion demands, be adopted.

#### ARTICLE X, -AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, and after at least one month's notice has been given to all members, in writing, that such amendment is to be submitted to the Society.



# BY-LAWS

I. Any of these By-Laws may be temporarily suspended at any meeting by the unanimous vote of the members present.

All questions of order and parliamentary usage 2. not provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws shall be decided by reference to " Roberts' Rules of Order "

3. The following Order of Business shall be observed at all regular meetings:

- Roll Call τ.
- **Keading** of Minutes. 2
- Communications, Bills, and Accounts. 2.
- Reports of Officers and Committees. 4.
- Unfinished Business. 5.
- Proposals for Membership.
- New Business 7.
- × Report on Applications.
- Election and Introduction of New Members. 0.
- Recess. 10.
- 11. Exercises.
- 12. Adjournment.

#### PLACE OF MEETING.

4. The meetings of this Society shall be held at the Tremont House, and shall be called to order promptly at 8 P. M. Whenever a change shall occur in the place of meeting it shall be incumbent upon the Secretary to give due notice of such change to each active member.

#### DUES.

5. (a) The dues of active members shall be 50 cents per month, payable in advance, and shall include membership and payment of dues in the American Philatelic Association.

(b) The dues of passive members shall be \$1.00 per year, or including membership in the American Philatelic Association, \$3.00 per year.

(c) Any member in arrears for over three months' dues shall be notified by the Treasurer, and requested to settle the same. If within thirty days after notification the account remains unpaid, he may be declared suspended until the same be paid, or remitted by the Society.

(d) No member's resignation shall be considered until his account with the Society are settled.

#### BRENCH SOCIETY.

6. This Society shall be a branch of the American Philatelic Association, and all active members shall be members of the American Philatelic Association.

#### EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

7. (a) An Exchange Department, under the supervision of a Manager of Exchange, shall be conducted by this Society.

(b) The Manager of Exchange shall be appointed by the President, and shall conduct the affairs of the Department in such manner as he, the manager, may elect, and provide efficient service.

(c) He shall receive as compensation first choice of all exchanges sent to the Society.

#### AUCTION SALES.

8. (a) Auction sales of stamps, etc., may be held at any meeting of the Society, and when held the Treasurer shall note the proceedings and deduct ten per cent. from the gross amount realized thereat, which amount shall be placed in the treasury. (b) Members may be allowed two weeks' time in which to make settlement.

(c) Persons who are not members of the Society will be permitted to take part in the sales, provided no member present objects to their so doing.

9. Any member of the American Philatelic Association residing in Chicago or its suburbs may participate in the exchange equally with the members of the Chicago Philatelic Society.



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