

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Adopted at the Organization Meeting Held at the Court House Thursday Evening, February 8th.

The following is the constitution and by-laws of the Bamberg Chamber of Commerce, adopted at the meeting held at the court house last Thursday:

Article I.—NAME.

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the Bamberg Chamber of Commerce.

OBJECT.

Sec. 2. The Bamberg Chamber of Commerce is organized for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, and civic interests of the city of Bamberg; to promote integrity and good faith; just and equitable principles in business; uniformity in commercial usages; and to acquire, preserve and distribute industrial, commercial and civic statistics and information of value; to discover and correct abuses; to prevent or adjust controversies; to have a part as representing our city in the consideration and decision of State and national issues; to cultivate among business men of the city a friendly intercourse and a commendable rivalry; to foster and promote desirable industries and manufactures; to stimulate an honest, active and enterprising commerce; to encourage diversified and all general farming interests in the region about Bamberg.

METHODS.

Sec. 3. This chamber in its activities shall be non-partisan, non-sectional; and non-sectarian, and shall take no part in or lend its influence to the election or appointment of any candidate for State, county, or city office.

Article II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. The Bamberg Chamber of Commerce shall be composed of active, and honorary members.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Sec. 2. Men of good standing, interested in the commercial, industrial and civic progress of the city shall be eligible for active membership upon the presentation of their names by the secretary to the board of directors, and the payment of the registration fee of one dollar.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Sec. 3. Honorary members may be elected by the board of directors upon nomination of any member of the Chamber of Commerce because of distinction in public affairs, and election as such shall include all the privileges of active membership, with the exemption from the payment of all fees and dues.

Article III.—REVENUE.

Sec. 1. The revenues of the Chamber of Commerce shall be derived from the annual fee of \$1.00 per capita for active membership payable at the beginning of each fiscal year; from donations from individuals, firms and corporations, and from such assessments as may be at any regular or special meeting be ordered by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided the proposed assessment has been first passed upon and recommended by the board of directors and notice has been given ten days previous to the time of acting upon such recommendation of assessment to each member of the Chamber of Commerce either in person or through publication in the county papers, or posting on the bulletin board.

Article IV.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The government of this Chamber of Commerce, the direction of its work, and the control of its property shall be vested in a board of directors consisting of seventeen members who shall be elected annually as hereinafter provided. Their duties shall begin within three days after their election, when they shall meet, qualify, and elect from their own number a president, a vice president, a treasurer, and a secretary, provided, however, that the office of treasurer and secretary may be combined, and provided further, that when deemed expedient a secretary may be elected from outside the board of directors, in which last named event the secretary shall not also serve as treasurer. The officers elected by the board of directors shall discharge the duties and functions of their offices for both the board of directors and the entire body of the Chamber of Commerce.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 2. President—The president shall preside at all meetings of the chamber and of the board of directors. He shall perform all duties incident to his office and advise such action as may be deemed by him likely to increase the usefulness of the chamber.

Sec. 3. Vice president—The vice president shall act in the absence of the president, and in the absence or

disability of both the president and vice president, a member of the board of directors shall be chosen to act temporarily.

Sec. 3. Treasurer—The treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the chamber, and shall keep all moneys of the chamber deposited in its name, and shall pay out same on the order of the board of directors, or upon orders of the secretary, countersigned by the president, and shall be required to give bond as may be deemed sufficient by the board of directors.

Sec. 4. Secretary—It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep and preserve in proper form the minutes of the Chamber of Commerce and of the board of directors, to keep the books and accounts of members, to collect all dues, fees, assessments, subscriptions and the like, to conduct the official correspondence of the chamber, preserve and keep all books, documents, and communications, etc., and perform all duties incident to his office, subject to the direction of the board of directors. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to the board of directors all books, papers and property of the chamber.

The salary of the secretary shall be fixed by the board of directors.

Sec. 5. Executive committee—The president, vice president, and treasurer, with two other directors to be appointed by the president shall constitute an executive committee which shall act in the interim of board meetings in carrying out the plans and purposes of the board, and shall have such additional powers as from time to time the board of directors may authorize.

Article V.—COMMITTEES.

The president shall appoint from time to time such special committees as may be deemed necessary for promoting the various interests undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce, or ordered by the board of directors or the chamber.

An auditing committee shall be nominated by the president at a meeting of the chamber prior to the annual meeting, said nominations to be acted upon by the chamber. It shall be the duty of this auditing committee to examine the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer at the close of each fiscal year and report its findings to the board of directors. This committee shall further be empowered to make suggestions as to the manner of keeping the books, records, accounts, etc., and the manner of conducting the business of the chamber.

Article VI.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the chamber shall be held on the second Tuesday in February of each year, at which date the fiscal year shall begin. Regular meetings of the chamber shall be held upon dates determined upon by the board of directors not less frequently than once in three months. Special meetings may be called whenever the directors deem it advisable. Special meetings of the board of directors or of the chamber may be called upon request of ten members of the chamber.

QUORUM.

Sec. 2. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the chamber, and four shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board of directors.

Article VII.—ELECTIONS.

Sec. 1. The election of directors shall be held on the second Tuesday in February of each year.

Sec. 2. At the last regular meeting of the chamber prior to the annual election nominations shall be made from the floor of twenty-five names of members from which members may select seventeen for directors. The secretary shall furnish each member with a list of these nominations prior to the election in suitable form to be used as a ballot. The seventeen receiving the highest number of votes cast at the annual election shall be constituted and declared members of the board of directors for the ensuing year. All voting for directors shall be by ballot. No proxies shall be allowed.

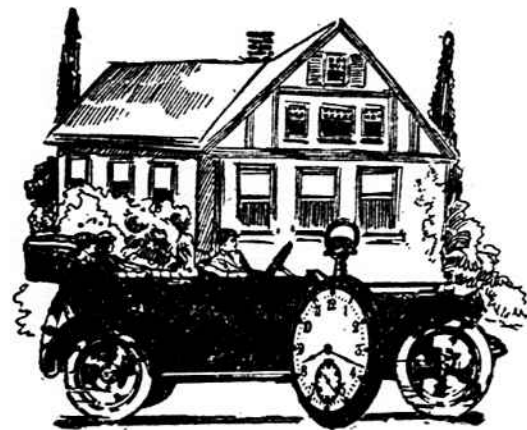
Sec. 3. At the time nominations for directors are made, the president shall appoint a committee of five members of the chamber who are not directors to prepare for, have charge of, and announce the result of the election for directors.

Article VIII.—DISBURSEMENTS.

No disbursement of the funds of the chamber shall be made unless the same shall have been approved and ordered by the executive committee or board of directors. All disburse-

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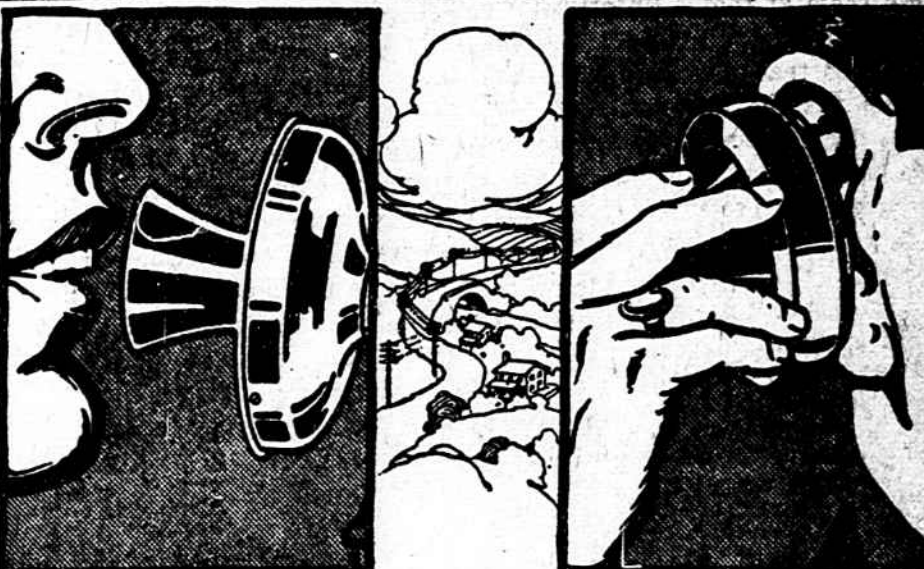
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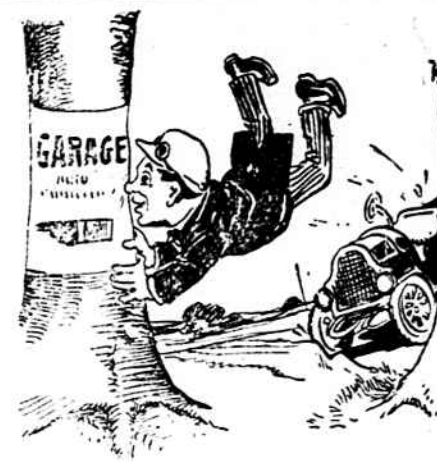
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