

CONSTITUTION

The name of the Association shall be

The Toronto Wagner Society

The purpose and objects of the Society shall be to encourage interest in, study of, and further presentation of the music-dramas of Richard Wagner, and it is hereby declared that any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in the promotion of the objects of the Society.

The membership of this association shall consist of two classes, namely: (1) active and (2) honorary.

Active memberships shall be open to anyone upon payment of a membership fee as shall be determined from time to time at general meetings of the Society.

Honorary members shall be elected from among persons who are well-known for their interests and activities in the promotion of the music of Richard Wagner.

The officers of the Society are the following: chairperson, vice-chairperson, second vice-chairperson, treasurer, secretary.

Election of officers and members at large of the Society shall take place every two years and from among active members of the Society. A past chairperson shall normally remain on the committee until the next election of officers. The officers shall serve as a management committee of the Society of whom three shall be a quorum. The management committee shall meet from time to time but normally once in every two calendar months.

Notice of annual general meetings shall in all cases, be given at least fourteen days prior to the date of any such meeting, stating the place, time and object thereof.

The Annual General Meeting of this Society shall be held in April or May of each year upon a date fixed by the management committee. General meetings may be called from time to time as decided by the management committee.

The business to be transacted at annual meetings shall include the following: consideration and adoption of minutes of prior annual meeting and of any general meeting held in the interim; consideration of treasurer's and chairperson's reports and any unfinished business; the election of officers if necessary, and the appointment of honorary auditors.

The presence of at least twenty paid-up members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at general meetings.

A general meeting of the Society shall be convened within fourteen days after the date of the filing with the secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by at least twenty paid-up members of the Society.

The constitution of the Society may be amended at annual meetings, provided that the notice of motion to so amend has been filed with the secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting. A change in constitution shall be affected only with the support of two-thirds of the members voting at the annual meeting.

The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the association or of the management committee. In his absence, the duties of his office shall be performed by the senior vice-chairperson.

Unless otherwise provided, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the voices present. When the voices are equal, but not otherwise, the chairperson shall have a vote.

If any office on the executive becomes vacant, the management committee may elect a person to that office for the unexpired term.

The secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the management committee. The secretary shall have custody of all books, records, and papers of the Society, except such as shall be in the custody of the treasurer or other persons authorized to have possession of the same by resolution of the Society.

The treasurer shall control and supervise the collection and receipt of all moneys payable to the Society.

All cheques of the Society shall be signed by the chairperson and the treasurer. In the absence of either or both of these officers, either the senior vice-chairperson or the secretary may act on behalf of the absent officer or officers. The Society's fiscal year shall end on 31 March of each year.

The books of the Society shall be audited prior to the annual meetings by a person or persons appointed by the management committee of the Society.

In all cases not provided for herein, the proceedings at meetings of the Society shall be governed by the usages and customs of the House of Commons of Canada so far as may be applicable to the meetings of this Society.