ARTICLES OF THE WISCONSIN CHEESE MAKERS’ ASSOCIATION

(As Amended November 12, 1942)

ARTICLE I

The undersigned has associated and do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under Chapter 86 of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1898 and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the business, purpose and object of which corporation shall be the education of its members for better work in the art of making cheese, the care and management of factories, the sale of their products, and the weeding out of incompetency in the business of cheese making, the further object of the corporation is to demand a thorough revision and rigid enforcement of such laws as will protect the manufacture of honest dairy products against undue competition from deceitful and dangerous imitations, and to unite the rank and file of its members in instituting a regular crusade against the unjust practice of pooling milk at cheese factories by weight, without regard to the butterfat which it contains.

A further aim is to unite the 2,000 or more cheesemakers and all associations of cheesemakers in Wisconsin under a state-wide plan for united action on all state-wide problems affecting cheesemakers.

ARTICLE II

This corporation shall be known as the “Wisconsin Cheese Makers’ Association,” and its principal office shall be at the home office of the Secretary.

ARTICLE III

The association shall be a corporation without capital stock. 
Active Membership. Any cheesemaker, past or present, in Wisconsin, may become an active member in this association, with the right to vote and speak in all association meetings by paying the annual membership fee, as fixed by the By-Laws, in advance to the Secretary of the Association, for the current calendar year.
Associate Membership. Any other person, not eligible to become an active member, may become an associate member of this association and attend all meetings of the association, but not to vote, by paying in advance the annual membership fee, as fixed by the By-Laws, to the Association Secretary for the current calendar year.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The general officers of said corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the directors, at the first meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least nine members, actively engaged in the manufacture of cheese.

Section 3. At each annual meeting of the members there shall be elected at least three directors for a term of three years, excepting the first such meeting following the adoption of this amendment, when at least three directors shall be elected for terms of one year, two years and three years respectively.

This amendment shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of October, 1955.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. 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 special committees. He shall appoint a committee on resolutions, and a program committee. He shall also provide for suitable medals at the expense of the Association.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the latter’s absence.

Section 3. The principal duties of the Secretary of the Association shall be to keep a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and the Association and to attend all meetings, keep a correct account of the finances and receive his receipts therefore. He shall keep a record book and suitable blanks for his office. He shall make a full and complete report at each annual meeting of the correct state of the finances and standing of the Association. He shall also procure certificates or received, pay all moneys into the hands of the
Treasurer and re (??) other evidence of membership and every person joining the Association shall receive one signed by the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or by any proper authorized fieldman or solicitor of members.

The Secretary shall qualify for office by filing with the President a satisfactory bond at the expense of the Association.

Section 4. The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be faithfully to care for all monies entrusted to his keeping, paying out the same only on proper authorization. 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 shall keep a regular book account, and his books shall be open to inspection at any time by any member of the Association.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee and shall audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and present a report of the same at the annual meeting; Executive Committee shall procure a place to hold the meeting, make all rules and regulations pertaining thereto and pertaining to exhibits and make arrangements for reception committees, hotel rates, hall and all necessary preliminary arrangements for each and every meeting.

Section 6. The Committee on Program shall make all arrangements for the proper working of the conventions, assigning all subjects, arranging for speakers, and make the division of time for the election of officers, conducting business meetings, and any other matters that may properly come under this division.

Section 7. The Committee on resolutions shall draw up such resolutions as the exigencies of the time may require and which shall express the sense of the Association.

Section 8. The said officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall from time to time be imposed or required by the members of the corporation in annual meeting, or by the Board of Directors or as may be prescribed from time to time by the By-Laws, and any of the duties and powers of the officers may be performed or exercised by such other officer or officers, or such other person or committee as the corporation or Board of Directors may authorize.
ARTICLE VI

The Treasurer of the corporation shall give satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE VII

These Articles may be altered or amended at any regular session of any annual meeting of the members, provided the proposed alterations or amendments shall have been read before the Association at least twenty-four hours previously, and provided also that such alterations or amendments shall receive a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII

The corporation shall hold a meeting of members annually during each calendar year at such time as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. To promote united action by all cheesemakers and associations within the State, any cheesemakers' association in Wisconsin, all of those members are also members of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, shall be an affiliate of the State Association. Each such affiliate shall aid in the statewide work of this Association as required by these Articles and By-Laws, but each affiliate shall be independent and self-governing in all its own local affairs and business.

ARTICLE X

Members of this Association, who in the future, are found guilty of repeatedly violating the State law or whose activities are in conflict with the best interests of the Association may be barred from membership in this Association at any time by a majority vote of the Directors.