

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the **Heart of America Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.** (“NAWCC”), and designated **Chapter 36**.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The Chapter shall operate and exist for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating interest in the art and science of horology for the benefit of the public and its members, by taking active measures to:

- a) Foster a genuine interest in collecting timepieces, literature, data, and tools all related to the field of horology,
- b) Cooperate with individuals, other Chapters, other institutions, and the public to stimulate genuine interest in the collection, conservation, interpretation and exhibition of timepieces and other horological items,
- c) Promote and provide opportunities for volunteerism and camaraderie in interest related to horology,
- d) Promote and provide education and research in the art and science of horology,
- e) Provide Chapter members the opportunities to buy, sell, trade, evaluate, and/or exhibit horological items and materials, and
- f) Participate in and support the purposes, activities, and programs of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

ARTICLE 3: NON-PROFIT

The Chapter shall be a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Kansas and organized exclusively as a social club organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar purposes under section 501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or a successor statute of similar import).

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is a member in good standing of the National Association of Watch And Clock Collectors, Inc. is eligible for membership in this Chapter upon paying dues specified by the Executive Committee and ratified at a Chapter meeting.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The governing authorities of the Chapter shall consist of the following:

- a) The Chapter officers shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined into one position.
- b) The Immediate Past-President shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter.
- c) The Chapter officers, together with the Immediate Past-President shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Chapter. The Executive Committee shall have full

authority in all matters as defined in this Constitution, the Bylaws, or the Standing Rules and shall manage and control the business and property of the Chapter.

ARTICLE 6: BYLAWS

The Chapter shall, by the enactment of suitable Bylaws, provide for the election of officers, the length of term, the conduct of meetings, the determination of dues, and any other matters as may be necessary.

ARTICLE 7: STANDING RULES

The Chapter shall, from time to time, provide for the establishment of policies and procedures by Page 2 of 3 the Executive Committee by means of Standing Rules in support of:

- a) This Constitution,
- b) The Bylaws,
- c) Guidance and direction for operations, and
- d) Other matters as may be necessary.

The Standing Rules shall contain nothing inconsistent with this Constitution, the Bylaws of the Chapter, the laws of the State of Kansas, nor Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or a successor statute of similar import).

ARTICLE 8: USE OF EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities, nor have any other purposes, not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Contributions to the organization are not deductible by the donor as charitable contributions for Federal income tax unless the organization is included as a subordinate within a group exemption letter issued to NAWCC by the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or a successor statute of similar import), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

Amendments of the Constitution may be proposed and adopted by the following manner:

- a) by proposal for an amendment at a regular Executive Committee meeting.
- b) by proposal for an amendment at a regular Chapter meeting by any member.

Ratification and adoption of any amendment shall be by a two-thirds majority of the votes present and cast by members at a Chapter meeting designated for that purpose. If a proposal for an amendment is made and adopted in accordance with this Article 10, the same shall be published and made known to all Chapter members through the Chapter newsletter.

ARTICLE 11: FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year for the Chapter shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

Date adopted or amended: October 12, 2014

We certify that this copy of the constitution is adopted or amended on the above date.

/s/ Wayne Andrews
President

/s/ Gregory D. Gould
Secretary