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CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

St. Louis Philatelic Soc'y

LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE,

AND PLACE OF MEETING,

ROOM 71, TURNER BUILD'G.

OPEN:

↔ 8 A. M. TO 6 P. M. ↔

ST. LOUIS, MO.:

A. F. Nelson & Co., Prs., 124-126 N. Second St.

1886.

Application for membership and correspondence should be sent to

EUGENE DILL, *Secretary.*


Dues should be remitted to

CHAS. VOTIER, *Treasurer.*

Papers and books should be sent to

G. D. MEKEEL, *Librarian.*

All mail for the society for either of above officers should be addressed to them at room 71, Turner Building, St. Louis, Mo.



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ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

This Association shall be known by the name and style of the ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

This Society is formed for the purpose of encouraging and promoting:

First.—The collection and preservation of stamps employed for postal or fiscal purposes, whether issued by National or State Governments, corporations or individuals.

Second.—The study of such characteristics of design, paper, engraving, printing and other details of such stamps, the procuring of such information relating thereto, and to the history and purposes of their use as shall serve to establish their true character, to distinguish the genuine from the false and determine the proper classification and arrangement.

Third.—The exchange of duplicates between members under such regulations as may be provided by by-laws.

Fourth.—The undertaking of any such matters as may contribute to the attainment of the above objects.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of three classes of members.

1. Active members.
2. Corresponding members.
3. Honorary members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Society, from which all officers and committees must be chosen. No qualifications are required of members of this class, except an election by the Society and the observance of the rules thereof.

The second class shall comprise those who desire to ally themselves with the society and aid in promoting its objects by contributions or information, and enjoy the priviledges of membership, but by reason of residence abroad or distance from the place of meeting, cannot attend to the duties of active members.

The third class shall comprise those who the society may desire to recognize as having rendered exceptional service to the cause of Philately by conferring upon them the distinctive title of honorary members.

SEC. 2. Proposals for membership in either of these classes must be made in writing by an active member of the society, at a regular or called meeting, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee who shall report thereon the next regular meeting, and the society shall proceed at once, either to ballot thereon or to designate the time when such action will be taken. The ballots of three-quarters of the members present, shall be requisite to elect, and no candidate shall be balloted for upon whom the Executive Committee may have made an adverse report. The member making the nomination may however withdraw the candidate at any time prior to the casting of the ballot, but no rejected candidate can again be proposed until after the expiration of one year.

SEC. 3. Any member whose connection with the society shall be deemed by the Executive Committee injurious to the inter-

est of the society, may be excluded or otherwise dealt with as the society may resolve, but no action shall be had upon any such case, unless a full months notice shall have been given to such member by the Executive Committee that they propose to submit the matter for action, stating the character of the charge and the time when action is proposed to be had. No member expelled by the society shall be re-admitted, except by a unanimous vote, notice having been given of the proposed action at the preceding regular meeting.

SEC. 4. Any member in good standing who may desire, may withdraw at any time by giving written notice to the secretary and exhibiting a certificate of the Treasurer, that he has paid all obligations to the Society. Any member in arrears for three months' dues, who shall not pay the same within one month after being notified by the Treasurer, shall be considered to have tendered his resignation and his name shall be stricken from the books.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, who

with two other members shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The terms of all officers shall be for one year from the date of the annual election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and on all committees

SEC. 4. The Vice-President will assist the President in the discharge of his duties and in his absence conduct the meetings of the society. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President a temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

SEC. 5. 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. All letters received by him in his official capacity, shall be filed among the archives of the society.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys; provided that no moneys shall be expended by him, except by resolution therefor, duly adopted by the society. He shall keep a strict account, in writing, of all moneys which he may so re-

ceive and disburse, and his books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the society or any of its members.

SEC. 7. The Librarian shall take charge of all books and papers belonging to the society, and shall keep the same in good order.

SEC. 8. The Executive Committee shall act as a standing committee for the transaction of any business that does not require the action of the whole society, or which may be duly referred to it by the society. It shall inquire into the merits of all persons proposed for membership and report thereon. It shall take charge of such duplicates as may be offered for exchange under the By-Laws of the Society and conduct all exchanges in accordance therewith, and may at any time submit any matter for the consideration of the society, taking precedence of all other business. Four members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 9. The secretary, treasurer and librarian shall turn over at the termination of their offices all letters, moneys, vouchers, documents or other papers belonging to the society to their successors.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual election for officers shall take place at the regular meeting in July. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, the same shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot, a majority of a whole number of votes cast being necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from October to April, and on the second Saturday of the remaining months, at such time and place as may be designated by By-Laws.

Special meetings shall be called by the president, at the written request of three members, due notice of which must be given by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. Five active members shall constitute a quorum to transact all the necessary business of the society.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual subscription

for active and corresponding members shall be \$1.00 per year, one-fourth of which is payable in advance at the first meetings in January, April, July and October, and no assessments shall be made at any time, except by the consent in writing of two-thirds of all members of the class to be effected.

ARTICLE VIII.

From time to time as occasion shall require, By-Laws may be passed for the management and direction of the affairs of the society and the good government thereof.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be altered, modified or amended, except at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and no action shall be taken or valid unless the amendment proposed, or the substitute or amendment thereof shall have been submitted to the society, in writing at least one month previous to such meeting, but adjournment may be had to any time, and such proposed amendment made the special order of business.

BY-LAWS.

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

RULES OF ORDER.

II. All questions of order and parliamentary law arising in debate shall be decided according to "Cushings Manuel."

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

III. The following shall be the order of business at all regular meetings of the Society.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Proposals for membership.
4. Report of Executive Committee on applications.
5. Election of new members.
6. Introduction of new members.
7. Signing of the Constitution.
8. Collection of dues.
9. Orders of the day.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Communications, bills to be approved, etc.

12. Reports of Committees.
13. New business.
14. Election of officers.
15. Recess for the exhibition of collections, stamps, etc., and exchange of same.
16. Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IV. The Executive Committee may if they find it more conducive to the transaction of business sub-divide itself into sub-committees to which certain classes of the regular business of the committee may be intrusted, such as the department of exchanges, investigations of the qualifications of candidates, etc., but such sub-committee shall report to the whole committee before report is made to the Society.

PLACE OF MEETING.

V. The meetings of the society shall be held at the office of the Philatelic Publishing Co., Room 71, Turner Building, unless otherwise directed by the executive committee.

TIME OF MEETING.

VI. The first regular meeting of the society in each month shall be at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the second meeting of the month shall be at 8 o'clock

in the evening at the room of the society, unless otherwise specified by the Society at the previous regular meeting, and in case of a change, notice shall be given to all active members who were not present at the time of making the change.

SALES AND EXCHANGES.

VII. No stamps shall be bought, sold or exchanged at the place of meeting of the Society during any of the meetings of the Society, except during the recess and in accordance with the following rules.

RULES.

RULE 1. All stamps shall be placed on sheets and priced, the postage stamps by Durbins' catalogue and the U. S. revenue stamps by Sterlings' catalogue. These prices being the *exchange* basis. All sheets shall bear the owners' name.

RULE 2. All stamps sold for cash shall be at 25 per cent. discount from the exchange prices.

RULE 3. These sheets shall be in charge of the Librarian, the members having access to them at his office. No sheets to be taken from the room.

RULE 4. The Librarian shall deduct 10 per cent. from all cash sales, for the benefit of the society.

RULE 5. The Librarian shall have the right to refuse any undesirable stamps, returning same to owner.

RULE 6. Each member may remove such stamps as he desires from any of the exchange sheets, marking the space with his initials.

At the first meeting of each month, each member shall be credited with the value of all stamps taken from his sheets whether by sale or exchange, and charged with the stamps taken by him, and shall pay any amount due from him to the Librarian, who shall therefrom pay to each exchanger the balance due him.



Addresses of Active Members.

John K. Tiffany,.....	506 Olive St.
Eugene Dill,	Care of P. O. Dept.
L. G. Custer,	" " " "
C. H. Mekeel,	2908 Morgan St.
A. M. Mekeel,.....	" " "
L. H. Booch,.....	614 Lami St.
Chas. Votier,.....	1828 Carr Ave.
H. W. Chandler, Jr.,.....	2912 Chestnut St.
W. B. Chandler,.....	" " "
M. P. Black,.....	2303 Morgan St.
T. B. Rodgers,	Circuit Clerks Office.
H. Flachshamm,	812 Hickory St.
L. Flachshamm,.....	" " "
P. C. Gandolfo,.....	P. O. Box 414.
G. D. Mekeel,	Room 71, Turner Bldg.
W. F. MacGinnitie,.....	Commercial Bank.
M. J. Seeman,.....	313 Olive St.
A. C. Seeman,.....	" " "
L. H. Hoover,.....	213 N. Main St.
Aug. Gaal,.....	3000 Market St.
A. Witmann,.....	208 N. 2nd St.
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OFFICERS:

JOHN K. TIFFANY,..... *President.*

C. H. MEKEEL,..... *Vice President.*

EUGENE DILL,..... *Secretary.*

CHAS. VOTIER,..... *Treasurer.*

G. D. MEKEEL,..... *Librarian.*

T. B. RODGERS,)
W. F. MACGINNITIE,) *Members of*
Executive
Committee.