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2. Members shall be classified as resident members, non-resident members, fellows and honorary members.

3. Resident members are those who reside within forty miles of the State House.

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ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Candidates for membership shall be nominated by two members for election by the Council.
2. Nomination for membership shall be made upon an official form.
3. The nomination shall be sent to the Secretary and acted upon at the next Council meeting.
4. Nominations to Fellowship shall be made by two Fellows. Such nominations shall be printed and distributed with the notice of the next Fellows meeting. Election to Fellowship must be by ballot. At least eleven Fellows must be present, and four-fifths of the ballots cast must be in the affirmative in order to elect.
5. Honorary members shall be nominated by the Council and elected by the Fellows.

ARTICLE V.

PAYMENTS.

1. The Club or fiscal year shall begin at the annual meeting.
2. Resident members shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars for the first year, and annual dues of two dollars for each succeeding year.
3. Any member by payment of twenty-five dollars at one time is exempt from annual dues. The receipts from these payments shall be invested as a permanent fund.
4. Non-resident members shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars, but shall be exempt from further payments.
5. Members whose dues are two years in arrears shall be dropped from membership.
6. The Council shall have the right to remit *sub silentio* any payment.
7. Initiation fees shall be paid within sixty days after notification of election.

8. Honorary members shall not be required to make any payments.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT.

1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and two Councillors. These officers shall constitute a Council which shall manage the ordinary business of the Club under the direction of the Fellows.
2. The Fellows shall have charge of all the affairs of the Club, except such as are specially delegated to the Council.
3. The Secretary shall keep the records of membership and meetings, and shall perform the duties of Treasurer of the Club.
4. The Council shall submit a report at the annual meeting.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. A nominating committee of three Members, of whom at least one shall be a Fellow, and none of whom shall be an officer of the Club, shall be appointed by the Council in February to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The nominations shall be printed and distributed to all members with the notice for the April meeting. Independent nominations may be sent in writing to the Secretary not later than May 1st by any five resident members, and these nominations shall be printed and distributed with the notice for the annual meeting.
2. The election of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting.
3. Any vacancy in the Council occurring during the Club year may be filled for the remainder of the term by a member elected by the Fellows.
4. Fifteen Members shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

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MEETINGS.

1. The regular meetings of the Club shall usually be held in Boston or Cambridge on the last Friday of the months from October to April, except that the December meeting shall usually be held on a Friday, about the middle of that month.

2. The annual meeting shall be on the third Friday in May.

3. The Council shall have the right to dispense with any regular meeting except the annual meeting, and to call special meetings at such times and places as may be expedient.

4. Fellows' meetings shall be held from time to time, at the discretion of the Council, or when called for by any five Fellows.

5. All members of the Council shall be notified of the Fellows meetings and shall act with the Fellows. Eleven Fellows shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

RESIGNATIONS.

1. Any Member may withdraw from the Club by signifying his wish to do so, in a letter addressed to the Secretary. He shall, nevertheless, be liable for any unpaid dues for the year in which he signified his wish to withdraw, and he shall continue liable for annual dues until he shall have discharged all sums owed by him to the club.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a Fellows meeting, provided that the proposed amendments are printed in the call for the meeting and that at least eleven Fellows are present.



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3. The Council, however, may remit payments.
4. Any member who fails to pay his dues before the Annual Meeting may be dropped upon notice.

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1. Resignations must be in writing to the Secretary and all dues paid before acceptance.

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INFO ABOUT CONSTITUTION FROM ARCHIVES (from Scrapbooks in computer)

5 present. Met in "Mr Kidder's rooms".

"Decided. 1. That non-Harvard men should be eligible to the Club.

2. That the Club should consist of members and fellows, that the latter class including those who have made some considerable journey.

3. It was recommended that all members fellows should pay a \$5.00 initiation fee.

(Minutes of a meeting on **December 10, 1902.**)

"Decided to create class of "fellow," or "council", to take general charge of the policy of the Club. ... First fellows dinner March 18. (Minutes of a meeting on **February 25, 1904.**)

"The Executive Committee will submit a draft of the Constitution and By-Laws for adoption; it will include a proposal for an annual assessment of resident members and an initiation fee for non-resident members." (Notice for Fellows Meeting and Dinner, **October 28, 1904.**)

"The Secretary [T.W. Thorndike] submitted a report, in which he recommended on behalf of the Executive Committee that the Club should be more formally organized, and proofs of a constitution with by-laws were presented to the Fellows. ... Moreover, the lack of by-laws was both annoying and embarrassing to the officers, and reflected unfavorably on the standing of the Club. For these reasons the Fellows were strongly urged to confirm and accept the submitted constitution after they had discussed and revised it, which they did. At the end of over two hours it was moved that the constitution as corrected by the Fellows should be adopted; this was seconded, and was carried by unanimous vote. ... (Fellows Meeting minutes, **October 28, 1904.**)

"Announcement was made that the Fellows had adopted a Constitution for the Harvard Travellers Club and copies would be distributed to the members." (Minutes of fourteenth meeting, **25 November 1904**)

Proof of Constitution after revision by the Fellows. (Book 1, p 70, Item 95)

Two amendments to the Constitution were adopted. (Fellows Meeting minutes, **March 9, 1906.**)

"Consideration of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, placing the annual dues at \$3.00 (instead of \$2.00) and the life membership fee at \$50.00 (instead of \$25.00)." (Notice flyer for Fellows dinner, **April 13, 1906.**)

"Two amendments to the Constitution were adopted. 1. Section 3 of Article 3 be amended by substituting 250 members for 200 members so that the last part of the section shall read "Resident membership shall be limited to 250 members." 2. Section 1 of Article 8 be amended by substituting Tuesday for Friday so that the section will read The regular meetings of the Club shall usually be held in Boston or Cambridge on the last Tuesday of the months from October to April, except that the December meeting shall usually be held on a Tuesday about the middle of the month." (Minutes of the Fellows Meeting, **31 March 1916**)

Constitutional Amendments voted. Entire Constitution appears. (Minutes of the Annual Meeting, **23 May 1933.**) (Probably when Fellows lost their power. Check)

Change to Article VI of Constitution was approved. (Minutes of 302nd meeting, **20 May 1947.**)

"The following amendment to the Constitution was presented to the annual meeting: That Article V, 2 b, will read hereafter: "Annual dues shall be \$7.00 for Resident Members and Associates, and \$3.50 for Non-Resident Members, payable in advance." (Minutes of 350th meeting, **19 May 1953**)

Amendments to Constitution: Dues raised to \$10 for Resident Members and \$5 for Non-Resident Member. Life Membership "shall be \$150.00, the income only to be expended." (Notice flyer for 478th meeting, **20 May 1969**)

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"...the following Amendments to the Constitution were unanimously approved:

...Initiation fee shall be \$10.00...

...Annual dues shall be \$15.00 for Resident Members and \$7.50 for Non-Resident Members...

...Life Membership shall be \$200.00... (Minutes of Council meeting, 16 March 1971)

Constitutional Amendments voted. (Minutes of 494th meeting, **18 May 1971**)

"It was voted to raise the annual dues: Resident: \$20. Non-Resident: \$10. Life-Membership: \$300. from the present \$15, \$7.50, \$200. The Initiation Fee of \$10. is to remain unchanged. This must be approved by the Annual Meeting, May 25, 1976." (Minutes of Council meeting, 4 November 1975)

The Constitutional Amendments re dues increases were passed unanimously. (Minutes of 534th meeting, **25 May 1976**)

Amendments to Constitution: "That Article III, 6, shall read hereafter: 'Associates are those undergraduate and graduate students of colleges and universities who have been elected to membership in the Club. Upon graduation they continue as members, being Resident or Non-Resident as their location shall dictate.' And that Article V, 2b, shall read hereafter: 'Annual dues shall be \$20 for Resident Members and \$10 for Non-Resident Members and Associates, payable in advance.'"

Unanimously passed. (Minutes of 542nd meeting, **31 May 1977**)

"The Council voted to submit a constitutional amendment at the Annual Meeting raising the Resident dues from \$20 to \$25 annually. It was decided not to change the Non-Resident dues or initiation fee."

(Minutes of Council meeting, **22 January 1980**)

"Amendment to the Constitution. That Article V, 2b, shall read hereafter: "Annual dues shall be \$25 for Resident Members and \$10 for Non-Resident Members and Associates, payable in advance." (Notice flyer for 566th meeting, **27 May 1980**)

"David Thorndike presented a proposed constitutional amendment to change Article III, paragraph 1 to read: The membership shall be composed of all who are interested in the object of the Club. By so changing it women would be free to become members. ... David agreed to table his proposal until the next meeting..." (Minutes of Council meeting, **23 February 1982**)

"The constitutional amendment proposed earlier by David Thorndike and tabled at the last meeting was presented again and discussed. ... It was consequently agreed to table the motion until next year." (Minutes of Council meeting, **23 March 1982**)

"It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to recommend this amendment [The membership shall be composed of persons who are interested in the object of the Club] to the membership at the Annual Meeting. ... After other discussion, the motion was unanimously **PASSED**." (Minutes of Council meeting, **22 March 1983**)

"The matter of the proposed constitutional amendment was then raised. The President reported that the Council had voted unanimously in favor of the change, i.e. That Article III, i, shall read: "The membership shall be composed of persons who are interested in the object of the Club." A motion to so amend the Constitution was **MADE** and **SECONDED** and discussion was invited. ... Following discussion the vote was taken by written ballot and the results announced: 40 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions. The motion, then, was passed." (Minutes of 590th meeting, **24 May 1983**)

"A Constitutional Amendment regarding dues was reviewed and approved. It reads: That Article V, 2b, shall read hereafter: "Annual dues shall be \$50.00; Initiation Fee \$50.00; Resident Member \$50.00; Non-resident Member \$25.00; and Life Membership \$500.00, payable in advance."" (Minutes of Council meeting, **8 March 1988**)

Proposed Constitutional amendment re Emeritus Members was approved. (Minutes of Council meeting, **15 November 1988, 2pp**)

"Amendment to the Constitution. The following amendment to the Constitution has been approved by the Council and will be presented at the Annual Meeting. That Article III, No. 2 shall hereafter include Emeritus members. That Article III, No. 7 shall be added as follows: Emeritus members are senior

members of the Club to be honored by this status in lieu of resignation under special circumstances and in the sole discretion of the Council. They may receive Club announcements and may attend meetings but are exempt from paying dues." (Notice flyer for 638th meeting, **23 May 1989**)
Constitutional amendment re Emeritus Members approved. (Minutes of 638th meeting, **23 May 1989**)

"An amendment to the Club Constitution to increase the cost of a Life Membership from \$500 to \$1,000...was approved...." (Minutes of Council meeting, **13 March 2001**)

PRESENT STANDING RULES (from 2002 yearbook WITH CORRECTIONS)

STANDING RULES

1. Members who by change of address cease to be Resident Members will be liable for Resident dues unless they notify the Secretary before October 1st. * 1906 1914 1919 1929 1930-31 1941 1947 1953 1956 1960 1964 1968 1972 1976 1981 1985 1988 1995 2002
2. Undergraduates of Harvard University and of other comparable institutions in or near Boston may be elected Associates and attend Club meetings upon the payment of the initiation fee and dues. Upon graduation they become eligible for election to membership. * 1941 1947 1953 1956 1960 1964 1968 1972 1976 1981 1985 1988 1995 2002
3. The Council may from time to time as deemed advisable select a meritorious person to be the recipient of the Club Medal. (Adopted November 7, 1923 re Book Y, p46, item 52. Referred to as the "4th standing rule") * 1930-31 1941 1947 1953 1956 1960 1964 1968 1972 1976 1981 1985 1988 1995 2002. First appears in the 1924 Year Book.
4. Dues of Club Medalists shall be remitted. (Adopted January 16, 1935 re Min1, p8, item12) ** First to appear this way (i.e. no non-resident) 1964 Year Book. 1968 1972 1976 1981 1985 1988 1995 2002
5. Members of fifty years' standing or longer shall be exempt from paying dues. First appearance 1981 Year Book. 1985 1988 1995 2002
6. Trustees of the Permanent Fund and past officers of the Club shall be welcome at meetings of the Council *ex officio*. (Adopted February 19, 1980 re Min4, p39, item 40) First appearance 1981 Year Book. 1985 1988 1995 2002

NOT IN 2002 Yearbook but presumably still in effect:

7. Members are liable to a dinner charge if they fail to give notice to the Secretary of their inability to honor their reservation by the Friday preceding the meeting. (Adopted August 13, 1981 re Min4, p87, item 89)

NOT IN 2002 Yearbook and presumably withdrawn:

2. Resident Members who expect to be absent from home for more than one year may have their annual dues for that year remitted if they notify the Secretary by letter of their intended absence. (From 1906 Year Book) 1914 1919 1924 1929 1930-31
3. In balloting on nominations to Fellowship a fraction of a vote can only be represented as a full vote. (From 1906 Year Book) 1914 1919 1924 1929 (last appearance)
4. A committee of three, including the President *ex-officio*, shall be appointed by the Fellows to consider the fitness of candidates for the Club Medal. Their findings shall be reported to the Fellows who shall elect the medalist. (From 1906 Year Book) 1914 1919 1921 (last appearance)

* Appear as such in the 1933 Club History version.

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** In 1935, 1941, 1947, 1949, 1953 1956 1960 Year Books this appears as: "4. Dues of Non-Resident Club Medalists shall be remitted." CHECK MINUTES OF January 16, 1935 re Min1, p8, item12. Last to appear this way (i.e. non-resident) 1960 Year Book.

Note: There are occasional re-wordings of individual rules over the years.

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3 Standing Rules appear in the Club History. Here a 4th is added (adopted January 16, 1935): Dues of non-resident Club medalists shall be remitted. (Min1, p8, item12. 1935)

"The Council approved a suggestion by Harold J. Coolidge that past officers of the Club be welcome at Council meetings ex-officio." (Min4, p39, item40. 1980)

Standing Rule approved: "Members are liable to a dinner charge if they fail to give notice to the Secretary of their inability to honor their reservation by the Friday preceding the meeting." (Min4, p87, item89. 1981)



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BOSTON, OCT - 1 1915

Gerrit Forbes, Esq.

To Baring Bros & Co Ltd, TO HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB, DR.
Bishopsgate, London E.C., England
Annual Dues for fiscal year ending May 1, 1916 \$5.00

EXTRACTS FROM ARTICLE V. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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Received Payment,

Treasurer,

53 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Standing Rules



2007-08

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council recommends that the Membership approve the following changes to the Club Constitution at the Club's Annual Meeting to be held at the Harvard Club of Boston at 8:15 p.m. on May 20, 2008.

Articles V.2(a) & (b) currently read:

- (a) Initiation fee shall be \$100, payable within sixty days of notification.
- (b) Annual dues shall be \$100 for Resident Members and \$50 for Non-Resident Members and Associates, payable in advance.

Change these to read:

- (a) An initiation fee shall be equal to one year of Resident Member dues, and shall be paid within sixty days of notification. Associate members shall be exempt from this fee.
- (b) Annual dues shall be \$120 for Resident Members and one-half of that amount for Non-Resident and Associate Members, and shall be paid by the first meeting of the Club year.

Add a new clause V.2(d):

- (d) Annual dues not paid in full by the January meeting shall be subject to a twenty-five percent surcharge.