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CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMY.

SECTION I. This organization shall be known as the Iowa Academy of Sciences.

SECTION II. The object of the Academy shall be the encouragement of scientific work in the state of Iowa.

SECTION III. The membership of the Academy shall consist of (1), Fellows who shall be elected from residents of the state of Iowa actively engaged in scientific work, of (2), Associate members of the state of Iowa interested in the progress of science, but not direct contributors to original research, and (3), Corresponding Fellows to be elected by vote from original workers in science in other states; also, any Fellow removing to another state from this may be classed as a corresponding Fellow. Nomination by the council and assent of three-fourths of the Fellows present at any annual meeting shall be necessary to election.

SECTION IV. An entrance fee of three dollars shall be required of each Fellow, and an annual fee of one dollar, due at each annual meeting after his election. Fellows in arrears for two years, and failing to respond to notification from the secretary-treasurer, shall be dropped from the Academy roll.

SECTION V. (a) The officers of the Academy shall be president, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer, to be elected at the annual meeting. Their duties shall be such as ordinarily devolve upon these officers. (b) The charter members of the Academy shall constitute the council, together with such other Fellows as may be elected at an annual meeting of the council by it as members thereof, *provided*, that at any such election two or more negative votes shall constitute a rejection of the candidate. (c) The council shall have power to nominate Fellows to elect members of the council, fix time and place of meetings, to select papers for publication in the proceedings, and have control of all meetings not provided for in general session. It may, by vote, delegate any or all these powers, except the election of members of the council to an executive committee, consisting of the officers and of three other Fellows, to be elected by the council.

SECTION VI. The Academy shall hold an annual meeting in Des Moines during the week that the State Teachers' Association is in session. Other meetings may be called by the council at times and places deemed advisable.

SECTION VII. All papers presented shall be the result of original investigation, but the council may arrange for public lectures or addresses on scientific subjects.

SECTION VIII. The secretary-treasurer shall each year publish the proceedings of the Academy in pamphlet (octavo) form, giving author's abstract of papers, and, if published elsewhere, a reference to the place

and date of publication; also the full text of such papers as may be designated by the council. If published elsewhere the author shall, if practicable, publish in octavo form and deposit separates with the secretary-treasurer, to be permanently preserved for the Academy.

SECTION IX. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by assent of a majority of the Fellows voting, and a majority of the council; *provided*, notice of proposed amendment has been sent to all Fellows at least one month previous to the meeting, and provided that absent Fellows may deposit their votes, sealed, with the secretary-treasurer.

The following amendments to the constitution have been proposed:

(1) To make place of meeting same as that of State Teachers' Association.

(2) To make librarian an officer of the Academy.

At a meeting in 1894, the following amendment was proposed, That this Academy shall meet in two sections, viz:

(1) Biological section which shall include such as ethnology, geography, biology, geology.

(2) A physical section, including physics, chemistry, mathematics.

A committee of five, consisting of the president and two members selected by him from each section, to decide upon the publication of papers read before the Academy, which of these shall be published in full in the proceedings, and shall prepare for publication abstracts of the remainder.

To facilitate the work of the committee, each member who contributes a paper shall be required to present with it a tabulated abstract of the same or table of contents.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

ARTICLE I.

We the undersigned hereby associate ourselves with the intention to constitute a corporation to be known as the Iowa Academy of Sciences, the purpose of which is to hold periodical meetings for the presentation and discussion of scientific papers, to publish proceedings, to collect such literature, specimens, records and other property as may serve to advance the interests of the organization, and to transact all such business as may be necessary in the accomplishment of these objects.

ARTICLE II.

The membership of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, and such other residents of the state of Iowa as may be duly elected Fellows of the Academy.

ARTICLE III.

The duly elected officers of the Academy shall be the officers of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The principal place of business of the Academy shall be the city of Des Moines, in the state of Iowa.

The capital stock of the corporation is none

The par value of its shares is none.

The number of its shares is none.

ARTICLE V.

The Academy shall hold an annual meeting in the last week of December, of each year, or upon call of the executive committee, and such other meetings as may be arranged for.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation shall have the right to acquire property, real and personal, by purchase, gift, or exchange, and such property shall be held subject to the action of the majority of its Fellows, or the council, the executive committee, or such parties as it may by vote direct to transact such business in accordance with the constitution.

All deeds, leases, contracts, conveyances and agreements, and all releases of mortgages, satisfaction of judgments, and other obligations, shall be signed by the president or vice-president and the secretary, and the signatures of these officers shall be conclusive evidence that the execution of the instrument was by authority of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII.

The private property of the members of this corporation shall not be liable for any of its debts or obligations.

ARTICLE VIII.

By-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with these articles, may be enacted by the Academy.

ARTICLE IX.

These articles may be amended at any meeting of the Academy called for the purpose by assenting vote of two-thirds of the members present.