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(Extracted from the old legal book that Mr. E.W. Simpson wrote as is.)

Article Article I Name

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be The Kansas Association of the Deaf.

Article II Object

Section 1. The object of this Association shall be the devising of practical means for the general welfare and advancement of the deaf and the establishment and maintenances of a home for blind, aged and infirm deaf persons.

Article III Membership

Section 1. The active membership of the Association shall be composed of the adult white deaf residents of Kansas of good character.

Section 2. The associate membership shall be composed of adult white deaf persons living outside of the state who were former pupils of the Kansas State School for the Deaf or have been officers of the Association or hearing wives or husbands of members and of good character. They shall have all the rights of active memberships, but they shall not be eligible to office.

Section 3. In case of new members they may present their application for membership to the Executive Committee who shall inquire into their standing as to character, and if the result of such

inquiry be favorable, the Executive Committee shall admit the applicant to membership by a majority vote upon the payment of the initiation fee.

Section 4. By a two thirds affirmative vote of the members present at any regular meeting, the Association may confer honorary membership upon such persons as have rendered special or signal service to the Association or taken an active interest in the welfare of the deaf Honorary members may be admitted to all meetings of the Association and have the same privileges as active members except the right to vote and to hold office. Honorary memberships, unless renewed shall be for one term only.

Article IV Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute the standing Executive Committee.

Section 2. (amended Aug. 25, 1911) The officers shall be elected before final adjournment on the first day of each convention by a majority vote of all the members present at the meeting when the election takes place. They shall assume the duties of their office one month after their election.

Amended: Article IV Section 2. as amended now reads:

The officers shall be elected before final adjournment on the Second day of each Convention by a majority vote of all members present at the meeting when the election takes place. The Candidates for office shall be nominated directly by members on the floor of the Convention. They shall assume the duties of their office one month after the election.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the association and of the standing Executive Committee, to enforce order and the observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, to decide all questions in dispute, subject to an appeal to the Association by a majority vote, to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, to sign all orders on the Treasurer, to appoint the orator for the next convention, and to draft the program for the next convention, subject to the approval of a majority of the standing Executive Committee.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the First and Second Vice Presidents, in the order named, to perform the duties of the President at his request or whenever that official is absent or unable to act.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to correctly record the proceeding of all the meetings of the Association and of the Standing Executive Committee to keep a list of all members and officers, giving full name and past-officers, giving full name and past-office address, and to have charge of all books and papers pertaining to the Association except those belonging to the Treasurer.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Association, to keep an account of all receipts and expenditures and to submit a report to the Association at each convention, and to the Standing Executive Committee whenever called upon. He shall honor only such orders as have been duly signed by the President.

Section 7. The Standing Executive Committee shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association from one month after its election at one convention to one month after the election of the new officers and shall have control of the expenditure of the available funds of the Association intended to promote its interests. It shall fill any vacancy arising within its body from any cause. It shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer. It shall submit a report of its proceedings at each convention.

Article V Conventions

Section 1. The Association shall meet in Convention once in every two years at such place as may be determined upon by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. (Amended Aug. 3, 1911) The month and day of each convention shall be determined and announced by the Standing Executive Committee three months in advance.

Section 3. The President shall appoint a local committee who shall have power to make all arrangements, except literary, independently of the Board, same to be officially endorsed by the President.

Section 4. (new) reads:

At every meeting, Thirty members shall constitute of quorum for the transaction of all business.

Article VI Dues and Assessments

Section 1. The Association shall have power to fix such initiation fee and to levy such dues and assessments as may from time to time be deemed necessary.

Section 2. The initiation fee shall be one dollar for each member admitted to active and associate membership, and annually thereafter the sum of fifty cents for each member as dues, said dues to become due and payable July 1 of each year, except in years when the Association meets, when they may be paid at the meeting should members so desire.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall notify members one month before said dues become due and payable.

Section 4. Failure to pay dues for two consecutive years shall result in dropping the delinquents name from the membership roll. A member once dropped from membership cannot apply for re-admission until he or she had paid up all arrears and another initiation fee.

Article VII Amendment s

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution or By Laws of the Association may be made at any regular meeting by a three-fourths vote of all the members present at the meeting, provided that a majority of all the enrolled members be present. Amendments must be presented in writing and seconded on the first day of each convention, and be acted upon the following days.

Article VIII

The Standard of parliamentary authority of this Association on all matters not already provided for shall be Robert's Rules of Order.