ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

of the

Wisconsin Buttermakers' Association

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Article First. The undersigned have associated, and do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Wisconsin, for the year 1898, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the business, purposes and objects of which corporation shall be the education of its members for a better practical knowledge of creamery operation, promoting progress in the art of buttermaking, in the care and management of creameries, the sale, transportation and storage of butter, and in the weeding out of incompetency in the business of buttermaking; the further object of the incorporation is to demand a thorough revision and rigid enforcement of such laws as will protect the manufacture and sale of pure dairy products against fraudulent imitations, and to suggest and encourage the enactment of such laws in the future as experience may from time to time demonstrate to be necessary for the public good of the dairy industry.

Article Second. The name of said corporation shall be the "Wisconsin Buttermakers' Association," and its principal office and location at Madison, Wisconsin.

Article Third. The association shall be a corporation without capital stock. Any person who is a practical creamery operator, and such other persons as are connected or interested in the manufacture and sale of pure butter may become members of this corporation by paying one dollar ($1.00) annually in advance and signing the roll of membership.
Article Fourth. The general officers of said association shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and the board of directors shall consist of three members of the association. The term of the officers of the association shall be one year, or until their successors are elected at the next annual meeting following their election, and until such successors qualify. At the first meeting of the members of the association there shall be elected a director for the term of one year, a director for the term of two years, and a director for the term of three years, and thereafter there shall be elected at each annual meeting a director for the term of three years, and each director shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualifies.

Article Fifth. The principal duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members of the association during his term of office. He shall appoint all necessary committees and sign all orders drawn on the treasurer, and perform such other duties as may pertain to his office.

The vice president shall discharge the duties of the president in the event of the absence or disability, for any cause whatever, of the latter.

The principal duties of the secretary of said association shall be to keep a complete and accurate record of all meetings of the association or of the Board of Directors, keep a correct account of all finances received, pay all moneys into the hands of the treasurer and receive his receipt therefor, and to countersign all orders for money drawn upon the treasurer. He shall safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the association, or in any wise pertaining to the business thereof. He shall keep a complete list of the membership, help formulate and publish the program for the annual convention, publish a full report of said convention after adjournment, assist in such other matters of business as may pertain to the convention, and such other duties as properly belong to his office.

The principal duties of the treasurer shall be to faithfully
care for all moneys entrusted to his keeping, paying out same only on receipt of an order signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary. He shall file with the secretary of the association all bonds required by the articles of incorporation or the by-laws. He shall make at the annual meeting a detailed statement of the finances of the corporation. He must keep a regular book account, and his books shall be open for inspection at any time by any member of the association. He shall also perform such other duties as may properly belong to his office.

The board of directors shall be the executive committee and shall audit all accounts of the association or its officers and present a report of the same at the annual meeting. The executive committee shall assist in the necessary preparations for the annual convention and shall have sole charge of all irregularities or questions of dispute that may come up during any annual meeting. They shall determine the compensation that may be connected with any of the various offices.

The Board of Directors with the other officers of the association shall constitute the executive board, which board shall decide upon the date and place of holding the annual convention, premiums to be offered at said convention, and such other regulations as may be necessary for the success of the annual meeting.

Article Sixth. The treasurer of the corporation shall give a bond in the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the faithful performance of his duties. The said bond to be approved by the board of directors before being accepted by the secretary. Whenever the corporation may so desire, the office of secretary and treasurer may be held by one and the same person. This action can only be taken at a regular election of officers.

Article Seventh. These articles may be altered or amended at any regular session of an annual meeting of the members, proposed alterations or amendments shall have been read before the association at least twenty-four hours previously, and
provided the proposed alterations or amendments shall receive a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article Eighth. The first meeting of this corporation for the election of officers and directors shall be held on the 26th day of February, 1903, and such corporation shall hold a meeting of its members annually during each calendar year at such time and place as may be determined by the executive board.

BY-LAWS.

Article First. All elections shall be by ballot, except in the case of a single nominee, when election by acclamation may be substituted.

Article Second: The Association may accept such special or side premiums as, in the judgment of the executive committee, may seem for the best interests of the members.

Article Third. Only one tub of butter may be entered from any one creamery for competition for any of the prizes or premiums; if more than one tub is so entered such entries shall be debarred from participation in all premiums.

The size of butter packages entered in competition at the Association contest shall be no smaller than a twenty pound tub.

The butter so entered shall belong to the Association. After the scoring contest has been completed the said butter is to be sold; the Association will pay the express charges, the exhibitor’s membership dues for the current year and such other expenses as may be connected with the butter exhibit; the balance remaining from the sale of the butter shall be deposited in the treasury and be devoted to the premium fund for the next annual convention.

Article Fourth. The privileges of the Association butter contests are open to exhibitors outside of Wisconsin, but such exhibitor must be present in person, or have a representative of the creamery present at the convention to entitle him to