

The Mission Statement, Constitution,
List of Officers, and Committees of the
The Society of Printers
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THE SOCIETY OF PRINTERS
FOR THE STUDY AND ADVANCEMENT OF
THE ART OF PRINTING



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THE SOCIETY OF PRINTERS

THE organization of THE SOCIETY OF PRINTERS was the natural outgrowth of the increasing attention which has been given in recent years to Printing as an art. Precedents in printing and modern phases of typography and design have been frequent subjects of public discussions, and have become of so much interest that when in the summer of 1904 the proposal was made to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, that several lectures on printing and the allied arts be included in the next season's course at the Public Library, it was at once adopted. The four lectures of the course were largely attended and received with enthusiasm. As a result those especially interested formulated a plan for an organization which should bring together those attracted by the aesthetic side of printing. A committee consisting of Messrs. D. B. Updike, C. H. Heintzemann, Bruce Rogers, George French and Henry L. Johnson, was appointed to formulate plans and definite proposals for organization. The report of this committee was adopted and a formal organization effected on February 14, 1905. The form of constitution and organization with officers and committees as shown in the following pages, will indicate the first steps taken.

The purposes of the Society are primarily to benefit its own membership by discussions, by the encouragement of the study of printing as an art and by interchange of the results of such endeavors. It is also hoped that through publications, lectures and exhibitions, an influence will be exerted for stimulating the general interest in printing which is already becoming evident.

During the preliminary meetings, much enthusiasm was developed, and suggestions were made of many possible lines of usefulness for the Society. Mr. Henry Turner Bailey, for many years State Supervisor of Drawing in the public schools, called the attention of the Society to

the increasing practice of preparing school papers in pamphlet form, the pupils making cover designs, title-pages, illustrations and simple forms of binding. As there is no adequate model for the sequence of pages, approved forms of copy and format, it was agreed that one of the most practical and important publications which could be prepared by this Society would be a rudimentary pamphlet on this subject. Mr. Bailey has been appointed editor of the proposed publication and the Council as a whole has taken charge of its printing and publication.

The Society will also publish a reference bibliography of the more important works relating to printing in the Boston Public Library, Boston Athenaeum and Harvard College Library. Many students of printing have found it difficult to search out such volumes and examples as are of the most immediate interest and value, and it is hoped that with the aid of this reference list these works will become much more readily accessible. This reference bibliography will be prepared under the direction of Mr. Otto Fleischner, Assistant Librarian of the Boston Public Library.

Plans are also under way for an exhibition of printing to be held early in 1906. It is intended that this exhibition shall consist of various phases of printing and of the allied arts which enter into the best modern printing. A loan exhibition of early printing will also be a feature.

A committee has been appointed to coöperate in the movement for Technical Education. Institutions having to do with industrial training have already considered plans for the introduction of courses in printing. It is intended that through this committee the Society shall exert its influence for increasing such instruction and advising in regard to its character.

Monthly meetings of the Society will be held throughout the year except during the summer season. Dates of meetings, topics to be discussed and lists of speakers will be sent to all members.

THE SOCIETY OF PRINTERS BOSTON

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

THE name of this organization shall be THE SOCIETY OF PRINTERS.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be the determination and advancement of ideals and standards of printing.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT

§ 1. The government of this Society shall consist of a council of nine members who shall be elected by ballot; a president, vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer being chosen from its number immediately after each annual election.

§ 2. Membership of the Society shall be classed as active and honorary. Active membership shall be limited to fifty of those who are sufficiently interested in the Art of Printing to be of value in advancing the purposes of the Society. Election to active membership shall be by the council. A vote by ballot of three-fourths of the council will be necessary to election. If a candidate fails of an election, he can be proposed again after a lapse of one year. Only active members are eligible to the council.

§ 3. Persons in sympathy with the aims of the Society

may be elected to honorary membership by unanimous vote of the council.

§ 4. The name of a candidate for active membership shall be voted upon by the council only after a nomination in writing, proposed and seconded by two members of the Society. The annual fee for active membership is five dollars.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

§ 1. The council shall have the power of directors and the immediate government and direction of the affairs of the Society; shall appoint all committees unless the Society in special cases otherwise determines; and make all needful rules and regulations for the government of the Society. It shall have charge of all meetings, lectures, exhibitions and publications, and shall make appropriations for the expenditure of funds of the Society. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

§ 2. The duties of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be those commonly prescribed.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

§ 1. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday in November. The council may call, or provide for calling, a special meeting of the Society at any time, and shall determine the time and place of all meetings.

§ 2. The secretary shall send to each member notice by mail of the time and place of each regular meeting at least seven days before the same, and of the time and place of each special meeting at least four days before the same.

ARTICLE VI

§ 1. By-laws consistent with the constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of active members present at any regular meeting.

§ 2. The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present provided that printed or written notice of the proposed change has been mailed to each member of the Society at least five days before the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

OFFICERS, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEES
FOR MDCCCCV

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

WILLIAM DANA ORCUTT

VICE-PRESIDENT

BRUCE ROGERS

SECRETARY

HENRY LEWIS JOHNSON

TREASURER

FREDERICK D. NICHOLS

HENRY TURNER BAILEY, GEORGE FRENCH, D. B. UPDIKE
C. H. HEINTZEMANN, C. HOWARD WALKER

COMMITTEES

PRINTING

D. B. UPDIKE, BRUCE ROGERS, HENRY LEWIS JOHNSON

The duties of this committee are to include the supervision of the printing of stationery, by-laws, and other routine printing which may be needed from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP

THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE-PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY,
THE TREASURER, AND D. B. UPDIKE

The duties of this committee are those which usually devolve upon a Membership Committee.

LECTURES

GEORGE FRENCH, C. HOWARD WALKER, H. T. BAILEY

The duties of this committee shall be to arrange for such lectures in the future as may seem expedient in furthering the interests of this Society.

MEETINGS

C. H. HEINTZEMANN, THE SECRETARY, GEORGE FRENCH

The duties of this committee shall be to make all arrangements regarding the regular and special meetings of the Society.

BUSINESS

F. D. NICHOLS, THE PRESIDENT, HENRY TURNER BAILEY

The duties of this committee shall be to take charge of the business end of such publications as may be issued by the Society, and to assume the responsibility for all financial transactions of the Society which exceed the limitation laid down within the duties of the treasurer.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

HERBERT H. WHITE, W. H. GREELEY, A. F. MACKAY

The duties of this committee shall be to urge that printing be included in the courses of instruction given by all organizations or institutions which have to do with the more important lines of industrial training. It will also represent the Society in making recommendations of courses of instruction to be adopted.

PUBLICATION

THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

The duties of this committee shall be to decide upon what publications shall be issued, to settle all questions of style and general format, and in general to assume the responsibilities of all official publications issued by the Society.

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