

Chattanooga Coin Club

Chattanooga, Tennessee

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as The Chattanooga Coin Club.

Article II – Object

The object of this organization shall be to encourage and promote interest in Numismatics, to cultivate friendly relations among collectors and students, especially to encourage and assist amateur collectors.

Article III – Membership

Section I – Any person may become a member of this organization if they are 18 years old or older, upon the recommendation of a member in good standing and the unanimous approval of the membership who are present at any regular meeting when the application is considered.

Section II – Any objection to an applicant must be made in writing to the president, who shall immediately appoint an impartial committee of three members to investigate the charge; said committee to report its findings at the next regular meeting.

Section III – A minimum period of one month shall elapse between the filing of application for membership and the election of such applicant to full membership in this organization.

Section IV – Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the science of Numismatics may be elected Honorary Membership by a unanimous vote at any regular meeting.

Section V – All persons who are members of the Organization on this date, June 16 1948, shall be thereafter be known as CHARTER MEMBERS.

Article IV – Officers

Section I – The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasure, to be elected annually at the June meeting of the club. Newly elected officers shall assume office at the July Meeting of the Club.

Section II – The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasure and past President shall constitute the Governing Board, and shall have at all times full power to act for the Club upon all matters of importance and interest.

Section III – The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have general supervision over the Club's affairs. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside and act.

Section IV – The Secretary-Treasure shall collect dues, keep a record of the attendance and proceedings of the meetings. He shall pay out money only on order of and consent of the Governing Board.

Article V – Dues

Section I – Every member shall pay annual dues of \$2.00 which shall be payable at the July Meeting. The dues for any part of a year shall be on a quarterly basis.

Section II – Any member who is two months in arrears with his dues shall be dropped from the membership list. A member this dropped may be re-instated within a period of one year upon payment of all arrears, provided no charges are pending against him.

Section III – No dues shall be assessed Honorary Members.

Article VI – Meetings

Section I – Regular meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday evening of each month.

Section II – Special meetings for a special or other purpose may be called, upon due notice, by the Governing Board. Also the Governing Board, shall upon due notice, with good reason, may change the date of a regular meeting.

Article VII – Order of Business

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of previous minutes
3. Reports of officers
4. Proposals and elections to membership
5. Reports of committees
6. Communications
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Reading of papers and speeches
10. Exhibits
11. Adjournment

Article VIII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority. All such amendments become effective upon the official announcement of the vote.

Amendment 1 (July 1949)

Article III Section I. Any person under 18 years of age upon the recommendation of a member in good standing and unanimous approval of the members who are present at any regular meeting when the application is considered may become a Junior Member

The dues of Junior Members shall be \$1.00 per fiscal year or fraction thereof. Junior members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the organization except to hold office. Junior members a the age of 18 shall automatically become regular members.

Amendment 2 (July 1950)

Article IV – Officers. Section I. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasure.

Amendment 3 (June 1951)

Article VI Section I. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Monday Evening of each month.

Amendment 4 (April 21, 1969)

Article III Section III. All members of the North-side Coin Club shall become members of the Chattanooga Coin Club as of this date.

Article V Section I. Dues shall be \$3.00 instead of \$2.00 for adult members which shall be payable at the July Meeting. Dues for 6 months or less shall be \$1.50.

Paragraph II of Amendments 1. Dues for Junior Members shall be \$1.50 or \$0.75 for six months or less.

Article VI Section I. Regular meetings shall be the first Tuesday and third Monday evenings of each month.

Amendment 5 (December 1, 1970)

Article IV Section I. Second amendment to read ... The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, Bourse Director, Activities Director, Operations Director, and Junior Director.

Article IV Section II. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and past President and all directors shall constitute the Board of Governors; The Executive Committee of which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure and past President. The Executive Committee shall have power to act for the Club at all times.

Article III Section I. Junior members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the organization except to hold office other than the office of Junior director. The above additional officers to take office immediately upon appointment by this committee. New directors to be elected annually with other officers beginning June 1971.

Duties to be performed by new directors is as follows:

Bourse Director – will be in charge of all show sponsored by this club. Has authority to delegate committee to assist in show preparation. Has full responsibility for all funds in show treasury. Other duties may be assigned as necessary upon approval of the Board of Governors.

Operations Director – In charge of al matters involving club policy, by-laws amendments and complaints. Also in charge of club meeting locations and overall representative of senior membership. Other duties as appointed by the Board of Governors.

Junior Director To be in charge of overall junior membership, all junior programs and activities presented by junior members. This office, and only this office, to be held by a Junior member, (17 or under). Other duties may be assigned if necessary on approval of Board of Governors.

Amendment 6 (July 20, 1999)

Article III Section VI. Any member in good standing may pay appropriate dues and become a life member of the Chattanooga Coin Club.

Article V Section IV. Life membership dues in the Chattanooga Coin Club are as follows: Adult members under 55 years of age is \$75 and adult members 55 years of age and older is \$50.

Amendment 7 (June 5, 2001)

Article V Section I. Dues shall be \$10 per year instead of \$5 per year for adult members payable before the annual banquet.

Paragraph III of Amendment 4. Dues of junior members shall be \$5 per year.

Article VI Section I. Amendment 4 (April 21, 1969) is changed to make By-Laws conform to actual time frame. The regular meetings of the Chattanooga Coin Club shall be first and third Tuesday of every month except during the month of December.

Amendment 8 (November 20, 2007)

Article V Section IV. Life membership dues in the Chattanooga Coin Club are as follows: Adult members under 55 years of age is \$200 (20 times regular membership fee) instead of \$75. Adult members 55 years of age and older is \$150(15 times regular membership fee) instead of \$50.

Amendment 9 (August 17, 2010)

Membership in the Chattanooga Coin Club is a privilege extended to those persons deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Such membership can be maintained unless the Governing Board determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Club, his/her membership should be terminated.

For the guidance of its members, this Code of Ethics has been duly adopted by the members of the club and included as an amendment to the bylaws. Any Member found guilty by the Governing Board of any improper conduct or violation of the Chattanooga Coin Club *Code of Ethics* may be censured, suspended, or expelled, as herein provided. Charges shall be in writing and may be preferred by the Governing Board itself or any Member in good standing. All charges shall be served by the Secretary upon the accused Member by certified mail not less than ten days prior to the date fixed by the Board for a hearing thereof. This notice shall include a copy of the charges. The accused Member shall have the right to appear before the Board and to be heard in presenting evidence in rebuttal to the charges. The finding of the Board, and penalty, in case the charges are sustained, shall be entered upon the minutes of the Board and permanently maintained. The decision of the Board shall be final and written notice shall be given the Member of its decision.

As a member of the Chattanooga Coin Club, I agree to comply with the following standards of conduct:

- 1) To support and be governed by the bylaws of the Club, and by such rules, policies and regulations as may be in force from time to time. To avoid disruptive behavior at the club meetings.
- 2) To conduct myself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the Club, or impair the prestige of the membership therein.
- 3) To base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality, and to refrain from making false statements as to the condition of a coin or as to any other matter.
- 4) To neither buy nor sell numismatic items of which the ownership is questionable.
- 5) To take immediate steps to correct any error I may make in any transaction.
- 6) Not to sell, exhibit, produce or advertise a counterfeit, copy, restrike or reproduction of any numismatic item if its nature is not

clearly indicated by the word “counterfeit,” “copy,” “restrike,” or “reproduction,” incused in the metal or printed on the paper thereof, with the exception of items generally accepted by numismatists and not in any way misrepresented as genuine.

- 7) To represent a numismatic item to be genuine only when, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is authentic.
- 8) To fulfill all contracts made by me, either oral or written, to make prompt payments upon delivery and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory.
- 9) To give aid to members in their quest for numismatic knowledge.

Current Policy (not in Bylaws)

- Club will send charitable donation or flowers for the death of a member or the member’s immediate family (parents, spouse, children). Contact Dan C.