

BYLAWS OF THE
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA TORCH CLUB
State College, Pennsylvania

As amended June 20, 2014

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Central Pennsylvania Torch Club, a member of the International Association of Torch Clubs, Incorporated.

Section 2. Charter

This Club hereby ratifies and agrees to be bound by the Constitution of the International Association of Torch Clubs, Incorporated, and the lawful acts of its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. Purpose

The primary purpose of this Club shall be to give the members of the different learned professions the opportunity of meeting together in the spirit of fellowship, to prevent the narrowing tendencies to specialization by developing a breadth of thought and culture, and to foster the highest standards of professional ethics and civic well-being.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications of Members

Each active member must be an individual in good standing in one of the occupations listed by the Bylaws of the International Association (i.e., "actuaries, architects, artists, authors, actors, armed service officers, clergymen, chemists, certified public accountants, dentists, economists, educators, engineers, journalists, landscape architects, lawyers, librarians, musicians, museum specialists, pharmacists, physicians, physicists, research workers, social and natural scientists, social workers, and other disciplines pursued by a person in a recognized professional manner"). This would include, also, individuals who have been in any of the recognized professions and have retired therefrom.

Section 2. Number of Members

The number of active members shall be limited to sixty (60) except as it may be necessary to extend this limit in order to admit transfers from other clubs.

Section 3. Number by Profession

The Board of Directors may by resolution prescribe that the number of members belonging to

each profession shall not exceed a stated percentage of the total membership, which may differ as to the different professions.

Section 4. Type of Members

All members of this club, except those who have emeritus status as provided by the Constitution of the Association, shall be active, dues-paying members.

In addition to other memberships set out in the previous section of these bylaws, Torch Clubs now existing or hereafter chartered may admit members to the category of membership known as Household Membership.

Household Members will enjoy full benefits of membership.

International dues for one Household Member shall be fifty percent of the dues established for Regular Membership and the other Household member shall pay regular membership dues.

Section 5. Election of Membership

Each applicant for membership shall be proposed by an active member in good standing who shall present the name of said applicant and the applicant's record to the secretary. The secretary shall investigate the eligibility of the proposed members and recommend those so qualified to the members of the Club at the next regular meeting. The applicant may thereafter be admitted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting. Each applicant must be accompanied by the membership fee and the current annual dues.

ARTICLE IV - FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Membership Fees

The initial membership fee shall be set by and payable to the International Association.

Section 2. Annual Dues

The local and international dues (September 1 through August 31) shall be set by the Board of Directors and by the International Association, respectively.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Nonpayment of Dues

Any person who shall be in arrears for dues for one year shall cease to be a member of the Club. However, upon application and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the person in arrears may be reinstated upon payment of all current dues.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Club, elected annually, shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, who shall act in similar capacities for the Board, the chair of each committee, and the immediate past president. They shall meet at such times as the President may find it necessary to call them together.

Section 3. Time of Election

The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in June.

Section 4. Nominations

The President shall, no later than the March meeting, appoint a Committee to make nominations for the officers, its report to be made to the Club members through the Secretary when the notices for the June meeting are sent to said members. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by the members at the June meeting.

Section 5. Election

Vote shall be by ballot at the June meeting, upon nominations made, and the newly elected officers and directors shall assume office at the September meeting.

Section 6. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board of Directors or among the officers occurring during the year shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Quorum for the Board of Directors

Three Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business not otherwise specified herein.

Section 8. Powers of the Board of Directors

All matters of business pertaining to the Club, except as such as may be herein reserved to the membership at large or to the officers, shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers shall be those usually incumbent upon such positions.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees

Each incoming president shall announce at the September meeting his appointments to the following standing committees for the coming year:

(a) Membership Committee, and (b) Program Committee.

Section 2. Duties

The duties of these committees shall be those usually incumbent upon such committees.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of this Club shall be held once each month, except during July and August, at such time and place as the Board of Directors may decide. Every meeting will adjourn no later than 9:00 p.m.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the receipt of yearly reports of the officers and committees shall be the regular meeting in June. Prior notice in writing shall be mailed to each member at least seven (7) days before the meeting,

Section 3. Special Meetings

The President may call a special meeting at any time. Upon written request from at least one-fifth (1/5) of the members the President must call a special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A Quorum shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of the active members of the Club.

Section 5. Rules of Order

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all parliamentary practice not otherwise covered by the Constitution of the International Association of Torch Clubs or by these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTIONS OR CANDIDATES

Section 1. Freedom of Discussion

It is one of the objectives of this Club to encourage entire freedom of discussion and expression of opinion among its members. The discussion of pending legislation or proposed or suggested

governmental action or any civic matter of importance may be introduced for the enlightenment and education of the members, with assurance that views expressed will not be publicized.

Section 2. Resolutions or Candidates Not to Be Endorsed

No resolution which would have the effect of placing any member on record, pro or con, upon any subject shall be permitted. Neither shall the Club at any time endorse or recommend any candidate for office.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any annual meeting without previous notice, or at any regular or special meeting provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been mailed to each member at least seven (7) days previously.

Adopted as revised March 14, 1973, January 12, 1983, February 14, 2001, and January 11, 2012.

Note: Bylaw amended to be in IATC compliance: Bylaw Article III, Section 4, was passed unanimously by delegates on June 20, 2014, at the Annual Convention.