

## **CHAPTER CONSTITUTION**

### **Article 1: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. and designated Chapter \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Article 2: Purpose**

**The Chapter shall operate and exist for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating interest in the art and science of horology for the benefit of the public and its members, by taking active measures to:**

- Promote and provide education and research in the art and science of horology,
- Foster a genuine interest in collecting timepieces, literature, data, and tools all related to the field of horology,
- Cooperate with individuals, other Chapters, other institutions, and the public to stimulate genuine interest in the collection, conservation, interpretation, and exhibition of timepieces and other horological items,
- Promote and provide opportunities for volunteerism and camaraderie in interests related to horology,
- Provide Chapter members the opportunities to buy, sell, trade, evaluate, and/or exhibit horological items and materials,
- Participate in and support the purposes, activities, and programs of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

### **Article 3: Non-Profit**

The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Article 4: Bylaws**

The Chapter shall, by the enactment of suitable Bylaws, provide for the election of officers, the length of term, the conduct of meetings, the determination of dues, and any other matters as may be necessary.

### **Article 5: Membership**

Any person or institution who is a member in good standing of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. is eligible for membership in this Chapter upon paying an annual membership fee to be specified by the Board of Directors.

### **Article 6: Officers and Board of Directors:**

**The governing authorities of the Chapter shall consist of the following:**

- a) The Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined into one position.

- b) The Immediate Past-President shall be a member of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Chapter.
- c) The Directors shall be selected as provided for in the bylaws. The number of Directors shall be as determined in the Bylaws.
- d) The Chapter officers, together with the Immediate Past-President and the Directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors (Board) of the Chapter. The Board shall have full authority in all matters as defined in this Constitution or the Bylaws and shall manage and control the business and property of the Chapter.
- e) The Chapter officers shall constitute an Executive Committee for the purpose of conducting business of the Chapter between meetings of the Board.

### **Article 7: Use of Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **Article 8: Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### **Article 9: Amendments**

Amendments of the Constitution may be proposed and adopted by the following manner:

- a. By proposal for an amendment at a regular Board meeting.
- b. By proposal for an amendment at a regular Chapter meeting by any member.

Ratification and adoption of the amendment shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Board, a quorum being present at a Board meeting designated for that purpose. If a

proposal for an amendment is made and adopted in accordance with this Article 9, the same shall be published and made known to all Chapter members through the Chapter newsletter.

**Article 10: Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal year for the Chapter shall begin \_\_\_\_\_.

Date adopted or amended \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that this is copy of the constitution adopted or amended on the above date.

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President or Vice-President

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Secretary or Treasurer