

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Immigration Restriction League.

I.

NAME.

The name of this Association shall be the "IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION LEAGUE."

II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this League shall be to advocate and work for the further judicious restriction or stricter regulation of immigration, to issue documents and circulars, solicit facts and information on that subject, hold public meetings, and to arouse public opinion to the necessity of a further exclusion of elements undesirable for citizenship or injurious to our national character. It is not an object of this League to advocate the exclusion of laborers or other immigrants of such character and standards as fit them to become citizens.

III.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of this League shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, not exceeding twelve, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

IV.

COMMITTEES.

(1.) There shall be an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, a Committee on Nominations, and such other committees as may be from time to time determined upon.

(2.) The Executive Committee shall be composed of not over twenty-one members, including the President, Secretary, and Treasurer *ex officio*. Four members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Executive Committee shall have general power to direct and carry on the work of the League, and may from time to time appoint such special committees as it may see fit in carrying out such

work. Such special committees may be chosen from the members of the Executive Committee or from other persons, shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, and shall exist during the time limited in their appointment or until dissolved by vote of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have power to take such measures as it may deem advisable for the collection of dues, and to drop from the roll of names those of members who fail to comply with the article prescribing the same.

Disbursements may be made by order of the Executive Committee or by any standing sub-committee thereof to which the power shall be delegated by the whole committee, but no indebtedness shall be incurred on behalf of the League by the Executive Committee or by any officer of the club exceeding the net balance then remaining in the treasury.

(3.) The Committee on Finance shall at least once a year audit the Treasurer's accounts, and shall from time to time audit all bills against the League. It shall consist of five members to be chosen by the Executive Committee either from its own members or from the other members of the League.

(4.) The Committee on Nominations shall consist of five members. It shall have the duty of preparing a list of officers and committee members for the ensuing year. Such list shall be sent to each member of the League at least three weeks before the annual meeting. Until the first annual meeting this committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, after that it shall be elected like other committees, it being understood that part of the duty of this committee shall be to nominate a committee on nominations for the ensuing year.

V.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

(1.) There shall be an annual meeting on the second Monday of January of each year at which the officers, the members of the Executive Committee, and the members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary in each case to constitute an election. The officers and members of committees so elected shall take office on the first day of February and hold their offices for one year thereafter and until their successors are elected.

(2.) No member who is in arrears for dues of the preceding year shall be entitled to vote for officers or be eligible for office.

(3.) Special meetings, public or private, may be called by the Executive Committee whenever they deem it advisable.

(4.) At the meetings of the League fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

VI.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the League. He shall call a meeting of the League whenever requested in writing to do so by twenty members.

VII.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Vice-Presidents shall in order of their seniority discharge the duties of the President when he is unable to act.

VIII.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep the list of members and the records of proceedings of the League, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Executive Committee.

IX.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys for the League, shall pay such bills as are approved by the Committee on Finance, and shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

X.

VACANCIES.

Any vacancies in offices or committees may be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term.

XI.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person desiring to become a member of the League may make application to the Executive Committee through the Secretary or any other member of the committee, and upon favorable action by the Executive Committee shall be forthwith admitted to membership. Three negative votes of the Executive Committee shall be sufficient to exclude.

XII.

DUES.

(1.) The annual dues shall be one dollar payable in advance upon admission to membership and upon January first of each year.

(2.) No person elected to membership after November first in any year shall be required to pay the dues for that year.

(3.) The Treasurer shall report at each private meeting of the League the names of all members in arrears for dues.

(4.) Any member of the League whose payments to the League shall have amounted to the sum of ten dollars shall be a life member, and shall be exempt from any further annual assessments.

XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any meeting of the League, at least two weeks' notice of the same having been given. Any member desiring to propose an amendment shall give the same to the Secretary in writing. A vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to carry an amendment.

BY-LAWS.

I.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At regular meetings of the League and of the Executive Committee the order of business shall be:

1. Reading records.
2. Report of Secretary.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.

II.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be made to the By-Laws in the same manner as to the Constitution.