

2. If the President of the Society die or resign before the expiration of his term of office, the Council may designate one of the Vice-Presidents to serve as Acting President until the next Annual Meeting, when a President shall be elected by the Society. Such vacancies as may exist at any time among the other offices may be filled by the Council. If any elected member of the Council die or resign more than one year before the expiration of his term, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Society at the next Annual Meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution shall not be amended unless notice of the proposed amendment be sent by mail to every member of the Society at least four weeks in advance of the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered; and such amendment in order to be adopted must receive two-thirds of the votes cast in person and by mail.

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### BY-LAWS.

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#### I.

The election of new members of the Society shall be by vote of the Council. Applications for admission shall be made by the applicant personally, on blanks provided by the Secretary, and shall be endorsed by two members of the Society. Such applications, being received at any meeting of the Council, shall be laid over for action at any subsequent meeting.

#### II.

1. Persons elected by the Council, as provided in By-Law I, shall be admitted to membership in the Society upon the payment, within sixty days of the date of their election, of an initiation fee of five dollars.

2. The annual dues shall be five dollars, payable on the 1st of January. Each new member shall pay in proportion to the unexpired fraction of the year at the time of his election. Should the annual dues of any member remain unpaid beyond a reasonable time, the Council shall remove his name from the list of members, after due notice.

3. On the payment of fifty dollars in one sum, exclusive of initiation fee, any member may become a life member and shall thereafter be exempt from all annual dues.

#### III.

The times and places of meetings of the Society shall be designated by the Council, but the Annual Meeting shall be held

on a date between the 26th and 31st of December, inclusive; and Regular Meetings shall be held on the last Saturday of February, April, and October, unless otherwise ordered by the Council. Notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to all members of the Society.

## IV.

Whenever it shall appear to the Council that a sufficient number of members of the Society are desirous of conducting in any locality periodic meetings for the reading and discussion of mathematical papers, the Council may authorize the formation of a Section to be composed at each Sectional meeting of such members of the Society as may be present; and the Council shall have the right to withdraw such authorization.

## V.

Papers intended for presentation at any meeting or sectional meeting of the Society shall be passed upon in advance of the meeting by a programme committee appointed by or under the authority of the Council; and only such papers shall be presented as shall have been approved by such committee. Papers in form unsuitable for publication, if accepted for presentation, shall be referred to on the programme as preliminary communications or reports.

## VI.

1. The order of business at the meetings of the Society shall be as follows:
  1. Reading of the minutes.
  2. Recommendations and reports.
  3. Elections.
  4. Miscellaneous business.
  5. Presentation and discussion of papers previously approved by the programme committee.
2. No question relative to administration shall be considered at any meeting except the Annual Meeting without the recommendation of the Council.

## VII.

It shall be the duty of each President to deliver an address before the Society at the Annual Meeting at which his term of office expires.

## VIII.

1. The President may convoke the Council whenever the affairs of the Society require it.
2. A request in writing from two members of the Council shall render the convocation obligatory.

## IX.

1. The Society shall publish a periodical of critical and historical nature, called the BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY.

2. The BULLETIN shall be in charge of the Committee of Publication, which may associate with itself other members of the Society whose editorial assistance it may require.

## X.

1. The Society shall publish a periodical which shall have for its object to make known, as widely as possible, the more important researches presented at the meetings of the Society. This periodical shall be called the TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY.

2. The editorial management of the TRANSACTIONS shall be entrusted to a committee of three editors, to be appointed by the Council. The three members of the committee appointed in 1899 shall serve respectively until 1902, 1903, and 1904. In and after 1902, annually at the February meeting, the Council shall appoint one member to serve for three years. Members of the committee shall be eligible to reappointment. Vacancies in the committee shall be filled by the Council.

3. The editorial committee shall have power to elect one of its members as editor-in-chief; but if at any time the committee shall report to the Council that it has been unable to agree upon an editor-in-chief, the Council shall designate one of the members of the committee to act as editor-in-chief. The committee shall have power to associate with itself other members of the Society whose editorial assistance it may require.

4. The TRANSACTIONS shall not be distributed free to the members of the Society; but members of the Society shall have the right to subscribe to the TRANSACTIONS at three-fourths of the advertised price.

## XI.

No by-law shall be enacted, amended or suspended, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Society, and upon the recommendation of the Council.