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AND OF DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR



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## By-Laws of the Society.

[In force, May, 1866.]

### I. MEMBERS.

1. The Society shall consist of Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary Members.

Resident members shall be persons residing in the State of Connecticut; and no others shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of the Society.

Honorary and corresponding members shall be persons residing out of the State of Connecticut, and shall not be subject to any admission fee or tax.

Honorary members shall be persons who may have rendered important public service to the State of Connecticut, or to the cause of historic inquiry, or literature generally.

2. No person shall be voted for as an honorary, corresponding, or resident member, until at least one month after his nomination by the Committee on Membership; and every such vote shall be taken by ballot, at a regular meeting, at which not less than ten members are present.

3. Every nomination for the election of honorary or corresponding members shall be based on the application, in writing, of two resident members, stating the reason for such nomination, and the qualifications of the persons proposed for membership.

4. Whenever a vote shall be taken on the admission of a member, and there shall be found two ballots against his admission, the presiding officer shall declare the election postponed. At the next regular meeting, if the recommendation of the committee shall be renewed, he may be admitted by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

5. Resident members shall pay, on admission, three dollars, and two dollars every subsequent year, if they reside within, and one dollar if they reside without, the limits of the town of Hartford; or, in lieu thereof, any person entitled to be a member may constitute himself a life member by paying at one time the sum of twenty-five dollars.

6. Should any person elected as a resident member omit to signify his acceptance of such election within one month after receiving notice thereof, and to pay the admission fee, he shall forfeit the privilege of becoming a member. The payment of the annual assessment shall



hereafter constitute a condition of continued membership, and the neglect or refusal to pay the same for the period of six months after the annual meeting of the Society shall be deemed a withdrawal from the Society.

7. A copy of the by-laws shall be presented, within one month after the adoption of this by-law, by the Recording Secretary, to every resident member, to be signed and returned to the Secretary; and members who shall subscribe the same shall thereafter be considered as accepting the provision respecting the annual assessment and the conditions of membership.

#### II. OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the Society, to be elected at the annual meeting by ballot, and to hold their offices for one year and until others shall be chosen, shall be— a President, not exceeding eight Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee on Membership, to consist of seven members; Committees on the Library, and on Publication, each to consist of three members.

The preceding officers and the chairmen of the several committees shall constitute the Standing Committee of the Society.

A Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall be appointed, on the nomination of the Standing Committee, whenever such appointment shall be deemed advisable.

2. The President shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Standing Committee; shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Standing Committee; call, by himself or Secretary, all meetings of the Society, and deliver or provide for an address at the annual meeting.

3. The Recording Secretary shall have custody of the files, records, and seal of the Society; shall give notice to new members of their election, and furnish them certificates of membership; keep an accurate journal of the transactions of the Society and Standing Committee; and, when directed by the proper officer, call meetings of the same.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence in behalf of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall receive the admission fees, and report the names of the persons paying the same to the Recording Secretary; and shall also receive all other moneys due, and all donations or bequests of money made to the Society; shall pay to the order of the chairman of the Standing Committee such sums as may be required for the ordinary expenses of the Society and such as the Society may otherwise direct to be paid; shall keep a true and faithful account of all moneys received and paid by him, and of the property and debts of the Society; and shall, at the annual meeting, render a particular statement, to be examined and audited by a committee who shall be appointed at such annual meeting for that purpose.

6. The Librarian, under the direction of the Library Committee, shall arrange and have charge of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and other articles deposited in the rooms of the Society; and shall, before every annual meeting of the Society, make a full report to the Library Committee of his doings as Librarian during the past year, and of the condition of the Library.

7. To the Committee on Membership shall be referred all the propositions for the admission of members. No nominations for membership shall be considered or acted upon by the Committee during a regular meeting of the Society.

8. The Committee on the Library shall, before each annual meeting, make a careful examination of the books and other articles deposited in the rooms of the Society, and shall report thereon to the Standing Committee, including in such report the annual report of the Librarian. They may make purchases for the Library, under the direction of the Society, within the income of the Library fund, or to such an amount as may be appropriated by a vote of the Society for such purpose.

9. The Publication Committee shall have the superintendence of all publications ordered by the Society. They shall, from time to time, report to the Society respecting the selection and arrangement of such papers, from the library of the Society or other sources, as are most suitable for publication in volumes of the Society's Collections.

10. The Standing Committee shall act generally in behalf of the Society, fill all vacancies in any offices until the next regular meeting of the Society, and make an annual report to the Society. Any three members of this Committee may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a notice for a meeting of the Society shall be deemed a notice for the meeting of this Committee.

### III. MEETINGS.

1. An annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at such time and place as the Standing Committee shall appoint.

2. A regular meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month, unless suspended by a vote of the Society.

3. Special meetings shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, by the Recording Secretary, on the application of three members.

4. Previous notice of any meeting of the Society shall be given in one or more public prints. And at any meeting, duly called and notified, seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, other than the admission of new members, or the negotiation of exchange.

## IV. DONATIONS AND DEPOSITS.

1. All donations to and deposits with the Society shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose.

2. No donations shall be exchanged or disposed of unless the Society have a duplicate of the same.

3. All deposits left with the Society shall be carefully preserved, and may at any time be taken by the depositor in person, or delivered on his written order. But every deposit which shall not be so reclaimed or withdrawn shall, after the decease of the depositor, be entered as a donation, and become the property of the Society; unless, at the time of making the deposit, other conditions shall be prescribed by the depositor.

## V. LIBRARY.

1. The rooms, with all books, manuscripts, pictures, and articles belonging to or deposited with the Society, shall be under the immediate charge of the Librarian, acting under the direction of the Library Committee.

2. The Library shall be opened for the inspection of the public, and the examination of books and manuscripts, and transcription therefrom, at such time, and on such conditions, as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee; and no book or manuscript shall be taken from the room, without a special vote of the Society, except by the Committee on Publication.

## VI. PUBLICATION FUND.

The legacy left to the Society by the late President, the Hon. Thomas Day, the avails of all life memberships, and all special donations and subscriptions which may be made thereto, shall constitute a Publication Fund—the income of which shall be applied, under the direction of the Publication Committee, towards the expense of such publications as may be ordered by the Society.

## VII. ALTERATIONS.

Any alteration of these by-laws shall be submitted to a regular meeting, held prior to that on which the vote on the same is taken.