

Article IX

(Adopted 1931)

Section 1. To promote united action by all cheese makers and associations within the state, any organized association may become a branch of this Wisconsin Cheese Makers' Association, by a two-thirds vote of its paid up membership at any of its regular meetings, and report the vote to the state association secretary. Each such branch shall aid in the state wide work of this association as required by these articles and by-laws, but each branch shall be independent and self-governing in all of its own local affairs and business.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the state association, through its officers and members, to promote and aid in the organization of new branches, local and district in all parts of the state where none exist.

Amendments Adopted

(See Annual Reports)

(1) The secretary shall qualify for office by filing with the president a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$4000, at the expense of the Association. (See 1929 Annual Report, page 90.)

(2) The Board of Directors shall consist of five members instead of three. (1925, page 61.)

(3) Persons who in the future are found guilty of repeatedly violating our state laws shall be barred from membership in this Association. (1920, page 98.)

(4) Rule on the financing of new projects. Appropriations of association funds shall not be made by the convention, unless means for raising the necessary funds are also provided at the same time, but new projects requiring expenditures shall be referred to the Board of Directors in the form of recommendations. (1921, page 71.)

(5) New score card to be used. (1921, page 136.)

(6) License numbers of the maker and the factory shall appear upon all entry blanks of exhibits for prizes. (1911, page 104.)

(7) Prizes for cheese exhibits shall be awarded to the makers of the cheese only, and the maker's name must appear on each entry blank. (1907, page 148; 1908, page 232.)

(8) Pro-rata premium fund established. (1907, page 149; 1908, page 231.)

(9) Hereafter, Class 1 of the prize exhibits shall be American cheese made before September 1. Class 2 shall consist of all styles American cheese made during September and October. Class 3 shall consist of all styles American cheese made during November and December of the same year. Class 4 shall consist of Colby type cheese. (1922, page 17; 1923, page 78.)

Further slight changes in the exhibit rules have been made from year to year, as conditions required, at the direction and with the approval of the Board of Directors. (See entry blank used in 1929.)

(10) A half day's session of the convention shall be set apart for discussions by licensed cheese makers only. (1926, page 58.)

(11) By vote, the convention recommended to the Board of Directors that the dates of the convention be changed to early in December, providing halls can be secured. (1924, Jan., page 60.)

(12) *Resolved*: That this Association in order to do greater honor to our best prize winning cheese makers, adopts the following rules:

1. A special class of honor cheese makers shall be created from our membership during the past twelve years.

2. Every cheese maker who, by the records in the secretary's office, is shown to have received either three first sweepstake prizes on American cheese, or three first prizes on Swiss cheese, or three first prizes on Brick cheese, or three first prizes on Limburger cheese shall be placed in this honor class.

3. Members of this class shall hereafter compete only for such prizes as may be offered for this honor class. (1928, Nov., page 73.)

(13) By vote of the convention in 1933, the annual dues for members were raised to \$2.00 per year, and exhibit fees were raised to \$2.00 per exhibit. Subscribing members are entitled, by payment of \$1.00 per year, to receive News Letters and legislative bills, but not to attend the convention sessions.

The directors, by vote in April 1934, instructed the secretary to collect \$1.00 membership fee and \$1.00 exhibit fee at the 1934 convention.

(14) By vote of the convention in 1934, it was ordered that at all future conventions the official score of all cheese exhibits be announced and distributed at the opening session of the second day of the convention so as to enable members to contact and converse with the high score cheese makers.