

CONSTITUTION  
of  
NEW YORK STATE BUTTON SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Revised May 2017

ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECTS

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the New York State Button Society, Incorporated.

Section 2

The object of the society shall be to promote and improve the pursuit of button collecting, to study, classify and mount buttons for pleasure and educational purposes, to hold meetings for instruction and entertainment of the members; to bring before the public the art, craftsmanship and history in buttons, to cooperate with the National Button Society and other societies in furthering the knowledge of and interest in buttons.

Section 3

The society colors shall be purple and gold.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1

The New York State Button Society, Inc. may include in its membership individuals or clubs having kindred aims and purposes exclusive to button collecting.

Section 2

There shall be three classes of memberships: Active, Honorary, and Junior.

Section 3

The annual dues for Active and Honorary members shall be fifteen dollars; annual dues for Junior members shall be two dollars. Incorporation requires all members to pay dues.

Section 4

Publications and privileges of membership shall be extended to all paid members.

Section 5

Junior button collectors wishing to become members of the New York State Button Society, Inc., shall submit written application to the membership chairperson, including the name, address and birth date of the applicant, and dues of two dollars. Upon acceptance of the application, a membership card shall be issued. Junior membership may continue through age eighteen only.

Section 6

Honorary membership may be conferred upon a member who has made outstanding contribution to the New York State Button Society. The honor must be proposed in writing by the district club of which he/she is a member. The honoree shall be responsible for payment of their dues.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1

There may be one scheduled meeting during the year. The annual meeting for receiving reports and election of officers shall be held the first weekend in May. Other meetings for the proper functioning of the society may be called by the president, with the approval of the executive committee.

Section 2

Fifteen members at a general meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1

The elected officers shall be a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and editor

Section 2

Appointed officers shall include committee members and officers appointed at the discretion of the president.

Section 3

The executive board shall consist of the elected officers and the parliamentarian.

Section 4

Nomination of officers at the annual meeting shall be from the floor, by mail and/or by a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall be composed of the three most recent past presidents.

Section 5

Election of officers shall be by ballot, delivered in person, or by mail to the secretary. The term of office for elected officers shall be for two years.

Section 6

Newly elected officers shall take office at the annual meeting, when and where elected.

## ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Section 1

The president shall preside at the meetings of the Society, call special meetings, appoint members of committees and other officers as required.

### Section 2

The vice presidents shall assist the president and perform the duties during the absence or at the request of the next ranking officer. The first vice president shall assist the president as program chairman.

### Section 3

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the society, conduct necessary correspondence as requested by the president, keep a list of the membership (furnished by the membership chairperson annually) and make an annual report in writing.

### Section 4

The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the society, receive all moneys (giving receipt as requested), pay bills approved by the executive committee, and present an annual report in writing of all receipts and expenditures at the general meeting.

### Section 5

The editor shall prepare, edit and mail the New York State Bulletin, and perform all duties germane to the office. The editor shall be allotted \$100.00 for personal expenses per bulletin.

### Section 7

The membership chairperson shall send out annual renewal notices to the members, and provide an accurate annual membership list to the president, secretary, treasurer, and editor.

### Section 8

All officers upon expiration of their terms shall turn over to their successors all funds, records, and property belonging to the Society.

## ARTICLE VI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

### Section 1

Robert's "Rules of Order" (Revised) shall be the final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the constitution.

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

### Section 1

This constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds majority of the qualified members voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments

have been read at a previous meeting and sent to each member by mail at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.

### Section 2

Voting on amendments shall be by ballot delivered in person by proxy, or by mail to the society secretary.

## ARTICLE VIII – ADOPTION

### Section 1

The proposed constitution shall be submitted to all members of the New York State Button Society, Inc. at least fifteen days prior to the annual meeting.

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## NEW YORK STATE BUTTON SOCIETY, INC. POLICIES

1. No officer shall succeed themselves for consecutive terms with the exception of the secretary, treasurer, or editor.
2. A printed membership list shall be furnished at least every two years at the annual meeting. However, if funds permit and it is deemed necessary, the roster may be furnished annually.
3. The usual expenses of the president, secretary, treasurer and editor, germane to the society's regular function, shall be paid by the treasurer without specific approval of the president.
4. The president shall not authorize extra expenses of any officer or society member without first receiving approval of the executive committee. The one exception is the publishing of extra pages in the bulletin, once a year.

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