

CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

*Organized February 15, 1873.*

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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

The designation and style of this organization shall be "The American Poultry Association."

## ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be to confer with eminent breeders throughout the world for the further perfection of the "Standard of Excellence," with power to adopt the same. It shall also advise and assist all the Poultry organizations in the selection of judges in good standing, and recommend the time of holding the several exhibitions. Consider and discuss matters of a national character in relation to the Poultry interest at large.

## ARTICLE III.

The members of this Association shall consist of such persons as are approved by the Executive Committee, on the payment of an initiation fee of \$3.00, and thereafter dues of \$2.00 per annum. Life membership \$10.

## ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee. The latter to consist of all the officers above designated, and ten additional members. All officers of this Association to be elected by ballot, at the regular annual meeting, to hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected, A majority of votes cast shall constitute an election. Vacancies occurring during the interim shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V.

The first annual meeting of this Association shall be held at Buffalo, N. Y., during the time of the exhibition of the "Western N. Y. Poultry Association" of 1874.

## ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution, as well as the By-Laws of this Association, having been approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, at a regular meeting of the organization, they can only be repealed or amended by a like vote.

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## BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association. He will appoint all Special Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. Shall call extra meetings at the request of five or more members of the Executive Committee. He shall also preside at the opening and closing of Fairs, and on all occasions where the Association is officially represented.

In case of the absence of the President, or of his inability to act, the Vice-President in attendance who is next named on the ticket elected shall act as presiding officer.

## ARTICLE II.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Association, and have custody of the same. He shall read at the meetings of the Association all important letters received, and the answers thereto, as copied in a book provided for that purpose. The Secretary shall annually prepare a report of the proceedings of the Association...

## ARTICLE III.

The Secretary shall prepare and distribute all notices of meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. He shall keep the minutes of such meetings, and have charge of all the books and papers appertaining to his office. He will also keep a correct list of all the members of the Association, the date of their election, and their places of residence. He shall be the custodian of the Seal of the Association, which he will only use under the direction of the Executive Committee or by a direct vote of the Association. He will also notify all members of their election, as well as promptly notify members who are in arrears for dues. He shall collect all moneys for members' initiation fees or dues, or any other moneys of the Association, except that received at the annual Fair; all of which he shall keep a correct account of, and pay over to the Treasurer, taking the receipt of the latter for the same. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts, always open for the inspection of the Executive Committee, or any one of its members.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys belonging to the Association, from which he shall pay all bills of the Association, only when such bills have been audited by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will keep a book, in which shall be entered the amounts received and disbursed by him; such book to be at all times open for the inspection of the Executive Committee, or either of its members. The Treasurer shall make general reports of the financial condition of the Association, at the regular meetings of the Association.

## ARTICLE V.

SECTION I. The officers of the Association will also be officers of the Executive Committee, which will hold meetings at the call of five or more of its members, seven of whom are a quorum. It will have complete control and supervision of the

affairs of the Association, and will be its official organ at all times and on all occasions.

§ 2. The Executive Committee shall designate the localities for holding the annual Fairs; will provide suitable accommodations for, give publicity to, and consummate the same. It shall prepare the premium lists; appoint all judges; receive, supervise, and promulgate their reports and decisions.


§ 3. The Executive Committee will cause to be designed and executed suitable medals and diplomas, and procure such other awards as it may deem desirable and expedient. It will have entire control of the annual Fairs, in all their various details.

§ 4. The Executive Committee will make reports at each stated meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE VI.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Secretary.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Unfinished Business.
7.  business.
8. Discussions, etc.



## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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WM. H. CHURCHMAN, *President*, . . . . *Wilmington, Del.*

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

PHILANDER WILLIAMS, . . . . . *Taunton, Mass.*  
WM. SIMPSON, JR., . . . . . *Box 316, N. Y.*  
E. C. SKINNER, . . . . . *Detroit, Mich.*  
CHAS. A. SWEET, . . . . . *Buffalo, N. Y.*  
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EDWARD B. SMITH, *Treasurer*, . . . . *Buffalo, N. Y.*

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

M. H. CRYER, . . . . . *Salem, Ohio.*  
C. B. ELBEN, . . . . . *Pittsburg, Pa.*  
A. D. WARREN, . . . . . *Worcester, Mass.*  
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P. W. HUDSON, . . . . . *North Manchester, Conn.*  
E. S. ONGLEY, . . . . . *Auburn, N. Y.*  
S. H. SEAMANS, . . . . . *Wauwatosa, Wis.*  
E. S. ISOM, . . . . . *Cleveland, Ohio.*  
JACOB PENTZ, . . . . . *New Brunswick, N. J.*  
CHAS. P. WILLARD, *Poultry Editor*, . . . . *N. L. S. J. Chicago.*  
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E. P. BOWLETT, . . . . . *Syracuse, N. Y.*