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BY-LAWS

FOR THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS.

I. MEMBERSHIP.

1. A subscription of \$2.00 per annum shall entitle all persons approving of its aims, to be members of the British Columbia Branch of the Navy League (Victoria, B. C.)

II. MANAGEMENT.

1. The affairs of the British Columbia Branch of the Navy League shall be under the governance of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Committee of not less than nine members, of whom at all meetings three shall form a quorum.

2. The Committee shall have power to add to their number, and elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and members of a General Council, and in the event of a vacancy between any Annual General Meetings in the offices of Treasurer or Secretary, the Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

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3. If at any time sub-committees are deemed necessary for the furtherance of any of the objects of the branch of the League, the Committee of Management may and shall alone have power to nominate or discharge any sub-committee.

III. SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary is the executive officer of the branch of the League, and it is his duty to see that the business of the branch is in all respects conducted in accordance with the instructions of the Committee.

2. He shall attend all meetings of the Committee and shall record in the Minute Book the transactions of each meeting; and at each meeting of the Committee he shall report the proceedings of all sub-committees since the previous meeting of the Committee.

3. He shall lay before the Committee all information and important communications addressed to the branch of the League, and under the direction of the Committee shall conduct the correspondence and business of the branch of the League.

4. He shall convene meetings of the Committee and sub-committees at such times as may be required.

5. He shall at all times use his utmost endeavours to procure additional members for the branch of the League, keeping a correct list of members, with their addresses and the dates of their joining, taking care to apply for all annual subscriptions as they become

due, and collecting all subscriptions, issuing receipts for the same, and deliver the money so obtained to the Treasurer within seven days.

6. He shall keep an Order Book, and subject to the authority of the Committee, shall order all articles required for the branch of the League.

7. He shall do all other things which may be necessary to carry out the requirements of the Constitution of the branch, as well as of the head office of the League.

8. He shall issue diplomas on the payment of the first annual subscription.

IV. TREASURER.

1. He shall receive from the Secretary all moneys paid to the branch, paying the same to a bank account to be kept in the name of the "British Columbia Branch of the Navy League," and shall make disbursements by cheque from time to time under the direction of the Committee; all cheques on the banking account being signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one member of the Committee.

2. At the regular meeting of the Committee in each month he shall submit the cash book, showing all receipts and expenditure since the previous meeting, together with the bank pass book made up to date.

3. He shall submit a statement at the close of the branch's financial year (25th December) or at such other time as the Committee may call for it, the same being duly audited.

V. AUDIT.

1. Once at least every year the accounts of the branch of the League shall be examined and the correctness thereof certified by one or more Auditor or Auditors.

2. The first Auditor shall be appointed by the Committee; subsequent Auditors shall be appointed at the annual general meeting, but in the event of a vacancy between annual general meetings, the Committee shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

VI. MEETINGS.

1. The Committee shall meet once a month at such time and place as it may by resolution determine.

2. Special meetings of the Committee may be convened at any time at the request of any officer of the branch of the League, or on the written request to the Secretary of three members of the Committee.

3. There shall in every year, be held in or before the month of April, a general meeting of the branch of the League, to be called the "Annual General Meeting," for the election of Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for the ensuing year, of which due notice shall be given; at this meeting, the outgoing Committee shall render a full account of all their proceedings, furnish a statement of the funds of the branch of the League, and of the receipts and payments during the past financial year, certified by the Auditor.

4. The Committee may convene a general meeting for any special purpose, whenever it deems it necessary.

5. The Committee shall convene a general meeting for a special purpose upon a requisition to that effect, signed by not less than twelve members of the branch of the League.

6. At all meetings the chair shall be taken by the President, or in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, or failing these, by some member to be chosen by the meeting.

7. Notice of every general meeting shall be advertised in the daily papers, or as the Committee may think necessary; but in the event of a special general meeting, the special purpose shall be stated.

8. No business shall be transacted at a special general meeting, other than that for which it shall have been convened.

9. No member whose subscription is in arrear shall be entitled to debate or vote at any general meeting.

VII. AMENDMENTS.

1. Any amendments to these By-laws must be presented in writing to an annual or special general meeting, when if agreed to by two-thirds of the members present, shall be adopted.



CONSTITUTION OF THE NAVY LEAGUE.

1. This Association shall be called "THE NAVY LEAGUE." Its purpose shall be to secure as the primary object of the National Policy, "The Command of the Sea."

2. The general aims of The Navy League shall be—

- (a) To spread information, showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the Naval supremacy upon which depend its trade, empire, and national existence.
- (b) To call attention to the enormous demands which war would make upon the Navy, and to the fact that the Navy is not strong enough to meet them; and at all times to point out any shortcomings in this respect.
- (c) To call attention from time to time to such measures as may be requisite to secure adequate preparation for the maritime defence of the Empire.
- (d) To urge these matters on public men and, in particular, upon candidates for Parliament.

3. The League shall be absolutely distinct from all party politics.

4. All persons approving of its aims and contributing to its funds, according to the following rates of subscription, shall be Hon. Vice-Presidents, Members or Associates of the League, as the case may be, viz.:

Hon. Vice-Presidents	£ 5	0	0	annually.
do for life	25	0	0	
Members	1	1	0	annually.
do for life	10	10	0	
Associates, with publications post free, not less than ..	0	5	0	annually.
do without publications ..	any less amount.			

5. The League shall be under the direction of a President, Vice-Presidents, General Council and Executive Committee.

6. At each annual general meeting an Executive Committee to conduct the business of the League for the ensuing year shall be appointed. The Executive Committee shall have power to add to their number, and to elect a President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the General Council.

7. A general meeting of the members of the League shall be held at least once a year.

8. The members of the General Council, as such, shall not be held liable for any debts contracted on behalf of the League, and no funds of the League shall be disbursed, or any liability incurred, except under a minute of the Executive Committee.

9. Branches of the League may be formed in the United Kingdom or in any of the Colonies or Dependencies under a minute of the Executive Committee.*

**NOTE.—The "Constitution" for the branches of the League shall be the foregoing, except that where the word "League" appears therein the words "Branch of the League" should be substituted.*

Subscriptions are renewable in that quarter of the following year corresponding to the one in which the first payment is made.

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