

C O N S T I T U T I O N

Patent Lawyer's Club

Washington, D.C.

WE, THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE PATENT LAWYERS CLUB, in order to advance the knowledge of the Club members, promote their general welfare, encourage a mutually helpful understanding within the patent profession, promote friendship within the patent profession, and maintain the patent profession on a high ethical plane, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Patent Lawyers Club.

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1. A person to be qualified for active membership in the Club shall be domiciled in the Washington Metropolitan Area, shall be a member of a Bar and shall be actively engaged in the patent profession.

SECTION [3] 2. Anyone eligible for membership, as set forth in this Article I, may be admitted to membership upon being vouched for by two active members, accepted in accordance with the provisions of Article II - Section 5, and upon payment of [an admission fee of \$10.00] the dues set forth in Article I, Section 4.

SECTION [5] 3. Any member changing [his] domicile from the Washington Metropolitan Area shall automatically become an inactive member. Upon again becoming a resident of the Washington Metropolitan Area, such inactive member may again become an active member upon compliance with Article II - Section 5, provided that his proposal for membership shall have precedence as to time over that of new proposed candidates for membership [and the 36 years of age provision in Section 8 of this Article shall not apply as to him.

Any member in good standing who desires to become inactive shall be made inactive upon receipt of his written request to the Secretary. Any member in good standing, who is of age 45 or under, and who does not attend at least one meeting during the year shall be made inactive by notice issued to him by the Secretary. His return to active status can be granted upon approval by the Membership Committee if such member is of age 45 or over, but if of age less than 45, return to active status can be granted only upon compliance with the provisions of Article II - Section 5. He shall be notified in writing by the Secretary when granted return to active status].

SECTION [6] 4. Dues for active members shall be set by [resolution] the Executive Committee and shall be payable in one lump sum not later than November 1 [or in two equal sums not later than November 1 and the following April 1]. Members failing to

comply with the foregoing shall be notified and should they fail to pay in full all dues then owing within 10 days of such notice shall be automatically removed from membership and shall be so notified in writing by the Secretary.

[Inactive members shall not be required to pay dues, but shall pay on a guest basis for each meeting attended.]

SECTION [7] 5. [The active membership shall be limited to 75 members who are 45 years of age or under. There shall be no limit on the number of active members over 45 years of age. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the] The Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks [and all other] shall be an honorary member and membership requisites shall be waived [for him].

[SECTION 8. A new candidate to be qualified for active membership in the Club shall be 36 years of age or under. However, this qualification may be waived in special cases by the Membership Committee.]

ARTICLE II

Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, selected from the [Club membership] active members who shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by a majority vote of the active members present at the last regular monthly meeting held during the Club year. Prior to the election, the President shall appoint [there shall be elected from the floor] a Nominating Committee of three active members who shall submit a ballot of at least one candidate for each office to be filled. No member may be placed in nomination until [he] he/she has agreed to serve in the office for which [he] he/she is to be nominated. Nominations other than those presented by the Nominating Committee may be made upon petition signed by five active members.

SECTION 3. The President shall have the power to call meetings, to preside over them, and to appoint such committees as [he deems] deemed necessary to carry out the objects and functions of the Club.

SECTION 4. The Vice President shall function in place of the President in [his] the President's absence.

SECTION 5. There shall be a Membership Committee [of four members and the President, said four members to be] selected from the active membership by the President [majority vote of the active members present at the meeting when new officers are elected in accordance with procedure specified in Section 2 of this Article]. The Chairman of this Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to receive proposals in writing from an active member and endorsed by another active member of candidates for active membership. Such proposal shall not be submitted until after the candidate has attended at least one Club meeting. [After receipt of the written proposal, it shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to investigate the fitness of the candidate for membership. If the Membership Committee finds that the candidate has the required qualifications for membership, a notice in writing shall be given to all active members of the prospective membership of the candidate. Any active member having an objection to admission to membership of a candidate shall notify the Membership Committee in writing within 60 days of such notice setting forth the reasons of objection. If any written objections are received, hearings shall be held by the Membership Committee at which time the sponsor and endorser as well as the person or persons objecting to the

candidate will be given the opportunity to express their views. The Membership Committee shall then render a decision either accepting or rejecting the application for membership. If objections are received from at least one-third of the active members, the applications shall be automatically rejected without any hearing.]

Following the date of notice from the Membership Committee, the candidate shall attend at least one of the next two regularly held Club meetings. Failure to make such an attendance shall result in withdrawal of the proposal of the candidate, unless the sponsor can satisfy the Membership Committee that such attendance of the candidate was prevented by absence from Washington or by illness.

If no objection are received and the candidate has complied with the aforesaid meeting attendance, he shall become eligible to be an active member [as soon as there shall be a vacancy in the active membership of the Club and there are no previously approved candidates awaiting entrance to membership]. Upon a candidate becoming eligible to become an active member, his application shall be submitted to the Club at the next regularly held meeting at which time a [three-quarters secret] majority vote of the active members of the Club in attendance at the meeting shall be required for acceptance of the candidate for membership. Promptly thereafter, the Secretary shall notify the candidate of his acceptance or rejection and, if accepted, that he will be

admitted to membership upon payment of the [admission fees] dues within 30 days.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1. The Club shall each year hold at least [seven] six regular monthly meetings within the period beginning September 1 and ending [May 31] June 30.

SECTION 2. At the last meeting of the Club in each Club year, as defined in Section 1 of this Article, the election of Officers [and Membership Committeemen] shall be held and the outstanding old and new business of the Club shall be transacted.

SECTION 3. All formal actions shall be taken by resolution approved by a majority of the members present at any meeting, except any resolution effecting changes in the Constitution which must have the approval of two-thirds of the [total] active members present.

SECTION 4. For transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of 25 of the active members.

ARTICLE IV

Constitution

This Constitution shall be in force and effect when approved and signed by two-thirds of the seventeen charter members.

Adopted September 24, 1935