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Founders of the Society.

JOHN B. CALDER,
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CHAS. G. CALDER,
MARTIN S. FANNING,
J. F. BROWNING,

GEO. H. WOOD,
CHAS. F. ROTHFUCHS,
EDWARD B. HANES,
W. IRVING COX,
WM. G. NIGHTINGALE.

Officers for 1885.

President, - - - JOHN B. CALDER,
258 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

Vice-President, - - - GEO. H. WOOD,
287 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

Treasurer, - - - CHAS. F. ROTHFUCH ,
26 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

Secretary and Librarian, - ALFRED DAWSON,
14 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

Executive Committee:

EDWARD B. HANES, CHAS. G. CALDER,
CHAS. F. ROTHFUCHS.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This Society shall be known by the name of the "Rhode Island Philatelic Society," and its objects are declared to be the collection and preservation of the Postage and Revenue Stamps of all nations, with an investigation of their history; the furtherance of the Philatelic art, and such connate matters as the society may deem worthy of its attention.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person who may be approved of by three-fourths of the members present at a stated meeting of this

society, may be elected a member, provided that he shall have been proposed at a previous stated meeting.

SEC. 2. Each member shall sign this constitution, and pay a fee to the society of one dollar semi annually, in advance, but such members as shall be elected corresponding or honorary members shall not be called upon for such fee, though they shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except those of voting and holding office.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, who shall be elected annually on the first Monday in February. The election of officers shall be by written ballot, a majority of all votes cast being necessary for a choice.

SEC. 2. The said officers shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected,

and their powers and duties shall be similar to those of like officers in like societies.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

This society shall meet on the first Monday of each month, but no regular meeting shall be held in July and August. Special meetings may be called by the President on the written request of the executive committee, or of six other members, of which due notice shall be given. And at each and all of these meetings six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President, immediately after his election, shall appoint three members as an executive committee, which committee shall consider and report upon such business as shall be intrusted to its charge by the society.

ARTICLE VI.**RULES OF ORDER.**

The rule of order embraced in "Cushing's Manual" shall govern the deliberations of this society.

ARTICLE VII.**IMPEACHMENTS.**

Any member who shall have been guilty of conduct degrading of itself, or calculated to bring odium upon this society, may be expelled by a three-fourths vote of the members at any stated meeting, and any member who shall neglect or refuse to pay his dues for more than one year, shall thereby cease to be a member of this society, but no member shall be expelled until due notice shall have been given him of the charges brought against him, and until he shall have had an opportunity of being confronted with his accusers, and of being heard in his defense.

ARTICLE VIII.**AMENDMENTS.**

This constitution may be altered, amended, or abrogated at any stated meeting by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, provided that written notice of said alteration or amendment shall have been given at a previous stated meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Applications for Membership.
3. Communications.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Exhibition of Specimens, Essays, etc.
8. Adjournment.