

CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL POST COLLECTORS SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Local Post Collectors Society (LPCS) hereafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be to promote interest in the collecting and dissemination of modern local post stamps, to encourage the creation and use of local post stamps and to provide guidance to members in the establishment and operation their own local post. The Society aspires to create a feeling of fellowship that unites local posts everywhere through correspondence by cultivating an opportunity to exchange stamps and related collectibles, thereby generating a greater understanding and enjoyment of our hobby

ARTICLE III: OFFICIAL LOGO, MOTTO, MASCOT

Section 1. The official logo of the Society shall consist of a stylized post horn and the letters LPCS directly above it, together forming the central circular design. The name of the Society, *Local Post Collectors Society* in capital letters encircles the central design. The inscription "Org.1972", a part of the outer inscription is located on the lower section. The official color of the logo shall be bright red (Pantone 185c).

Section 2. The official slogan of the Society shall be: "Enjoy creative fun, be a Local Poster!"

Section 3. The official mascot of the Society shall be "Lowell" the LocOWL Post Owl. He is depicted in cartoon form and appears leaning out of the 'O' in the word *Poster* in the newsletter masthead. He wears an LPCS cap and holds a canceling device in his left "hand".

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society may be granted to persons of ethical reputation, be they local post enthusiasts or other persons interested in the collecting or use of local post stamps.

ARTICLE V: CHARTER MEMBERS

Society members who have been assigned a membership number two hundred (200) or less shall be recognized as Charter Members.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors at Large and the Immediate Past President.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board or by proposals submitted by at least ten (10) members, presented in writing to the Executive Board. The amendment(s) shall be considered adopted if no objections are submitted objections are submitted in writing to the Executive Board within thirty (30) days after publication in the official organ, *The Poster*. Should a minimum of 25% of the membership object, and a vote is required, such amendment(s) shall be considered adopted by a two-thirds vote of those members voting.

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall direct the general affairs of the Society and provide direction for its growth and development; shall appoint such officers and directors as may be deemed necessary; reaffirm appointed officers of the previous term; fill by appointment any vacancy in any office for the unexpired term; and shall perform all other duties pertaining to this office.
- Section 2. The Vice President in the absence or disability of the President shall perform all duties generally associated to the office of the President and shall develop and/or supervise committees and programs which may be assigned by the President.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep accurate, complete and permanent membership records, shall distribute and process all applications for membership and transmit a monthly report of new applicants to the Executive Board for consideration for membership, shall provide the Editor with a monthly new-member and other membership status reports. Shall process the Society's mail; shall collect membership dues; shall issue membership cards; and shall transmit all collected fees and other pertinent data to the Treasurer, and shall perform all other duties pertaining to this office.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate, complete and permanent financial records; shall receive and deposit the Society's funds in a bank approved by the Executive Board; shall pay out any funds on approval of the President in a speedily manner; shall compile an annual report of receipts and disbursements for publication in the March/April edition of the official organ *the Poster* and shall perform all other duties pertaining to this office.
- Section 5. The Executive Board shall be the chief administrative body of the Society. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Board.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any person interested in collecting and/or using local post stamps shall be eligible for membership and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges.
- Section 2. Any eligible person desiring membership must submit a written application to the Secretary which shall be in such a form as the Executive Board shall prescribe.
- Section 3. Each application for membership must be accompanied by the proper payment of dues to be valid for consideration.
- Section 4. Prior to expelling members, for any reason, the Executive Board shall investigate each case to determine if there is just cause for dismissal. Should the Executive Board recommend dismissal, the member shall be notified of the decision in writing. The decision of the Executive Board shall be final and cannot be appealed.

ARTICLE III: DUES

- Section 1. All members shall pay dues in the amount prescribed by the dues schedule in effect at the time and must be received by the Secretary not later than January 31 of each year.
- Section 2. Members who have not have paid their annual dues within sixty (60) days from the due date shall be dropped from membership automatically.
- Section 3. Any person who has been refused membership in the Society shall immediately be refunded the amount of dues that had been sent in with the application.
- Section 4. The membership year shall begin on January 1 and shall end on December 31 of the same year.

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ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. All elective officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of five (5) years in years ending in zero (0) and five (5).
- Section 2. The candidate for any elective office receiving a simple majority of votes cast for that particular office by those members voting shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the Executive Board shall choose the winner.
- Section 3. Nomination shall be conducted by petition and submitted to the Nominating Committee not later than September 20 of every voting year.
- Section 4. Petitions shall contain the written consent of the candidate to serve as an officer of the Society and shall include the signature of no less than three (3) nominating members in good standing.
- Section 5. No petition shall be necessary for an incumbent officer seeking re-election to the same office but only a letter of intent by the incumbent to the Nominating Committee.
- Section 6. The Editor shall include the official ballot in the September/October issue of the official organ, *the Poster*. The official ballot shall contain the names of the nominees and proper instructions for voting and mailing of said ballot. The voting results shall be announced in the November/December edition of the official organ, *the Poster*.
- Section 7. Ballots received after October 31 and those submitted with write-in names shall be declared invalid.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICIAL ORGAN

- Section 1. The official journal of the Society shall be *the Poster*.
- Section 2. The official journal shall be published six times per year (January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December) and mailed to all members in good standing without charge.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board or by proposals submitted by at least ten (10) members, presented in writing to the Executive Board. The amendment(s) shall be considered adopted if no objections are submitted in writing to the Executive Board within thirty (30) days after publication in the official organ, *The Poster*. Should a minimum of 25% of the membership object and a vote is required, such amendment(s) shall be considered adopted by a two-thirds vote of those members voting.

This Constitution and Bylaws supersede, and render obsolete any previously approved Bylaws. This Constitution and Bylaws approved by the membership and by Executive Board, presently holding office, and duly signed, shall become effective on the 15th day of October 2005, the thirty third year of the Local Post Collectors Society.

Approved by:

Joseph Lo Preiato, President

Ralph Phillip, Vice President

Kenneth M. Davis, Ph.D. Recording Secretary

Howard M. Du Bose, Jr. Treasurer