

**Washington Watchmakers - Clockmakers Association**

**CONSTITUTION**  
And Articles of Organization

**April 6, 2006**

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## CONSTITUTION

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### **Article I. NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be The Washington Watchmakers - Clockmakers Association, hereinafter referred to as WWCA

### **Article II. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of WWCA shall be:

- a. To promote and secure concerted action for the purpose of mutual improvement in the practice of our profession as watchmakers, clockmakers, and allied crafts.
- b. To promote, secure, and disseminate information relative to the science of horology and allied crafts.
- c. To elevate the standard of workmanship and work toward elimination of unfair practice.
- d. To endeavor to elevate and maintain the dignity of the science of horology.
- e. Provide opportunity for exchange of ideas and information on clocks and watches and the repair and restoration thereof.
- f. To encourage the spirit of unity, Corporation and fellowship among members.

### **Article III. NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

The WWCA shall be a not-for-profit association, shall have no capital stock, and its activities shall be carried on at the expense of, and for the benefit of, its members.

### **Article IV. AFFILIATION**

The WWCA is a affiliate chapter of the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute.

### **Article V. POWERS**

The WWCA shall:

- a. Direct, manage, supervise, and control the business, property, and funds of the WWCA as defined in the Bylaws.

#### **Article VI. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in WWCA is available to any person subject to the conditions defined in the Bylaws.

#### **Article VII. OFFICERS**

The officers of WWCA shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office for any term of office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The authority, duty, and term of office of each officer shall be defined in the Bylaws.

#### **Article VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers of WWCA, plus three directors elected by the membership.
- b. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the WWCA.

#### **Article IX. MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President according to the bylaws.

#### **Article X. REVENUE**

- a. Each member-at-large shall pay to WWCA an annual membership fee as set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article XI. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by the Board of Directors provided such is done pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting of the WWCA, and provided that the proposed change in the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to each member at least sixty (30) days before the meeting at which the change is to be considered.

#### **Article XII. BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

Bylaws for WWCA shall be adopted by the Board of Directors upon a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and may be amended from time to time as provided herein. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member of the Board

of Directors to be voted on at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Such amendments shall be received by the Secretary at least sixty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting and be provided by him/her to each member of the Board of Directors at least fifteen calendar days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.

**Article XIII. SEPARABILITY AND PRECEDENCE**

Should a contradiction arise between this Constitution and any Bylaw, Policy, Practice, or other utterance of the WWCA the provisions of the Constitution shall take precedence. The provisions of this Constitution and of the Bylaws of WWCA are separable and will remain in effect, mutatis mutandis, should any other provision be found by law or other competent authority to be invalid.