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STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION.

I. NAME.

This Association shall be known as "The Ohio State Bar Association."

2. OBJECT.

The Association is formed to advance the science of jurisprudence, to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice, to uphold integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, to encourage thorough liberal legal education, and to cultivate cordial intercourse among the members of the bar.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Bar attending this Convention as delegates, this eight day of July, 1880, are hereby declared to be members of this Association, provided they shall, during its present session, pay the admission fee and sign this Constitution. Any member of the Bar, of good standing, residing or practicing in the State of Ohio, may become a member of the Association upon nomination and vote, as hereinafter provided.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

All nominations for membership shall be made by the Committee on Admission, and must be transmitted in writing to the President, and by him reported to the Association, and if any member demands a vote upon any name

thus reported, the Association shall thereupon vote thereon by ballot. Several nominees may be voted upon on the same ballot, and in such case placing the word "no" against any name or names upon the ticket, shall be deemed a negative vote against such name or names, and against those only. One negative vote in every five shall suffice to defeat an election. No member of the Bar, residing in a county where there is a local Bar Association, shall become a member of this Association unless he shall also be a member of such local Association.

5. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, who shall deliver the annual address, and be ineligible for a second term; one Vice-President from each judicial district reported by membership in the Association; a Secretary and Treasurer. All of these shall be elected at the annual meeting, and hold their offices until the next annual meeting of the Association, and until their successors are elected.

6. COMMITTEES.

The President shall, with the approval of the Association, appoint the following standing committees: An Executive Committee; a Committee on Admissions; a Committee on Judicial Administration and Legal Reform; a Committee on Legal Education; a Committee on Grievances, and a Committee on Legal Biography; and each standing committee shall be composed of one member from every judicial district represented in the Association. A majority of the members of every committee who may be present at a meeting of the Association, shall constitute a quorum of such committee for the purposes of such meeting.

Every committee shall, at each annual meeting, report in writing a summary of its proceedings since the last annual report, together with any suggestions deemed

suitable and appertaining to its powers, duties or business. A general summary of all such annual reports and of the proceedings of the annual meetings shall be prepared and printed by and under the direction of the Executive Committee, together with the Constitution, By-Laws, names and residences of officers, standing committees and members of the Association, as soon as practicable after each annual meeting.

7. FINAL ACTION.

No action of the Association of a permanent nature, or recommending changes in law or the administration of justice, shall be final until approved by the Standing Committee, to which the same shall be referred by the Association.

8. PRESIDENT.

The President, or in his absence, the Senior Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and the President shall deliver an address at the opening of the meeting next after his election.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee. This Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall be vested with the title to all its property as trustees thereof, and shall make By-Laws for the Association, subject to amendment by the Association.

10. COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

The proceedings of this Committee shall be deemed confidential, and shall be kept secret, except so far as written or printed reports of the Committee shall be necessarily and officially made to the Association.

11. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL REFORM.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Judicial Administration and Legal Reform to take record of all proposed changes of the law, and to recommend such as may be, in their opinion, entitled to the favorable influence of the Association; and further, to observe the working of the judicial system of the State, to collect information with reference thereto, and to recommend such action as they may deem advisable.

12. COMMITTEE ON LEGAL EDUCATION.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legal Education to examine and report what change it is expected to propose in the system of Legal Education and of admission to the practice of the profession in the State of Ohio.

13. COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Grievances shall receive all complaints which may be made in matters affecting the interests of the legal profession, the practice of the law and the administration of justice, and report the same to the Association with such recommendation as they may deem advisable.

The proceedings of this Committee shall be deemed confidential and kept secret, except so far as reports of the same shall be necessarily and officially made to the Association.

14. COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BIOGRAPHY.

The Committee on Legal Biography shall provide for the preservation among the archives of the Association of suitable written or printed memorials of the lives and characters of deceased members of the Ohio Bar.