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of the

Charleston
Philosophical
Society



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Charleston Philosophical Society

OFFICERS, 1924

URIAH BARNES	-- -- --	<i>President</i>
LON H. KELLY	-- --	<i>Vice President</i>
J. B. JONES	-- -- --	<i>Secretary</i>
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Constitution

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

Section 1. *Name.* The name of this organization shall be Charleston Philosophical Society.

Section 2. *Objects.* The objects of the society shall be (a) systematic study and discussion of the various branches or subjects of knowledge, including philosophy, religion, natural science, literature, history, sociology, economics, and political science; (b) dissemination of knowledge by means of public meetings, lectures and publications; (c) promotion of individual, professional and occupational efficiency of its members as component units of society; (d) defense of true freedom of speech, tolerance of opinion, and liberty of thought; (e) to provide an open forum for free discus-

sion of all subjects considered by the society; (f) aid and encouragement of every worthy educational cause, object or institution in the community.

ARTICLE II.

DEPARTMENTS AND CLASSES.

Section 1. *Departments.* There shall be maintained the following departments: (a) department of philosophy and religion; (b) department of natural science; (c) department of literature; (d) department of social science, this department to include history, economics, sociology and political science; and (e) department of public lectures.

Section 2. *Study Classes.* In any or all of such departments, except the last, study classes may be established and maintained by the society as and when the needs of its members may so require. The class work may include such university extension studies and credits as may be jointly authorized by the council and the state university.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The membership of the society shall be composed of representative men and women from the various professions and occupations in the community, who shall be recommended by the committee on membership and elected by the unanimous vote of the society. The total number of members shall not at any one time exceed 150. The age of members shall not be less than twenty-one years.

Section 2. The dues of members shall be five dollars per year, payable on January first of each year. Nonpayment of dues by any member, after thirty days notice from the secretary, shall automatically terminate his membership. Continuous absence from ten meetings of the society without good cause shall have the same effect.

Section 3. A committee on membership, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the president immediately after the annual elec-

tion of officers, and shall serve for the term of one year. This committee shall receive and pass upon all applications for membership in the society, and it shall be its duty to investigate carefully the qualification and standing of applicants before recommending them for election to membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Section 1. *Officers.* The officers of the society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom shall perform such duties as ordinarily devolve upon such officers. They shall be elected for the term of one year at the last regular meeting of the society in December in each year, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the by-laws.

Section 2. *Council.* A council is hereby created, which shall have general management and control of all the affairs and activities of the society, including all preparations

and the program for the public meetings of the society and the public lectures arranged for by it. The council shall consist of the four general officers above mentioned, and six additional members elected by the society at the time of the annual election of officers; provided, that of the six additional members first elected three shall serve for the term of one year and the other three for the term of two years, and after the first election three members of the council shall be elected at each annual election meeting to serve for the term of two years. Five members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. *Vacancies.* A vacancy in any office or position, or in the council, may be filled, for the unexpired term, by a majority vote of the council.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the second and fourth Friday evenings of

each month, at such place and hour as the council may prescribe. Regular meetings may be held more frequently if the council shall so prescribe.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the council.

Section 3. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by two-thirds vote of the members present; but before any amendment shall be voted upon two weeks' notice thereof shall be given to the society, such notice to set forth the proposed amendment in full.

By-Laws

Section 1. In all matters not covered by the constitution or these by-laws, the procedure at the meetings of the society shall be governed by Roberts' Rules and Order.

Section 2. Two weeks before the annual election of officers, the president shall appoint a committee on nominations, consisting of three members, to select, recommend and report, at the next meeting, two candidates for each of the offices and each position on the council to be filled. The election of officers and of members of the council shall be by ballot.

Section 3. A member of the society casting a negative vote on an application for membership may be required to state his reason therefor.

Regulations of the Council

I. MEETINGS.

1. The regular meetings of the society shall be held in the Supreme Court room in the Capitol Annex.

2. Such meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at 8 o'clock, except as provided in regulation 4 following.

3. The first regular meeting in each month shall be a public meeting for addresses, papers and general discussion; the second regular meeting in each month shall be devoted to the work of the study classes.

4. If and as the number of classes engaged in study shall require, meetings for such classes may be held also on the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at the place and hour above specified.

II. COURSES OF STUDY.

1. Students may be enrolled for

study in any of the following subjects or classes :

(1) *Department of Philosophy and Religion.*

1. General Psychology.
2. The Field of Philosophy.
3. Greek Philosophy.
4. Medieval Philosophy.
5. Modern Philosophy.
6. History of Philosophy.
7. Logic.
8. Ethics.
9. Psychology of Religion.
10. Philosophy of Religion.
11. History of Religion.
12. Study of the Holy Scriptures.
13. History of Christianity.

(2) *Department of Literature.*

14. Survey of English Literature.
15. Survey of American Literature.
16. Shakespeare.

(3) *Department of Natural Science.*

17. Astronomy.
18. Geology.
19. Physics.
20. Chemistry.

21. Botany.
22. Zoology.
23. History of Science.

(4) *Department of Social Science.*

24. Economics.
25. Sociology.
26. Political Science.
27. General History.
28. History of Greece.
29. History of Rome.
30. European History.
31. American History.
32. Anthropology.

2. No class shall begin study until at least six students have been enrolled therein.

3. Each student shall procure and use the prescribed text books, or their approved equivalent.

4. Non-membership students may be enrolled in any class on payment of a fee of \$5.00 for each course.

5. A director of instruction shall be appointed by the president for each class engaging in a particular course of study. The duties of the director shall be to supervise the work

of the class and of each student therein and to conduct the public meetings held by the class.

6. Not more than three courses of study shall be given at any one time except as authorized by the council.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS

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| 1. R. H. Martin | 29. Mrs. Geo. S. Laidley |
| 2. J. W. Martin | 30. Claude L. Smith |
| 3. Clyde B. Johnson | 31. E. M. Surber |
| 4. F. B. Morgan | 32. J. S. Bonar |
| 5. J. H. Hundley | 33. Geo. M. Ford |
| 6. A. B. Koontz | 34. L. L. Friend |
| 7. G. R. C. Wiles | 35. J. F. Marsh |
| 8. A. M. Belcher | 36. J. D. Muldoon |
| 9. Thomas B. Jackson | 37. Robert Clark |
| 10. Ben Moore | 38. P. R. Morrow |
| 11. Lon H. Kelly | 39. G. B. Nicholson |
| 12. E. S. Bock | 40. Chas. E. Wheeler |
| 13. W. E. R. Byrne | 41. U. B. Atkinson |
| 14. B. R. Winkler | 42. Alfred Francis |
| 15. E. Von Schlechtendal | 43. D. A. Jayne |
| 16. Mrs. Schlechtendal | 44. N. P. MacDermid |
| 17. Fred O. Blue | 45. W. P. Black |
| 18. F. B. Shannon | 46. J. R. Gordon |
| 19. C. R. Havighurst | 47. Alice J. McChesney |
| 20. Uriah Barnes | 48. C. C. Lewis |
| 21. Mrs. Uriah Barnes | 49. O. L. Aultz |
| 22. Jettie M. Ice | 50. Wm. B. Mathews |
| 23. C. I. Coffey | 51. J. J. D. Preston |
| 24. J. B. Jones | 52. C. J. Van Fleet |
| 25. Mrs. J. B. Jones | 53. G. W. Sharp |
| 26. W. E. Chilton | 54. Leo Loeb |
| 27. S. E. Weber | 55. R. G. Kelly |
| 28. Geo. S. Laidley | 56. H. W. Houston |

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| 57. R. Kemp Morton | 72. S. P. Richmond |
| 58. C. W. Good | 73. D. T. Robinson |
| 59. J. H. Stewart | 74. J. Ross Hunter |
| 60. Charles Ritchie | 75. A. B. Hodges |
| 61. R. D. Steed | 76. G. C. Robertson |
| 62. John T. Simms | 77. M. O. Litz |
| 63. J. E. Brown | 78. Mrs. M. O. Litz |
| 64. M. W. Venable | 79. William N. Miller |
| 65. Phil M. Conley | 80. James J. Divine |
| 66. Mrs. Phil M. Conley | 81. H. D. Harner |
| 67. Charles O'Grady | 82. T. Brooke Price |
| 68. John T. Copenhaver | 83. Irene B. Bullard |
| 69. Geo. E. Williams | 84. O. B. Bobbitt |
| 70. D. C. Howard | 85. Clifford R. Myers |
| 71. Charles L. Ice | 86. Sally Carr Caperton |

