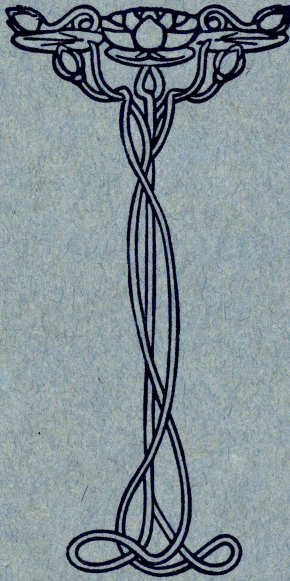


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CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

OF

The Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 15th, 1913

ARTICLE I.

Name and Object of the Society.

Section 1. The name of the Society shall be "The Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago."

Sec. 2. The object of the Society shall be to promote knowledge, advancement and co-operation among the technical men of Swedish descent engaged in engineering and industrial operations in Chicago and vicinity.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. The members shall be divided into five classes: Honorary, Life, Active, Corresponding and Associate.

Sec. 2. **Qualifications.** To become a member it is required to be of Swedish descent and to meet the requirements as set forth below.

Sec. 3. **Honorary Member** shall be a man of prominence in the sciences or industries or who has made himself deserving of the Society's highest regard.

Sec. 4. **A Life Member** shall be an active or corresponding member of the Society who has to the treasury at one time paid the sum of Fifty (50) Dollars. Such life member shall enjoy all privileges of an active member.

Sec. 5. **An Active Member** shall be one possessing technical education, from some school or college, or shall be one who, through self-tuition and ability, has worked himself up to a position which requires engineering knowledge.

Sec. 6. **A Corresponding Member** shall be residing at a distance of at least forty (40) miles from the City of Chicago. The requirements shall be the same as for an active member. The transfer of an active member to this group shall be made semi-annually.

Sec. 7. **An Associate Member** shall be one who cannot qualify as active or corresponding, but who is interested in the Society's activities and who may, by his position in the community, be expected to aid the aims of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

Admissions and Expulsions.

Section 1. Application for membership shall be made on blank, the form of which is determined by the Board of Directors, and shall contain information on the several points previously enumerated and a declaration that the applicant will abide with the rules and regulations of the Society. The applicant shall refer to at least two members who are acquainted with the applicant and can certify to his desirability as a member.

Sec. 2. The application must be accompanied by an admission fee of two (2) dollars and shall be submitted to the Secretary, who shall post the name of the candidate and proposers on the bulletin board for at least one week. The Board of Directors shall then decide whether the applicant is acceptable or not, and shall determine to which class he may be referred. If the applicant is not accepted the admission fee shall be refunded.

Sec. 3. An honorary member shall be proposed in writing, which shall give the reasons for the proposal and shall be signed by at least ten active members in good standing. He shall be elected only by unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors, after the name of such candidate has been posted in the regular way. The voting to be done by letter ballot if necessary.

Sec. 4. Membership of any person shall date from the date of his election. A rejected applicant may renew his application for membership at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of the ballot rejecting his previous application.

Sec. 5. A member of the Society may resign his membership by a written communication to the Secretary, who shall present the same to the Board of Directors, who shall accept his resignation, if all his dues have been paid.

Sec. 6. Upon a written request of ten or more active members in good standing, giving cause therefore, a member of the Society may be expelled by the Board of Directors, if there appears to be sufficient reason. The accused member shall first be advised of the charges against him and given an opportunity for defense. If expulsion is found justified, the member shall be notified, but unnecessary publicity should be avoided.

ARTICLE IV.

Dues.

Section 1. The yearly dues for an active member shall be six (6) dollars. The yearly dues for an active member shall be six (6) dollars. The yearly dues for a corresponding member shall be two (2) dollars if residing in the United States or Canada, and shall be one dollar if residing in other countries. The yearly dues for an associate member residing within forty (40) miles of the City of Chicago shall be four (4) dollars. The yearly dues for an associate member residing forty (40) miles or more from the City of Chicago shall be two (2) dollars. All dues shall be paid in advance. An honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Sec. 2. Any person whose dues are more than six months in arrears shall be notified by the Secretary or Treasurer. Should his dues become nine (9) months in arrears, he shall lose his right to vote and to receive the Society's publications, and should his dues become one year in arrears, he shall forfeit his connection with the Society. The Board of Directors, however, may for cause deemed sufficient, extend the time for payment and may relieve any member from paying part or all of his dues when circumstances or the interests of the Society are deemed to justify such action.

ARTICLE V.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be as follows:

Sec. 2. A President, who shall preside at the meetings and perform the duties pertaining to a presiding officer. He shall also be the chairman ex-officio of any committee he may appoint, and whose meetings he may attend.

Sec. 3. A Vice President, who shall, in the absence of the President, perform all duties required of that officer.

Sec. 4. A Secretary, who shall attend to the official correspondence of the Society, receive applications for membership and keep records of the meetings and all official transactions.

Sec. 5. A Treasurer, who shall, under direction and approval of the Board of Directors, handle all funds of the Society, collect dues and pay bills with check on a Chicago bank and keep books

of all such transactions, enabling the Board of Directors at any time to determine the Society's financial standing. The Treasurer shall be bonded in a surety company at the expense of the Society.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and five additional active members elected as stated in Article VI.

Sec. 7. The President, as chairman of the Board of Directors, shall call meetings of the Board whenever deemed desirable, and shall together with the Board establish such rules and regulations for the Society's headquarters, when such exist, as they deem proper, and shall with the Board exercise a general supervision over the Society's affairs. At the request of three members of the Board of Directors an extra meeting may be called.

Sec. 8. **Standing Committees.** The incoming President shall, at the annual meeting, appoint a Committee on Lectures, a House Committee and a Library Committee. The Committee on Lectures shall consist of three members, whose duties it shall be to arrange for the reading of papers, to lead discussions and to otherwise contribute in making the meetings interesting. The House Committee shall consist of three members. This committee shall, under supervision of the Board of Directors, have charge of the Society's property, arrange for quarters and entertainments, etc., but must not incur greater expenses to the Society than given by written authority from the Board of Directors. The Library Committee shall consist of three members. This committee shall have supervision over the Society's library, receive books, magazines and pamphlets, shall list same and shall submit to the Board of Directors estimates of expenses desirable to extend and maintain the library.

Sec. 9. **Special Committees and the Appropriation of Money.** A proposition to appoint such a committee or to appropriate money shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Society, and, if sustained, the Board of Directors shall take the proposition under advisement and decide whether the object is justified and if the necessary expenses can be met by the Society. In such case, the Board will select a committee and give it instructions as to the scope of its work and the amount of money available for the purpose. A two-third majority of the Board shall be required to decide, the votes to be cast by letter ballot if necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

Nomination and Election of Officers.

Section 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Directors shall be elected from the active or life members, in the month of December annually. The officers shall hold office for one year and the directors for two years. Three directors shall be elected in the even years and two in odd years.

The term of office of each officer shall begin at the close of the annual meeting in January for the year for which he was elected, and shall continue for the period above named or until a successor is duly elected. Should any officer or member of the Board of Directors be unable to serve, such vacancy shall be filled by a life or active member elected by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of six (6) members of the Society, three of which shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and three of which shall be elected annually when the officers of the Society are elected. This committee shall elect their own chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to meet in the early part of November of each year and nominate the candidates for officers and directors named in Article V.

Sec. 3. The three elective members of the nominating committee shall be nominated and elected at the regular December meeting of the Society.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall mail, on or before the last Thursday in November of each year, to each member entitled to vote, a ballot containing the names of the nominated candidates for the several offices falling vacant. Under the names of the nominees for each office so printed there shall be provided a space for the use of the voter if he desires to substitute another name. The voter shall enclose said ballot in an envelope and seal the same. He shall then enclose the sealed envelope in a second envelope marked "Ballot," seal the same, and shall then write his name thereon for identification. The ballot thus prepared and enclosed shall be mailed or delivered unopened to the Secretary of the Society. The Secretary or Treasurer shall certify to the competency and signature of all voters. A ballot without the autographic endorsement of the voter written on the outside envelope shall be marked "Defective."

Sec. 5. All ballots shall be transmitted by the Secretary unopened to the presiding officer of the December meeting. The presiding officer shall then declare the election closed and shall appoint three tellers who shall first destroy all the defective ballots unopened. They shall then open and destroy the endorsed outer envelopes marked "Ballot," and then open the inner envelope and count the votes. The opening of both the outer and inner envelopes as well as the counting of the votes shall be done in open meeting after the election is closed. A ballot which contains more names than there are offices to be filled is thereby made "Defective," and shall be rejected by the tellers. The tellers shall certify the results of the voting to the presiding officer, who shall then announce the candidates having the greatest number of votes for their respective offices and declare them elected for the ensuing year. A tie vote shall be decided through revoting by the voters present.

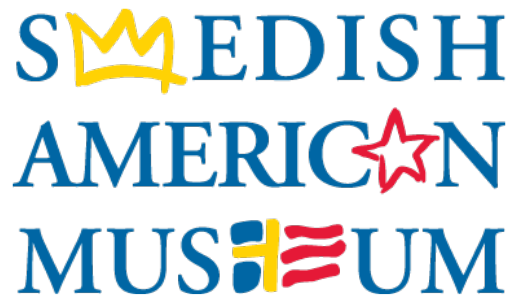
Sec. 6. Questions of vital interest to the policies and existence of the Society, shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Society, and may be, by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting, ordered to be presented for a special ballot to be cast at the next regular December meeting. This ballot shall briefly state the pro and con of the question. "Yes" or "No" should be voted and the ballot enclosed in the same envelope as that containing the official ballot. A two-third majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to carry the question.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meeting of the Society shall be held each month at such hour and at such place as may be determined upon. Ten active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of ordinary business, with the limitations as stated in Art. V, Sec. 9, but questions of vital importance to the Society shall be submitted to letter ballot as described in Article VI, Section 6.

Extra meetings may be called by the President on his own initiative or if petitioned by at least ten active members in good standing, who shall sign such petition and state the object of the meeting. At such extra meeting only such business shall be transacted as stated in the notice to assemble.



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