

CHIEF JOHN ROSS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION I .... The name of this organization shall be the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society.

The headquarters of the association shall be a location within the County of Catoosa, State of Georgia.

SECTION II ... The purpose of this organization is to be a non-profit, non-stock, organization, solely for the study and advancement of numismatic.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I .... REGULAR MEMBERS--Any individual of good moral character, 18 years of age or over.

JUNIOR MEMBERS--Any individual of good moral character under the age of 18 years. A representative of the Junior Members shall sit in on the meetings of the Board of Directors whenever possible as an observer.

*HONORARY MEMBERS*--Any individual rendering outstanding services to the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society, Inc., above and beyond the normal expectations of a Regular Member. This award may be presented only after a unanimous vote of the officers and a quorum of the Regular Members at any meeting. Honorary Members are relieved from payment of yearly dues.

*CHARTER MEMBERS*--Shall consist of all the members in attendance at the meeting June 1, 1993, when these By-Laws are accepted.

LIFE MEMBERS--Any individual of good moral character, 18 years of age or over, who is actively involved in the furtherance of numismatics and the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society. Dues for Life Membership shall be \$50.00.

SECTION II ... All applications for membership must be approved by a majority of the membership present at a regular meeting, providing a quorum is present.

All applications for membership must be in writing and must be accompanied with dues for that fiscal year.

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## Article II -Membership (continued)

Dues for Regular Members shall be \$5.00 per year, and Junior Members \$2.50 per year.

Any member may be expelled from membership, providing just cause is shown, at any regular meeting, by a majority vote providing a quorum is present.

## ARTICLE III

### OFFICERS

SECTION I .. , .The officers of this organization shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Regular Members which will serve on the Board of Directors.

### SECTION II ... DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

#### PRESIDENT

- a The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all regular meetings and all special meetings.
- b He/She shall cause regular and special meetings of the members and directors to be called in accordance with these By-Laws.
- c He/She shall appoint and remove, employ or discharge, and fix the compensations of all servants, agents, and employees of the corporation other than duly appointed officers, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- d He/She shall make and sign in the name of the corporation all corporate contracts, agreements, notes, and other documents.
- e He/She shall see that the books, reports, statements, and certificates required by the statutes are properly made, kept, and filed according to Law.
- f He/She shall enforce these By-Laws and perform all the duties incident to his or her position and office, which are required by law.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT

- a) The Vice-President shall assist the President upon his/her request in the discharge of his/her duties.
- b) He/She shall act in the place of the President in the case of absence or disability.
- c) He/She shall succeed to the position of President in case of death or resignation.

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### ARTICLE III -Officers (continued)

#### SECRETARY

- a) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and the membership in appropriate books.
- b) He/She shall give and send all notices for the Society.
- c) He/She shall be the custodian of the records and of the seal, and affix the latter when required.
- d) He/She shall attend to all correspondence and perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

#### TREASURER

- a) The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the Society, and deposit such funds in the name of the Society, in such bank or banks, trust company or trust companies, or safety deposit vaults as the Board of Directors may designate.
- b) He/She shall sign, make and endorse in the name of the Society, all checks, drafts, warrants, and orders for the payment of money, and payout and dispose of same in receipt thereof, under the direction of the President or the Board of Directors at such other times as shall be required of He/She, and further render a financial report at the regular December meeting of the membership.
- c) All checks drawn upon this Society shall bear the joint signatures of the President, and Treasurer.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) The affairs and business of the Society shall be managed by a Board consisting of the elected officers and five (5) elected board members.
- b) All Board members shall be of the age of 18 or older.
- c) The Board shall regularly convene and conduct the business affairs of the Society under such rules and regulations as they deem proper, not inconsistent with these By-Laws and the State of Georgia.

## ARTICLE IV

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION I .... The President shall call for nomination of the officers in the first November meeting.

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Article IV -Election of Officers (continued)

All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor.

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

The election is to be conducted in the second November meeting with swearing-in ceremonies at the first December meeting.

Term of officers shall be for a term of not more than one (1) year.

ARTICLE V

QUORUM

SECTION I .... A quorum shall consist of a minimum of nine (9) regular members at a regular or special called meeting.

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board Members at a board meeting.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING

SECTION I .... Only active members shall be entitled to vote on all matters brought before the meeting. Each vote must be cast in person. Proxies are not permitted.

SECTION II ... Each member and officer of the Board of Directors shall constitute one vote at all meetings.

SECTION III .. All vacancies of elected officers, or Board Members, whether by resignation or expulsion, shall be filled by a special election at the following meeting of said vacancy with exception of provisions otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS/DIRECTOR/OR MEMBERS

SECTION I .... Any one or more of the Officers/Directors and/or Members may be removed with just cause, at a regular or called meeting with a two-thirds majority vote, providing a quorum is present.

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Article VII -Removal of Officers/Director/Or Members (continued)

All reasons for expulsion of said Officers/Directors and/or Members shall be submitted in written form to the Board of Directors, who will notify the accused of the Board of Directors, who will notify the accused of the date of meeting to discuss the charges.

ARTICLE VIII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION I .... The Order of Business at all meetings of the membership and/or Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT

SECTION I .... These By-Laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society, providing a quorum is present at the meeting, and providing further that at least thirty (30) days notice shall have been given of the intention of amendment.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1 (June 12, 2001)

Section II. Dues shall be \$10 per year instead of \$5 per year for adult members. Dues of junior members shall be \$5 per year. Dues are payable before the annual banquet.

Amendment 2 (November 27, 2007)

Section I. Life membership dues are changed as follows: Adult members under 55 years of age are \$200 (20 times regular membership fee). Adult members 55 years of age and older, are \$150 (15 times regular membership fee).

Amendment 3 (September 14, 2010)

Membership in the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society is a privilege extended to those persons deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Such membership can be maintained unless the Governing Board

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determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Club, his/her membership should be terminated.

For the guidance of its members, this Code of Ethics has been duly adopted by the members of the club and included as an amendment to the bylaws. Any Member found guilty by the Governing Board of any improper conduct or violation of the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society *Code of Ethics* may be censured, suspended, or expelled, as herein provided. Charges shall be in writing and may be preferred by the Governing Board itself or any Member in good standing. All charges shall be served by the Secretary upon the accused Member by certified mail not less than ten days prior to the date fixed by the Board for a hearing thereof. This notice shall include a copy of the charges. The accused Member shall have the right to appear before the Board and to be heard in presenting evidence in rebuttal to the charges. The finding of the Board, and penalty, in case the charges are sustained, shall be entered upon the minutes of the Board and permanently maintained. The decision of the Board shall be final and written notice shall be given the Member of its decision

As a member of the Chief John Ross Numismatic Society, I agree to comply with the following standards of conduct:

- 1) To support and be governed by the bylaws of the Club, and by such rules, policies and regulations as may be in force from time to time. To avoid disruptive behavior at the club meetings.
- 2) To conduct myself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the Club, or impair the prestige of the membership therein.
- 3) To base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality, and to refrain from making false statements as to the condition of a coin or as to any other matter.
- 4) To neither buy nor sell numismatic items of which the ownership is questionable.
- 5) To take immediate steps to correct any error I may make in any transaction.
- 6) Not to sell, exhibit, produce or advertise a counterfeit, copy, restrike or reproduction of any numismatic item if its nature is not clearly indicated by the word "counterfeit," "copy," "restrike," or "reproduction," incused in the metal or printed on the paper thereof, with the exception of items generally accepted by numismatists and not in any way misrepresented as genuine.
- 7) To represent a numismatic item to be genuine only when, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is authentic.
- 8) To fulfill all contracts made by me, either oral or written, to make prompt payments upon delivery and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory.
- 9) To give aid to members in their quest for numismatic knowledge.

### Amendment 4 (January 12, 2016)

The annual membership dues shall be \$10 per year, January through December. A new member who joins after June 30 of any year will pay \$5 for membership for that year through December. If any new member pays dues in the last two months of the year, the amount shall be \$10 and shall carry over for the entire next calendar year.