

The Cooper Union Alumni Association **HANDBOOK**



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Mission Statement

The Cooper Union Alumni Association (CUAA) provides a vital link between the alumni and the institution, building a strong body of support to preserve, protect and promote The Cooper Union.

Objectives

- Service to Alumni:
Develop and manage a broad range of programs, events and services that foster career development among the alumni and enable alumni to maintain strong relationships with their fellow alumni and with the institution.
- Service to School:
Engage the alumni in actively supporting the mission of the school by harnessing the skills, abilities and experiences of the alumni body for the benefit of The Cooper Union.
- Financial Support of the School:
Provide motivation and leadership that encourages strong financial support from alumni.
- Recognition:
Recognize and promote the achievements of its alumni and the institution to students, alumni and the external community to highlight the importance of The Cooper Union.

Key Strategies

- Sponsor a year-round program of events and activities that encourage alumni participation.
- Support a Class Representatives organization and regional chapters, where appropriate, to engage alumni throughout the country.
- Maintain effective online and printed communications to facilitate contact between alumni, career networking and greater awareness of activities at The Cooper Union and the CUAA.
- Provide awards and recognition to celebrate the professional achievements of the alumni.
- Provide programs and services that assist alumni in meeting their career development needs.
- Provide major contributions to the school's financial stability by allocating significant resources to support the Annual Fund and major capital needs.

- Offer counseling on financial and tax strategies for donors and potential donors.
- Engage alumni in efforts to secure corporate, foundation and non-alumni individual contributions.
- Capitalize on the intellectual capabilities of alumni to assist in problem-solving and institutional development.
- Continually evaluate its structure, programs and services to promote exceptional communication with alumni, ever-expanding inclusiveness and ongoing growth in Association capabilities.
- Select alumni representatives to the Board of Trustees and faculty liaison committees.

> **Operations**

Executive Committee The Executive Committee is composed of the President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate two Past Presidents, the Chairperson of the Annual Fund and Nominating Committees, and the four Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees. It meets at least nine (9) times annually and is responsible for conducting the affairs of the Association in accordance with policies established by the Council.

President The president presides at all meetings of the Association, the Council and the Executive Committee, is an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee, and shall perform all other duties required for the functioning of the Association. The President also holds a non-voting seat on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees.

VP/Alumni Activities Responsible for all alumni activities including creating local Chapters of the Association and acting as the focal point for local chapters. This officer shall also be the primary liaison to the Class Representatives.

VP/Faculty and Student Liaison Acts as Chair of the Faculty Committee and liaison with the Deans of The Cooper Union and assists in the selection of candidates for Alumni Representatives on Cooper Union faculty and administrative committees. Maintains liaison with Student Organizations and Alumni/Student Committee.

Secretary/Treasurer Maintains liaison, engages and reviews budget in conjunction with the office. Creates accurate statements of the Association budget and minutes.

Nominating Committee Chairperson Presents a slate of candidates for officers and members of the Council to the Executive Committee at its February meeting.

Annual Fund Committee Chairperson Works with the Associate Director, Annual Giving to develop a year-round Annual Fund campaign and motivates alumni to support the Annual Fund. Responsibilities include management of Phonathon.

Alumni Trustees Communicate the voice of CUAA and constituents to the Board of Trustees, and communicate the actions of the Board to the CUAA, as appropriate.

Past Presidents Provide continuity and ensure transition of officers, executive committee and council members.

Alumni Council The Council consists of:

- The Officers of the Association.
- Thirty-six (36) members who represent the various schools and graduating classes of The Cooper Union.
- Twelve (12) members are elected each year to serve for three (3) years.
- Past Presidents and past/present alumni representatives to The Cooper Union Board of Trustees.

The responsibilities of the Council members include:

- Supporting and implementing the goals of the CUAA.
- Serving on at least one committee as a member or chair. Providing leadership and actively participate in the success of those committees.
- Nominating candidates for the Nominating Committee.
- Resolving tie votes for any office or membership on the Council.
- Nominating Alumni Representatives to The Cooper Union faculty and administrative committees and receiving reports from all committee chairs.
- Approving candidates for Alumni Representative to The Cooper Union Board of Trustees and filling vacancies among these Representatives.
- Removing any member who fails to participate in Council functions, and fill any vacancy on the Council.

> **Committees**

The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a chairperson and at least two members of each of the following committees, and may assign ad hoc committees as deemed necessary:

Current

Social Affairs Committee
 Founder's Day Commemorating Committee
 Founder's Day Dinner Committee
 Student Affairs Committee
 Constitution Committee
 Class Reunions Committee
 Gano Dunn Medal Committee

Proposed*

Events Committee
 Events Committee
 Events Committee
 Student Ambassadors Liaisons
 Ad Hoc
 Events Committee
 Gano Dunn Award Committee

continued

Current

St. Gauden's Medal Committee

Audit Committee

Archives Committee

Editorial Committee

Annual Fund Committee

Proposed*

St. Gauden's Award Committee

John Hejduk Award Committee

Ad Hoc

Ad Hoc

Editorial Committee

Annual Fund Committee

* may require Constitution or By Law changes

- President designates committee chair.
- Only Council members can chair committees, any alumnus/a can be on a committee and the President is an ex-officio member of every committee with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- Committees and chairs assigned clear goals, timelines and responsibilities. Present reports/updates to the Executive Committee (as above) and formal reports to the Council.

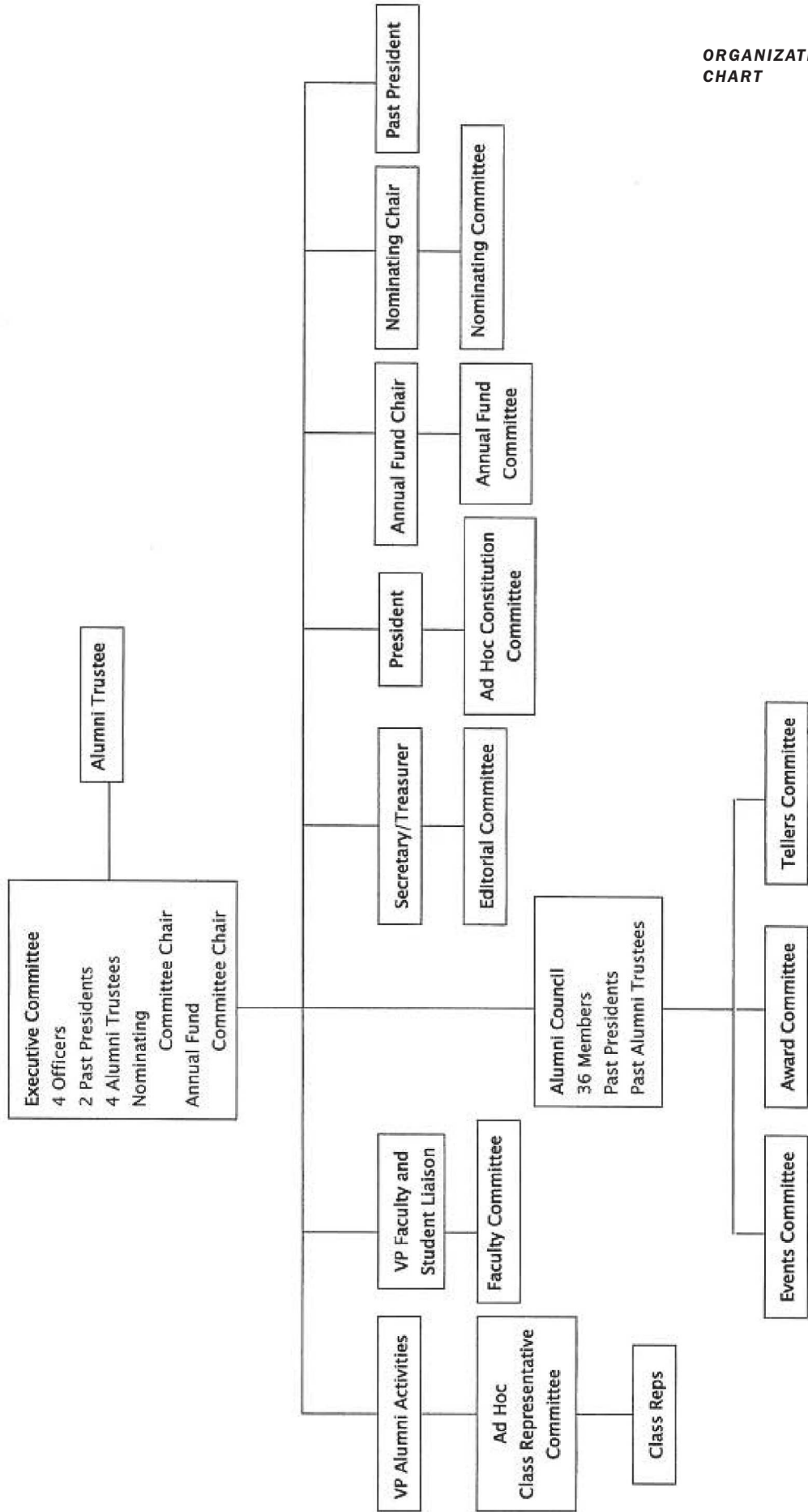
> The Office of Alumni Affairs

The Office of Alumni Affairs will provide the professional, creative and administrative support and input necessary to the operation of the Association and its social, educational and fundraising programs. The office will maintain all records and shall be the repository of all documents of the Association.

This document is the result of extensive input from the Executive Committee and the staff. The Mission Statement and Operating Plan are guidelines for the Alumni Association to work more closely with the alumni and The Cooper Union.

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Constitution

(Approved) May 14, 2007

Article I. Name

The name of this association shall be: The Cooper Union Alumni Association.

Article II. Purpose

The Association shall be a charitable, educational and social organization. The Association shall be organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of promoting The Cooper Union by coordinating activities on behalf of its alumni, former students and all others having the interests of The Cooper Union at heart. In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between The Cooper Union, dated February 1, 1974, and as amended on January 5, 2000, the Alumni Association shall cooperate with the Trustees, the administration, the faculties and the students in all ways possible to increase its facilities and its power for good in the community, and to advance the ideals of the Founder, Peter Cooper, in accordance with the deed of trust of The Cooper Union and the letter of Peter Cooper accompanying it.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Graduates of The Cooper Union and former students who were not graduated but who shall have matriculated and attended at least one year, left The Cooper Union in good standing, and whose classes shall have been graduated, shall be members of the Association.

Section 2. Members shall be eligible to hold elective positions in the Association and on the Board of Trustees of The Cooper Union and shall have the right to:

- A.** Vote for alumni representatives on the Board of Trustees of The Cooper Union;
- B.** Vote for members of the Nominating Committee;
- C.** Vote for elective officers of the Association;
- D.** Vote for members of the Alumni Association Council;
- E.** Vote on amendments to the Constitution and propose amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws by petition;
- F.** Serve on committees to assist the Association and the College.

Article IV. Organization

The Association shall be governed by officers, committees, and a Council with duties and powers as specified in Articles V, VI, and IX. The manner of election or selection of officers, committees, and the Council shall be as specified in Article IX. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings by bodies of the Association.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President/Alumni Activities, Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually and shall serve for one year, from July 1 to June 30, or until their successors are qualified. They can be re-elected.

Section 3. The duties and powers of the officers shall be as follows:

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the Council and the Executive Committee. He shall designate an officer who will preside in his absence. If he fails to do so, the Council or the Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman at meetings which he does not attend.

- A.** With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the President shall be a non-voting exofficio member of all committees.
- B.** He shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms, nor shall he appoint himself as chairman of any standing committee.
- C.** He may not be employed as a faculty or staff member of The Cooper Union during his tenure as President of the Alumni Association.

Vice President /Alumni Activities: The Vice President /Alumni Activities shall be responsible for the following:

- A.** Plan and aid in the formation of local and regional groups of alumni and their activities.
- B.** Oversee all events created by and for alumni.
- C.** Perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison: The Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison shall appoint and preside over the Faculty Committee as follows:

- A.** Maintain liaison with the Deans of the College in the selection of candidates for alumni representation on the faculty and administrative committees.
- B.** Maintain liaison with the student organizations and alumni/student committees.
- C.** Perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/ Treasurer shall act as general agent of the Association under the direction of the Executive Committee and the Council. He shall be the liaison with the Director of Alumni Relations. (See Article XI.)

- A.** He shall review the proposed budget annually for the operation of the Association. He shall also review the necessary justification of this budget. The budget shall include the operation of the Alumni Relations Office (see Article XI and XII).
- B.** He shall receive and expend funds for Association activities.
- C.** He shall render a true and accurate statement of the affairs of the Association including all actual or contingent assets and liabilities. His accounts shall be audited at the end of each fiscal year.

- D.** The books and records shall be kept in the Alumni Relations Office and shall be open for inspection by the Council or a Committee appointed for such purpose. He shall have access to all valuable papers, contingent deeds of gifts, monies and funds of the Association.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. The Committees of the Association shall be the Executive, Annual Fund, Nominating, Faculty, Editorial, and such other committees as may be established by the By-Laws. The President shall appoint all the committee chairs, with the approval of the Executive Committee, except the Executive, Nominating and Alumni Association Faculty Committees.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the current officers, the immediate two available Past Presidents, the Chairmen of the Annual Fund and Nominating Committees, and the alumni representatives on the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee shall meet at least nine (9) times annually and shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Association in accordance with policies established by the Council. It shall have the power to instruct the Secretary/Treasurer to expend funds within the limits of approved budgets. The Executive Committee shall prepare agendas for meetings of the Council and shall receive reports from all committees.

- A.** Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be distributed to the Council.
- B.** The Executive Committee shall provide policy direction through the Secretary/Treasurer in the operation of the Alumni Relations Office (see Section XI).
- C.** Five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Annual Fund Committee shall conduct the annual giving campaign with the assistance of the Alumni Relations Office and in cooperation with the Development Office of The Cooper Union. The chairman of this committee shall be selected from members of the Council and may serve beyond his term as a member of the Council.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall be constituted and shall function in accordance with Article IX.

Section 5. The Faculty Committee, reporting to the Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison, shall establish procedures for working with faculty and administrative committees of the College. The Faculty Committee shall report regularly to the Council, and shall submit a written report annually to the Council on the activities of alumni representatives on The Cooper Union faculty and administrative committees.

- A.** Two Alumni Representatives shall serve on such Cooper Union committees as agreed upon by Deans of the Schools and the Council.
- B.** The term of each representative is to be for one (1) academic year with rotation encouraged but reappointment possible.

C. The Council through the Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison, will submit names to the Deans of each school each year for acceptance.

Section 6. The Editorial Committee shall assist in the gathering of alumni news, edit Alumni Association publications and website as directed by the Council, and cooperate with the editorial staff of The Cooper Union regarding the Alumni Association section of the College's publications.

Section 7. Ad hoc committees may be appointed at any time by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. Ad hoc committees shall submit timely reports to the Executive Committee.

Section 8. No committee shall make binding commitments with outside parties on behalf of the Alumni Association without the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article VII. Alumni Association Council

Section 1. Membership: The Council shall consist of the following:

- A.** The Officers of the Association;
- B.** Thirty-six (36) members who shall be representative of the various branches and classes of The Cooper Union, and of geographic locations of alumni. Twelve (12) members shall be elected each year to serve for three (3) years. No member shall be nominated under this Section to serve more than two full consecutive three-year terms. Alternates, in order of the greatest number of votes received, shall fill vacant positions to maintain thirty-six (36) members on the Council;
- C.** All Past Presidents;
- D.** Past and present alumni representatives on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Duties and powers: The Council shall:

- A.** Direct the Secretary/Treasurer as general agent of the Association and inspect his records;
- B.** Replace any member who fails to participate in its functions, and fill any vacancy on the Council in accordance with Article IX, Section 6;
- C.** Nominate candidates for the Nominating Committee;
- D.** Resolve tie votes for any office or membership on the Council;
- E.** Approve candidates for alumni representatives on the Board of Trustees and fill vacancies among these representatives in accordance with Article IX;
- F.** Approve alumni representatives on The Cooper Union faculty and administrative committees and receive reports from them;
- G.** Review the budget proposed annually by the Secretary/Treasurer for presentation to the Board of Trustees;
- H.** Serve on committees for events, discussion and other alumni activities;
- I.** Approve proposed amendments to the Constitution for presentation to the membership, in accordance with Article XIII;
- J.** Establish and amend By-Laws of the Association in accordance with Article XIV.

Section 3. The Council shall meet at least four (4) times a year, in September, November, February and May. Nineteen (19) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Additional meetings of the Council may be called by the President on his own initiative, or when requested in writing by five (5) Council members.

Section 5. The objectives of the Council are:

- A.** Service to Alumni: To develop and manage a broad range of programs, events and services to enable alumni to maintain strong relationships with their fellow alumni and with the institution and to foster career development among alumni.
- B.** Service to the College: To engage the alumni in actively supporting the mission of the College by harnessing the skills, abilities and experiences of the alumni body for the benefit of The Cooper Union.
- C.** Financial Support of the College: To provide motivation and leadership that encourages strong financial support from alumni.
- D.** Recognition: To recognize and promote the achievements of its alumni and the institution to students, alumni, and the external community to highlight the importance of The Cooper Union.

Article VIII. Awards

The following will be conferred annually. Guidelines should include one award in each category. The Executive Committee must approve of any multiple awards.

- A.** To an alumnus of the School of Engineering for outstanding professional achievement;
- B.** To an alumnus of the School of Art for outstanding professional achievement;
- C.** To an alumnus of the School of Architecture for outstanding professional achievement;
- D.** To an alumnus for outstanding dedication and commitment to the Alumni Association and The Cooper Union.

Article IX. Nominations & Elections

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of two (2) most recent past presidents of the Association and ten (10) additional members, nominated and elected as prescribed in Section 2 of this article. Seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee will constitute a quorum at all Nominating Committee meetings.

Section 2. The Council shall at its February meeting nominate and approve at least twelve (12) candidates for the Nominating Committee to serve one (1) year. Each additional candidate for the committee may be submitted by petition. Each such petition may nominate only one (1) candidate, and shall bear the signatures of at least three (3) members of the Association submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association prior to the February meeting of the Council. All nominations received through petitions shall be placed on the general election ballot and mailed to members.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall designate the nominee for the position of alumni representative on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees. The nominee shall be submitted to the Council and to the Trustees for approval as the candidate to be included on the annual ballot.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of candidates for officers and members of the Council at the February Alumni Council meeting. As soon as possible thereafter, but not later than March 15, the Secretary/Treasurer shall mail ballots to all alumni. The election shall be based on the ballots received as of May 1.

Section 5. At the February meeting of the Council:

- A.** The President shall appoint a committee of tellers consisting of no less than three (3) members who shall count the ballots and report the tally at the May meeting.
- B.** The candidates for the various offices and membership on the Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- C.** The ten (10) candidates for the Nominating Committee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected and the person receiving the highest number of votes among them shall be its Chairman. If the person receiving the highest number of votes cannot serve, then the person receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve and so on. The candidates receiving less votes than the highest ten (10) shall serve as alternate members of the committee in the order of the number of votes received whenever permanent or temporary vacancies on the committee occur.
- D.** If a member of the Council becomes an officer or Alumni Trustee, his Council post should be replaced by an alternate. See Article VII (b).
- E.** All elected officers, members of the Council and members of the Nominating Committee shall commence their terms of office on July 1 and shall serve for their elected terms or until their successors shall assume office. In the event of a tie vote for any office or membership on the Council, the election shall be resolved by a majority vote of the Council at its first meeting following the election.
- F.** No faculty or staff member of The Cooper Union who is an alumnus can serve as Alumni Trustee, chair of the Nominating Committee or on the Executive Board but can serve as a member of the Council if elected.

Section 6. When any vacancy occurs in the Council or among the officers, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by a two-thirds vote of the Council by mail ballot from a list of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Article X. Alumni Representation on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees

Section 1. Four (4) members of The Cooper Union Board of Trustees shall be elected by the alumni. The alumni shall elect one (1) alumnus member each year for a four-year term to represent alumni on the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. In case of inability of an elected representative on the board to serve his full term, the Council shall designate by its two-thirds majority vote an alternate representative on the Board of Trustees to serve the unexpired term subject to acceptance by the Trustees. The candidate will be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. The Trustees elected by the alumni shall serve in a liaison capacity between the Council and The Cooper Union Board of Trustees and are expected to attend Executive Board and Council meetings whenever possible.

Section 4. No Alumni Association representative on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees shall be eligible for election by the alumni to serve more than one full term, in addition to filling a possible vacancy among the alumni representatives on The Cooper Union Board of Trustees.

Section 5. The current president of the Alumni Association shall serve on the Board of Trustees of The Cooper Union as a non-voting member.

Article XI. Office of Alumni Relations

Section 1. The Office of Alumni Relations shall provide all administrative services necessary to the operation of the Association and fundraising programs conducted by the Association. The office shall maintain all records and shall be the repository of all documents of the Association.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall establish the operating policies for the Alumni Relations Office. The Secretary/Treasurer will implement these policies as part of his responsibility to oversee the operation of the Alumni Relations Office.

Section 3. The Alumni Relations director and staff shall cooperate with and assist committee chairmen and Executive Board members regarding the planning and execution of events, activities, awards and other Alumni Association matters that occur throughout the year.

By-Laws >

BY-LAWS

(Approved) February 13, 2007

Section I.

General Membership Meetings

- A.** The time and place of each general membership meeting shall be selected by the Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- B.** A written notice announcing each meeting must be mailed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section II. Council Meetings

- A.** The President shall set the time and place for each Council meeting prescribed in Article VII of the Constitution.
- B.** Written and e-mail notice of each Council meeting must be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to each meeting date.
- C.** The nominated incoming President-elect shall be invited to attend all Executive Committee and Alumni Council meetings following his election.

Section III. Standing Committees

- A.** In addition to committees established under Article VI of the Constitution, the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a chairman of each of the following committees:

- 1.** Events Committee, which shall be responsible for planning and conducting all social affairs not specifically assigned to other committees. The Events Committee shall include Founder's Day Committee, which shall plan and arrange for an annual dinner to commemorate Peter Cooper's birthday, the Young Alumni Committee, and a Student Affairs Committee, which shall cooperate with The Cooper Union's student organization to promote athletic and other activities. The Student Affairs Committee should report to the Vice President/Faculty and Student Liaison. The Executive Committee shall approve all Events Committee policy decisions and proposed events.
- 2.** Constitution Committee, which shall draft and recommend, for vote by the Council, amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 3.** Class Reunions Committee, which shall organize and conduct reunions of classes and groups of classes.
- 4.** Gano Dunn Award Committee, which shall select an alumnus of the School of Engineering as the recipient of a medal for outstanding achievement in engineering, industry, science or finance, and report their selection to the Executive Committee.
- 5.** Augustus St. Gauden's Award Committee, which shall select an alumnus of the School of Art as the recipient of a medal for outstanding achievement in the arts, and report their selection to the Executive Committee.

6. John Hejduk Award Committee, which shall select an alumnus of the School of Architecture as the recipient of a medal for outstanding achievement in architecture, and report their selection to the Executive Committee.
7. Alumnus of the Year Award for outstanding service to The Cooper Union and/or the Alumni Association shall be designated by the Executive Committee. In addition, and when appropriate, an award for outstanding service and dedication to the Alumni Association and/or The Cooper Union should be given to a young alumnus, and be known as the Young Alumnus of the Year Award.
8. Auditing Committee, which shall audit periodically the accounts kept by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association and report to the Council on the state of the accounts at the end of the fiscal year.
9. Archives Committee, which shall meet periodically to determine which documents of the Association are to be retained for permanent records.
10. Editorial Committee, which shall assist in the gathering of alumni news, edit Alumni Association publications and website as directed by the Council, and cooperate with the editorial staff of The Cooper Union regarding the Alumni Association section of the College's publications.

B.

1. Only members of the Council may be appointed as chairs of standing committees.
2. The chairs of each committee may appoint additional members to the committee from the Council or general membership.
3. The President shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of every committee, except for the Nominating Committee.
4. All committee decisions shall be presented and accepted by the Executive Committee before implementation.

Section IV. Amendments

- A. The Council must consider proposals for amendments and follow the procedure prescribed in Article XIII of the Constitution or in Section IV, Paragraph B, of these By-Laws, whichever is applicable, under the following circumstances:
 1. When the Executive Committee makes such a request.
 2. When the Constitution Committee makes such a request.
 3. When petitioned by at least 50 alumni representing at least five graduated classes.

B. The procedure for amendment of the By-Laws shall be as follows:

- 1.** Copies of proposed amendments shall be mailed to all Council members with the notice of the Council meeting at which the amendments are to be voted.
- 2.** A Council member who cannot attend the meeting may cast his vote by mail provided that it arrives at the Alumni Relations Office prior to the meeting.
- 3.** A two-thirds majority of all votes cast, whether by mail or in person, shall be required to pass an amendment.

Section V. Distribution of Documents

- A.** Copies of The Cooper Union Alumni Association Constitution, By-Laws and the Memorandum of Agreement between The Cooper

Union Alumni Association and The Cooper Union dated February 1, 1974, as amended in January 5, 2000, shall be furnished by the Alumni Relations Office to the newly elected alumni representative on the Cooper Union Board of Trustees and to each newly elected Alumni Association officer and Council member and to members of all Alumni Association committees and to the President of The Cooper Union for distribution to the Board of Trustees.

Section VI. Same as Article XVI of the Constitution.

**Memorandum
of Agreement** >

Revised Memorandum of Agreement between The Cooper Union Alumni Association and The Cooper Union

(Original) February 1, 1974 (Revised) January 5, 2000


- 1.** The Alumni Association will consist of all former matriculated students of The Cooper Union. Dues are not to be required as a condition of membership.
- 2.** Association representation on the Board of Trustees
 - A.** There will be four representatives, each elected for a 4-year term in a manner such that one term ends each year. No one is to serve for more than one full term as Alumni Association representative, except that he may have previously served a partial term.
 - B.** The nominees for this position each year will be designated by the Nominating Committee from the Alumni Association.
 - C.** The representatives will be elected by the Alumni Association.
 - D.** The Alumni representatives on the Board will serve as full Trustees with the same responsibility and authority as all other Trustees on the Board.
 - E.** The Alumni representatives will be ex-officio members of the Council of the Alumni Association*.
 - F.** The current president of the Alumni Association shall attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees of The Cooper Union as a non-voting member.
- 3.** Alumni representation on Cooper Union committees
 - A.** Two Alumni representatives will serve on such committees as may be agreed upon by The Cooper Union and the Council of the Alumni Association.
 - B.** The term is to be for one academic year with rotation encouraged but reappointment possible.
 - C.** The Council of the Alumni Association will submit names to The Cooper Union each year for acceptance.
 - D.** The representatives will report regularly to the Council of the Alumni Association.

* "Council of the Alumni Association" designates the successor body to the Alumni Association Board of Governors

- 4. The present Alumni Association Office and the Office of Alumni Relations are to be merged into one Alumni Office. The employees of the Alumni Office are to be employees of The Cooper Union, subject to all personnel policies of The Cooper Union and entitled to all employee benefits of The Cooper Union. They shall be appointed by the President of The Cooper Union with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association.
- 5. The Alumni Association will assume leadership for the Alumni Fund and the operation of the Alumni Office and take full responsibility for all alumni activities.
- 6. Operating funds for the Alumni Association will be provided by The Cooper Union. The Alumni Association budget (including funds for the operation of the Alumni Office and all alumni activities) shall be formulated and submitted for the normal budget procedures of The Cooper Union by the Director of Alumni Relations with approval of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Alumni Association.

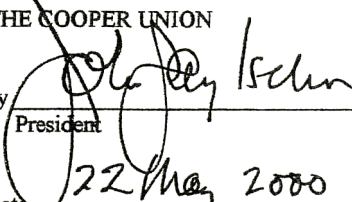
This revision shall take effect immediately upon signing by The Cooper Union President and The Cooper Union Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the President of the The Cooper Union Alumni Association.

COOPER UNION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

by 
President

Date April 4, 2000

THE COOPER UNION

by 
President

Date 22 May, 2000

by 
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date 24 May 2000

Charter



Charter

*(As Amended by Chapter 257 of the Laws of 1969
and by Resolution of the Regents of the University
of the State of New York dated January 26, 1972.)
And amended August 24, 1987*

> Chapter 279

An Act

To amend an act passed February 17th, 1857, entitled "An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a Scientific Institution in the City of New York," and also to amend the act passed March 21st, 1857, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a Scientific Institution in the City of New York,' " passed February 17th, 1857.

[Passed April 13th, 1859; Three-fifths being present.]

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows.

Section 1. The act passed February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a Scientific Institution in the city of New York," and also the act passed March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a scientific institution in the City of New York,'" passed February 17th, 1857, are hereby amended, so that the same shall read as follows:

§ 2. Peter Cooper, of the City of New York, is hereby authorized to convey to the body corporate hereinafter created, that certain block of land situate in the said city, and bounded northerly by Astor Place, easterly by the Third Avenue, southerly by Seventh Street, and westerly by the Fourth Avenue, with the edifice thereon erected, and all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, for the purpose of founding and establishing a public institution in said city for the advancement of science, art, philosophy, and letters, for procuring and maintaining scientific and historical collections, collections of chemical and philosophical apparatus, mechanical and artistic models, books, drawings, pictures and statues, and for cultivating other means of instruction to, for, and upon the uses, intents and purposes, and upon the trusts, and subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in a deed which shall correspond in form to the following, that is to say:

This Indenture, made and entered into the day of in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, by and between Peter Cooper, of the city, county and State of New York, and Sarah, his wife, parties hereto of the first part, and "The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party hereunto of the second part, witnesseth that the parties hereto of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of the United States, to them in hand paid by the said party hereto of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and of other good considerations them "hereunto moving, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remixed, released and forever conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors for ever, all and singular, the block of ground situate, lying and being in the city, county and State aforesaid, and bounded northerly by Astor Place, easterly by Third Avenue, southerly by Seventh Street, and westerly by the Fourth Avenue, together with the building thereon erected, and all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances "hereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profit thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, dower and right of dower, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said parties of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold, all and singular the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and its successors, in trust, nevertheless, and subject to the following conditions and restrictions to, for and upon the following uses, intents, and purposes, and to, for, and upon such other uses, intents, and purposes as are embraced in an act incorporating the party hereto of the second part, passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, the day of , in the year , and entitled "An act to amend the act passed February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled 'An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a scientific institution in the City of New York,' " and also to amend the act passed March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a scientific institution in the City of New York,' " passed February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, or as shall be permitted thereby, and by any acts amendatory thereof: provided only that such other uses, interests, and purposes shall not contravene, or in any way be inconsistent with or opposed to the following specially enumerated restrictions and conditions, uses, intents, and purposes, to, for and upon which the conveyance is specially made, that is to say:

First. That the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, and the rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, shall be forever devoted to the instruction and improvement of the inhabitants of the United States in practical science and art.

Second. That the management and control of the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, and of any other property or money at any time to belong to the party of the second part, and the receipt and expenditure of the rents, issues, income and profits thereof, shall be forever committed, subject to the conditions and restrictions herein contained, and to such other conditions and restrictions as are or shall be contained in the aforesaid act of incorporation of the party thereto of the second part, or in any acts amendatory thereof, to a board of trustees, which shall consist of not less than seven and not more than twenty-five persons; that every succeeding vacancy in said board of trustees shall be filled by the surviving or remaining trustees by ballot; that to elect any person trustee shall require the vote of at least a majority of trustees then in office for such person; and that the oldest lineal male descendant of Peter Cooper shall be a trustee ex gratia.

Third. The members of such board of trustees shall hold their offices as such trustees for a term of three years or such longer or additional term or terms as the by-laws may provide; provided that for cause any such member may be removed by order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, on application of either of the trustees, or a majority of the Council of "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," on notice to him of application for such removal; and a trustee may resign his office, and thereupon he shall cease to be a trustee upon the election of his successor.

Fourth. The premises above mentioned and described, and the appurtenances, including all future endowments made to the party hereto of the second part, the appropriation of which shall not be specially provided by the parties making the same, and all money and property which shall at any time belong to the party hereto of the second part, and all the rents, income, issues, and profits thereof, shall be devoted to and among the following objects and purposes: the division and appropriation of such rents, income, issues, and profits to and among such objects and purposes being left discretionary with the Board of Trustees provided for as aforesaid, and it being left discretionary with such board when and to what extent they shall carry out any of such objects and purposes, save and excepting that the course of instruction on social and political science, hereinafter provided for, shall have the preference over all the other objects of expenditure specified herein, in case there shall not be means adequate for them all, and shall forever stand pre-eminent among them.

1. To regular courses of instructions, at night, free to all who shall attend the same, under the general regulations of the trustees, on the application of science to the useful occupations of life, on social and political science, meaning thereby not merely the science of political economy, but the science and philosophy of a just and equitable form of government, based upon the great fundamental law that nations and men should do unto each other as they would be done by, and on such other branches of knowledge as in the opinion of the Board of Trustees will tend to improve and elevate the working classes of the City of New York.

2. To the support and maintenance of a free reading-room, of galleries of art, and of scientific collections, designed, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, to improve and instruct those classes of the inhabitants of the City of New York whose occupations are such as to be calculated, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, to deprive them of proper recreation and instruction.

3. To provide and maintain a school for the instruction of respectable females in the arts of design, and, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, to afford to respectable females instruction in such other art or trade as will tend to furnish them suitable employment.

4. As soon as, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the funds which shall from time to time be at their disposal, will warrant such an expenditure, such funds shall be appropriated to the establishment and maintenance of a thorough polytechnic school; the requirements to admission to which shall be left to the discretion of the said Board of Trustees, and shall be specifically determined by them from time to time; and which school shall, as far as possible, and as soon as possible, be made equal to the best technological schools now established, or hereafter to be established. Until the funds at the disposal of the Board of Trustees shall be sufficient, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, for the establishment of such polytechnic school, the said Board of Trustees may furnish with rooms and accommodation for such school, and may assist in the maintenance thereof, the department of public instruction of the City of New York, the Trustees of any college or university, or any other body, individual or individuals.

5. To provide rooms, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, suitable for the offices of a society to be organized, as provided in the act hereinbefore specially referred to, and to be called "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," and to furnish to such society for its general meetings, on one evening of each week, the great hall of the building, if the council of the said society shall require it so often.

Fifth. The above-mentioned and described premises shall be forever subject to the visitation and examination, at all reasonable hours, of the council of the said society so to be organized, and to be called "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," the terms and conditions of membership of which shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the party of the second part; which said society shall make all rules and regulations for its own conduct and government, subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the party hereto of the second part, and shall pay to the said Board of Trustees for the general uses, intents and purposes of the corporation hereby created, hereby and in the said act, and any acts amendatory thereof, provided or to be provided, all fees received on the initiation into said society of the members thereof; and the said Board of Trustees shall consider such suggestions of the council of the said society as shall,

from time to time, be communicated to them, and shall adopt such of them as in their judgment may be practicable and expedient, and calculated to increase the usefulness of the institution herein contemplated.

Sixth. Upon the happening of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees above provided for, which is above provided to be filled by election, unless such vacancy shall be filled as herein provided within one year of the time when such vacancy shall occur, the same may be filled at any time before it shall be actually filled by the Board of Trustees, by the said council of the said "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," by election in such manner as may be provided by the by-laws of the said society.

Seventh. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the said Board of Trustees, to be filled by them by election as above provided, such election shall be held at a meeting of the said Board of Trustees, on and only on previous notice given at, and entered in the minutes of at least one preceding regular meeting of such board, stating the meeting at which such election shall be held; and at such meeting, or- at any regularly adjourned meeting from that meeting, such election shall be held by ballot, and the person first receiving a number of votes equal to a majority of the trustees then in office shall be the trustee to fill such vacancy, provided that if such person so elected shall decline to act as such trustee, by so declining the vacancy filled by his election shall be deemed to be again created.

Eighth. Neglect by a trustee of his duties as such, indicated by his absence, without excuse or permission of the Board of Trustees, from three successive regular meetings of the Board, shall always be a sufficient cause, among others, for the removal of a trustee.

Ninth. In the event of the partial destruction of the building now erected upon the above mentioned and described premises, the injury thereby occasioned shall be repaired by the Board of Trustees. In the event of the entire destruction of said building, the Board of Trustees shall, unless as next hereinafter provided, re-erect a building suitable for the objects and purposes herein above enumerated, with any funds at their disposal, whenever such funds shall be sufficient, in their opinion, for that purpose; and until the funds at their disposal shall be sufficient for that purpose, such funds shall be securely invested in the name of the party hereto of the second part, and the above-mentioned and described premises may be used or disposed of by the Board of Trustees for any temporary purpose calculated to yield the largest income.

Tenth. In the event of the entire destruction of the building erected upon the above-mentioned and described premises, the Board of Trustees may, at their option, with the consent of the Supreme Court, sell and convey, and they are hereby empowered to sell and convey the said premises, with such consent, and with the proceeds of such sale and conveyance, and any other funds at their disposal, the said party hereto of the second part shall purchase such other premises as shall in their judgment be suitable,

and shall thereon erect a building suitable for the objects and purposes hereinbefore enumerated, and to such premises all the restrictions, provisions and conditions hereof shall apply with like effect as if said premises were the premises herein granted and conveyed as aforesaid.

Eleventh. The party hereto of the second part may buy, sell, exchange, mortgage, let and otherwise use and dispose of its property, or borrow, as the trustees shall deem advisable, provided, however, that the party hereto of the second part is hereby expressly forbidden ever to mortgage the above-mentioned and described premises, or any part thereof, and any mortgage of any of the other property of the party hereto of the second part or loan agreement shall expressly provide that in the event of a default thereunder no deficiency judgment shall be satisfied by a levy against the above-mentioned and described premises or any part thereof.

Twelfth. Every trustee of the party of the second part shall be at all times at liberty, in his discretion, freely to publish any matter within his knowledge relating to the institution herein contemplated, or to its management in any respect, including any discussions in the Board of Trustees, and shall fully disclose the same whenever required, either by the Supreme Court, or by either branch of the Legislature. Full minutes shall be kept by the said Board of all their proceedings, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on any vote on the request of any member. Neither the said Board of Trustees, nor any member thereof, shall in any way take into account any religious tenet or opinion of any professor or teacher, or of any candidate for any office in said institution, or any appointment to or removal from such office, nor of any student applying for admission into said institution, or competing for any of its honors or advantages; nor shall they permit any professor or teacher in said institution to make any discrimination among its students on account of their religious tenets or opinions. And the Board of Trustees, and each member thereof, shall at all times furnish any information in respect to their funds, revenues and proceedings which the Legislature may require.

In witness whereof, the said parties hereto of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

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And to, for and upon such other uses, intents and purposes, and upon such other trusts, and subject to such other conditions and restrictions as are hereinafter mentioned.

§ 3. Peter Cooper, with Edward Cooper, Abram S. Hewitt, Daniel F. Tiemann, Wilson G. Hunt and John E. Parsons, and their successors, shall be and hereby are created and constituted a body corporate, by the name and title of “The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art,” the corporate existence of which shall commence when the said Peter Cooper shall convey to it the block of land and edifice above mentioned, and shall continue forever.

§ 4. The said body corporate shall possess all the powers and privileges of a corporation, as conferred by the laws of the State of New York, and as granted by this act.

§ 5. The corporate powers and privileges conferred upon and granted, and to be granted, to the corporation hereby created, shall be exercised by a Board of Trustees, which shall consist at the first of the aforementioned Peter Cooper, Edward Cooper, Abram S. Hewitt, Daniel F. Tiemann, Wilson G. Hunt and John E. Parsons. The term of office of such Trustees, the manner of filling vacancies in the Board of Trustees, the manner and cause of removal, and the resignation of Trustees, and the liability of Trustees, shall be as provided in the aforesaid deed, mentioned in section two of this act. No member of said Board shall receive any pecuniary compensation for his services.

§ 6. The Corporation hereby created is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the trusts and powers mentioned in and intended to be created by the aforesaid deed, set forth in section two of this act; to accept such deed, and to hold the premises and property therein mentioned, including all endowments at any time to be made to the said Corporation, subject to the conditions and restrictions created in said deed; and to, for and upon the uses, intents and purposes therein provided, and for the purposes and to the extent provided in the said deed, the said trusts, powers, conditions, restrictions, uses, intents and purposes are and shall be valid and effectual and shall attach to the said premises and property.

§ 7. The Corporation hereby created, and the Board of Trustees thereof, are hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform all and every act and thing whatever, and to carry out and accomplish all and every trust, intent and purpose provided to be done, carried out or accomplished, in and by the aforesaid deed, in respect to the said Corporation or Board of Trustees; and the said Corporation is hereby also authorized and empowered to receive all and every endowment made to it, and to appropriate the same to the uses, intents and purposes contemplated herein and in the said deed.

§ 8. The Trustees of the Corporation hereby created, may at any time associate with themselves such persons as they shall see fit, as members of the Corporation hereby created, and with such persons, organize a society with the style and title of “The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art,” the objects and purposes of which shall be the encouragement of science, arts, manufactures and

commerce; the bestowal of rewards for such productions, inventions and improvement as tend to the useful employment of the poor, the increase of trade, and the riches and honor of the country; for meritorious works in the various departments of the fine arts; for discoveries, inventions and improvements; and generally, by lectures, papers and discussions thereon, and other suitable means, to assist in the advancement, development, and practical application of every department of science in connection with the arts, manufactures, and commerce of the country. The said society shall consist of the said associates, the graduates of the institution, hereby incorporated, whose diplomas may include such rights and privileges, and of such other persons as from time to time shall be elected members thereof, always including the members of the Board of Trustees of "The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," and all the members of the said society shall, while members thereof, be members of the corporation hereby created. The said Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, prescribe the conditions and terms of membership of the said society, which, subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees, shall make all rules and regulations for its own conduct and government, pass its own by-laws, and prescribe the duties and powers and annual dues of its members and officers, and which said society shall elect its own officers and members, and shall, from its members, annually elect a council, consisting of at least twenty four members of said society, which said council is hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever, by it provided to be done and performed, in and by said deed. The said society shall be inseparably connected with "The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," the Trustees whereof shall be entitled and are hereby permitted to receive, and in whom shall vest all property whatsoever, which shall in any way be acquired by, or at any time be granted, conveyed, assigned, devised or bequeathed to the said society, save only the current receipts thereof, which property shall be held by the said Trustees, but in trust, however, for the Corporation hereby created; and which said property, so long as the same shall be so held in trust, may at any time be sold or disposed of by the said Corporation, on the consent of the council of the said society, and of the Trustees of the said Corporation.

§ 9 The Trustees of the Corporation hereby created, may confer degrees and diplomas for proficiency in science, arts, philosophy, or letters.

§ 10. The Trustees of the Corporation hereby created shall, in the month of January, render an annual account, under oath, of all their receipts and expenditures, to the Common Council of the City of New York, "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," and to the Legislature of the State.

§ 11. The premises and property mentioned in the said deed, and which shall at any time belong to or be held in trust by the Corporation hereby created, or the Trustees thereof, including all endowments made to it, shall not, nor shall any part thereof, be subject to taxation while the same shall be appropriate to the uses, intents and

purposes hereby and in the said deed provided for, provided, however, that all real property acquired and all improvements made thereon, on or after July first, nineteen hundred sixty-nine shall be exempt from taxation only to the extent provided by law for property used for educational purposes.

§ 12. The Supreme Court shall possess and exercise a supervisory power over the Corporation hereby created, and may at any time, on reasonable notice of application thereof to the Board of Trustees, compel from the Trustees, collectively or individually, a full account of the execution of their trust; and the Trustees shall at any time render a like full account of the execution of their trust, on the request of either branch of the Legislature.

§ 13. All provisions of the act hereby amended, not hereby re enacted, are hereby repealed.

§ 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York,
Secretary's Office.

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the city of Albany, this twenty-third day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

[L.S.] S. W. Morton,
Dep. Secretary of State.

***Letter to
the Trustees***



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To the Trustees of "The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art."

GENTLEMEN, — It is to me a source of inexpressible pleasure, after so many years of continued effort, to place in your hands the title to all that piece and parcel of land bounded on the west by Fourth Avenue, and on the north by Astor Place, on the east by Third Avenue, and on the south by Seventh Street, with all the furniture, rents and income of every name and nature to be forever devoted to the advancement of science and art, in their application to the varied and useful purposes of life.

The great object I desire to accomplish by the establishment of an institution devoted to the advancement of science and art, is to open the volume of nature by the light of truth — so unveiling the laws and methods of Deity, that the young may see the beauties of creation, enjoy its blessings, and learn to love the Being "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift."

My heart's desire is, that the rising generation may become so thoroughly acquainted with the works of nature, and the great *mystery of their own being, that they may see, feel understand and know that there are immutable laws, designed in infinite wisdom, constantly operating for our good — so governing the destiny of worlds and men that it is our highest wisdom to live in strict conformity to these laws.*

My design is to establish this institution, in the hope that unnumbered youth will here receive the inspiration of truth in all its native power and beauty, and find in it a source of perpetual pleasure to spread its transforming influence throughout the world.

Believing *in* and hoping *for* such result, I desire to make this institution contribute in every way to aid the efforts of youth to acquire useful knowledge, and to find and fill that place in the community where their capacity and talents can be usefully employed with the greatest possible advantage to themselves and the community in which they live.

In order most effectually to aid and encourage the efforts of youth to obtain useful knowledge, I have provided the main floor of the large hall on the third story for a reading-room, literary exchange and scientific collections, — the walls around that floor to be arranged for the reception of books, maps, paintings and other objects of interest. And when a sufficient collection of the works of art, science and nature can be obtained, I propose that glass cases shall be arranged around the walls of the gallery of the said room, forming alcoves around the entire floor for the preservation of the same. In the window spaces I propose to arrange such cosmoramic and other views as will exhibit in the clearest and most forcible light the true philosophy of life.

This philosophy will always show, when rightly understood and wisely applied, an inseparable connection between the course of vice and the misery that must inevitably follow. It will always show that "wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

To manifest the deep interest and sympathy I feel in all that can advance the happiness and better the condition of the female portion of the community, and especially of those who are dependent on honest labor for support, I desire the trustees to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars yearly to assist such pupils of the Female School of Design as shall, in their careful judgment, by their efforts and sacrifices in the performance of duty to parents or to those that Providence has made dependent on them for support, merit and require such aid. My reason for this requirement is, not so much to reward as to encourage the exercise of heroic virtues that often shine in the midst of the greatest suffering and obscurity without so much as being noticed by the passing throng.

In order to better the condition of woman and to widen the sphere of female employment, I have provided seven rooms to be forever devoted to a Female School of Design, and I desire the trustees to appropriate out of the rents of the building fifteen hundred dollars annually towards meeting the expenses of said school.

It is the ardent wish of my heart that this school of design may be the means of raising to competence and comfort thousands of those that might otherwise struggle through a life of poverty and suffering.

It is also my desire that females belonging to the school of design shall have the use of one of the rooms not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of holding meetings for the consideration and application of the useful sciences and arts to any of the various purposes calculated to improve and better their condition.

My hope is, to place this institution in the hands and under the control of men that will both know and feel the importance of forever devoting it, in the most effectual manner, to the moral, mental and physical improvement of the rising generation.

Desiring, as I do, to use every means to render this institution useful through all coming time, and believing the editors of the public press have it in their power to exert a greater influence on the community for good than any other class of men of equal number, it is therefore my sincere desire that the editors be earnestly invited to become members of the society of arts to be connected with this institution. It is my desire that editors may at all times have correct information in relation to all matters in any way connected with this institution, believing that they, as a body, will gladly contribute their mighty influence to guard the avenues of scientific knowledge from elevating the minds and bettering the hearts of the youth of our common country. I indulge the hope that the Trustees will use their utmost efforts to secure instructors for the institution of the highest moral worth, talents and capacity, fitting them to communicate a knowledge of science in its most lovely and inviting forms. It is my design that the General Superintendent, under the direction of the Trustees, shall take all needful care of the building, and rent all unoccupied parts of the same.

The person to be appointed as a General Superintendent should be a man of known devotion to the improvement of the young. It will be his duty, not only to take charge of the building, but also to keep an office in the same, where persons may apply from all parts of the country for the services of young men and women of known character and qualifications to fill the various situations that may be open. It will be his duty to give, in the most kind and affectionate manner, such advice and counsel to

all that may apply, as will most effectually promote their best interests through life.

Should any person ever be appointed to a professor or superintendent who shall be found incompetent or unworthy of the trust, it is my earnest desire that such professor or superintendent shall be promptly removed.

It is my desire that students, on leaving the institution, shall receive a certificate setting forth their actual proficiency in any of the branches of science taught in the institution.

In order to encourage the young to improve and better their condition, I have provided for a continued course of lectures, discussions and recitations in the most useful and practical sciences, to be open and free to all that can bring a certificate of good moral character from parents, guardians or employers, and who will agree on their part to conform faithfully to all rules and regulations necessary to maintain the honor and usefulness of the institution.

Believing that instruction in the science and philosophy of a true republican government, formed, as it should be, of the people and for the people, in all its operations, is suited to the common wants of our nature, and absolutely necessary to preserve and secure the rights and liberties of all; that such a government, rightly understood and wisely administered, will most effectually stimulate industry and afford the best means possible to improve and elevate our race, by giving security and value to all forms of human labor; that it is on the right understanding and application of this science, based as it is on the golden rule, that eternal principle of truth and justice that unites the individual, the community, the state and the nation in one common purpose and interest, binding all to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them: thus deeply impressed with the great importance of instruction in this branch of science, I have provided that it shall be continually taught, as of pre-eminent importance to all the great interests of mankind.

My feelings, my desires, my hopes, embrace humanity throughout the world: and, if it were in my power, I would bring all mankind to see and feel that there is an Almighty power and beauty in goodness. I would gladly show to all, that goodness rises in every possible degree from the smallest act of kindness up to the Infinite of all good. My earnest desire is to make this building and institution contribute in every way possible to unite all in one common effort to improve each and every human being, seeing that we are bound up in one common effort to improve each and every human being, seeing that we are bound up in one common destiny and by the laws of our being are made dependent for our happiness on the continued acts of kindness we receive from each other.

I desire that the students of this institution may have the privilege to occupy one of the large halls once in every month, for the purpose of a lecture to be delivered by one of their number to all students and such friends as they may think proper to invite. The monthly lecturer shall be chosen from the body of the students by a majority vote, or a committee of the students selected for that purpose. The votes shall be counted and the name of the person chosen to deliver the lecture shall be announced, and a record made in a book to be provided for that purpose, to be the property of the institution. I desire that a record be kept of the names of the president, secretary, and

speaker – the subject treated, and the general course of the remark. A president and secretary shall be chosen from the body of students by a majority vote, who shall preside at all meetings for lectures or other purposes, and whose term of service shall expire every three months, when another president and secretary shall be elected to take their places.

I require this frequent change, as I believe it to be a very important part of the education of an American citizen to know how to preside, with propriety over a deliberative assembly.

It is my desire, also, that the students shall have the use of one of the large rooms (to be assigned by the trustees) for the purpose of useful debate. I desire and deem it best to direct that all these lectures and debates shall be exclusive of theology and party questions, and shall have for their constant object the causes that operate around and within us, and the means necessary and most appropriate to remove the physical and moral evils that afflict our city, our country and humanity.

I desire that these lectures and debates shall always be delivered under a deep and abiding sense of the obligation that rests on all – first, to improve themselves, and then to impart to others a correct knowledge of that believed to be most important, and within man's power to communicate.

To aid the speakers, and those that hear, to profit by these lectures and debates, I hereby direct to have placed in the lecture-room, in a suitable position, full-length likenesses of Washington, Franklin, and Lafayette, with an expression of my sincere and anxious desire that all that behold them may remember that notwithstanding they are dead, they yet speak the language of truth and soberness.

Their lives and words of warning cannot be spurned and neglected without a terrible retribution on us and on our children – such a retribution as will cause their spirits to weep in sorrow over the crumbling ruins of all their brightest hopes for the improvement and renovation of the world.

Under a deep sense of the responsibility that rests on us, as a people, entrusted, as we are, with the greatest blessings that ever fell to the lot of man – the glorious yet fearful power of framing and carrying on the government of our choice – it becomes us to remember that this government will be good or evil in proportion as the people of our country become virtuous or vicious. We shall do well to cherish the precept that the righteous (or right doers) are recompensed in the earth, and much more the wicked and the sinner. It will be found that there is no possible escape from the correction of our Father who is in Heaven, who *“afflicts us not willingly but of necessity, for our profit; by His immutable law that rewards every man according to his works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.”*

Desiring, as I do, that the students of this institution may become pre-eminent examples in the practice of all the virtues, I have determined to give them an opportunity to distinguish themselves for their good judgment by annually recommending to the Trustees for adoption, such rules and regulations as they, on mature reflection, shall believe to be necessary and proper, to preserve good morals and good order throughout their connection with this institution.

It is my desire, and I hereby ordain, that a strict conformity to rules deliberately formed by a vote of the majority of the students, and approved by the Trustees, shall forever be an indispensable requisite for continuing to enjoy the benefits of this institution. I now most earnestly entreat each and every one of the students of this institution, through all coming time, to whom I have entrusted this great responsibility of framing laws for the regulation of their conduct in their connection with the institution, and by which any of the members may lose its privileges, to remember how frail we are, and how liable to err when we come to sit in judgment on the faults of others, and how much the circumstances of our birth, our education, and the society and country where we have been born and brought up, have had to do in forming us and making us what we are. The power of these circumstances, when rightly understood, will be found to have formed the great lines of difference that mark the characters of the people of different countries and neighborhoods. And they constitute a good reason for the exercise of all our charity. It is these circumstances that our Creator has given us the power, in some measure, to control. This is the great garden that we are called upon to keep, and to subdue, and have dominion over, in order to find that everything in it *is very good*, that the right use and improvement of everything is a *virtue*, and the wrong or excessive use and perversion of everything, a *sin*. We should always remember that pride and selfishness have ever been the great enemies of mankind. Men, in all ages, have manifested a disposition to cover up their own faults, and to spread out and magnify the faults of others.

I trust that the students of this institution will do something to bear back the might torrent of evils now pressing on the world. I trust that here they will learn to overcome the evils of life with kindness and affection. I trust that here they will find that all true greatness consists in using all the powers they possess to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them; and in this way to become really great by becoming the servant of all.

These great blessings that have fallen to our lot as a people, are entrusted to our care for ourselves and for our posterity, and for the encouragement of suffering humanity throughout the world.

Feeling this great responsibility, I desire, by all that I can say and by all that I can do, to awaken the minds of the rising generation an undying thirst for knowledge and *virtue*, in order that they may be able, by wise and honorable measures, to preserve the liberties we enjoy.

Fearing a possibility that my own religious opinions may be called into question, and by some be misunderstood or misrepresented, I feel it to be my duty, in all plainness and simplicity to state the religious opinions that have taken an irresistible possession of my mind. At the same time, I require, by this instrument and expression of my will, that neither my own religious opinions, nor the religious opinions of any sect or party *whatever*, shall ever be *made a test* or *requirement*, in any *manner* or *form*, of or for *admission to*, or *continuance to enjoy the benefits of this institution*.

With this qualification, I would them impress, as with the last breath of my life, a fact which I believe to be the most exalting that the mind of man is permitted to contemplate, know or understand – I mean the ennobling truth that there is one God and Father of all, who is over all and above all – who is forever blessed in the plenitude and fullness of his own infinite perfections; that this God is in very deed *our Father*; that he has created *us* in his own *image* and in his own *likeness*; that we may become one in *spirit*, and *co-workers* with *Him* in all that is good, great and glorious, for *time* and for *eternity*.

What can be more exalting that for the child to behold an infinite parent causing all the elements and essences of the universe to become his ministers – to organize, and individualize, and immortalize undying spirits, capable of knowing Him through an endless progress in knowledge and wisdom and power over the material universe forever; to feel that our Father in heaven has given to *us*, as *individuals*, an *immortality* and an endless growth, under laws so wise and good as never to require to be altered, amended, or revoked?

The life he has given us in his wisdom is an intelligent life – a life of accountability through our consciences, where every act becomes a part of ourselves, to live in our recollection forever.

I would impress the fact, that our Creator has used the best means possible in our formation or creation, and has given us the world, and all that in it is, with *life* and *breath*, and *all things richly to enjoy*. He has given all these blessings wrapt up in our capacity for an endless improvement and progress in the knowledge of our Creator, and in the power he has bestowed to receive and communicate happiness to all his intelligent creation. So that when we come really to know and feel that our God is *love* – to realize that He is indeed the Infinite of all that is good; when we come to see that he is drawing all the elements and activities of the universe into himself, and constantly elaborating them into higher forms of grandeur and beauty, and thus calling every intelligent creature to *wonder*, to *love* and adore forever.

In this God I believe. I believe that he is a Spirit in whom we live, move and have our being, so that, if we ascend into the heavens, he is there, and if we descend into the depths of the earth, behold! he is there. I believe that he is filling immensity with his presence, comprehending all things within himself, and working all things after the good pleasure of his own will; that he is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, and *that he changeth not*. I believe that God is love, and love worketh no ill. I believe that *love must continue to use all its power through all eternity to give ever increasing happiness to all the creatures that he has made*. Such a God I trust I shall come to love with all the heart, soul, might, mind, and strength. I believe that God is so *in all* and *through all*; that what may be known of him is clearly seen, being understood by that which he has made, even his eternal power and Godhead: and that he is without variableness or shadow of turning. I believe that he will always work by wise and unalterable laws.

These laws, as far and as fast as they are comprehended by the faculties that he has given us, will be seen to be perfectly consistent and harmonious, and, like the stars in their orbits, “singing forever as they shine – *the hand that made us is divine.*” With these views, I see as through a glass darkly, all the powers of the *universe* moving in obedience to immutable laws, guiding them onwards and upwards through all the various developments in the scale of being to a consciousness of God, and an accountability whereby we may show our love to God by the kindness and love that we manifest to the creatures that he has made. I believe that man, to be an accountable being, *must, of necessity*, be intelligent and free. He must feel and know that freedom and ability are given him to do what is required, before he can ever acknowledge it just or right that he should suffer for violating laws and requirements which he had neither the power nor the intelligence to understand or obey. Believing, as I do, that all the material creation centers in, and finds its culminating point in the organization, individualization, and immortalization of free intelligent beings – beings formed to rise through instinct to knowledge, and by knowledge into an accountability to an individual, and an undying conscience, and then up to God – I believe mankind, throughout the world, require a religion founded on the highest idea that the human mind can form all that is powerful, wise, pure and good.

Such a religion we have in those principles that guided the life of Christ, by which *he grew in knowledge* and in stature and in *favor* with *God* and *man*, from his youth up, and did always those things that are well pleasing to his Father and our Father; and by doing to others as he would that others should do to him, was enabled to overcome all evil; and although tempted in all points, as we are, yet he lived without sin. It will always be found to be our highest wisdom to follow his lovely example by avoiding all that is wrong, and by doing what good we can in the world.

Mankind will always require that the greatest controlling principle of Christianity to be permanently fixed in the intellectual heart as the guide of life. We need a firm and unshaken belief in the inherent immortality of the soul; we need a solid conviction that God is love – love in action – love universal.

Such a belief in such a God will engage and secure our affections, and forever be to us the great reality of life. Our God will not then be to us a vaporish idea; on the contrary, he will be to us a God filling immensity with his presence and with the glory of his power. Were it possible for us to settle and establish this truth with unwavering certainty in the minds of men, temptation would be powerless. We should then see and feel that punishment inflicted for our good is as much the evidence of parental kindness as the blessings consequent on obedience to a righteous law. Every day shows me with more clearness that the great garden of the world is spread out before us filled with all the elements and inspirations of God, “*who is all and in all,*” constantly showing us that the same soil that can produce briars and thorns, and vex us in the land wherein we dwell, *can* be subdued by *wisdom*, and made to yield and supply our wants with nature’s choicest fruits. How wonderful the wisdom that “connects in this, our greatest virtue, with our greatest bliss,” “and makes our own bright prospect to be blest, the strongest motive to assist the rest.” Every day shows me that if we are ever saved it must be by overcoming the world of *wrong within us* with such powers and faculties as God has given – to be the true light to enlighten every

man that cometh into the world. There is no other *way* whereby we can be saved *but* by ceasing to do evil and learning to do *well*. To do this we need all the helps that we can find – we need to bear each other’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of love. The life and teachings of Christ, showing God a father and the world of mankind our brethren, must forever stand pre-eminent over all forms of instruction, either ancient or modern. The loving spirit and principle that Christ manifested in *his* life and in his death, is the spirit that must finally reform the world, in the day when religion shall consist in the right actions and motives of our life, instead of a mere belief in the antiquated opinions of erring men. It was his gentle spirit – the spirit of an all-embracing charity – that went about the world, overcoming the evils of life with continued demonstrations of kindness and affection, and showed all that it is our privilege as well as duty to follow his example and obey his precepts. It was this spirit what was in the world, and the world knew it not. It is still in the world, and it is our unhappiness that we know and feel so little of its influence on our hearts and lives. By following his precepts and example we cannot fail of a happy and useful life, a peaceful death, and a blessed immortality. I trust the time will come when religion will be divorced from superstition, and the light of science will develop the laws and methods of Deity, showing a great and glorious purpose shining through all the wonders of Almighty power, by which knowledge shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep, when men shall know and understand the things on which their happiness depends. We shall then comprehend something of the heights and depths and lengths and breadths of that knowledge and love of God which passes all understanding.

I have now placed in your hands the entire charge and property of this institution, and in order to further aid and facilitate the objects and purposes designed to be secured, I hereby authorize the Board of Control to draw on me at their pleasure for the sum of ten thousand dollars, as fast as the same can be wisely used to advance the interests of this institution.

Please accept my heartfelt assurance of sincere desire that under your care thousands of the youth of our country may throng its halls to learn those lessons of wisdom so much needed to guide the inexperience of youth amidst the dangers to which they are at all times exposed.

[Signed:]
Peter Cooper

Deed of Trust >

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(As Amended by Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York dated August 6, 1971.)

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, by and between Peter Cooper, of the city, county and State of New York, and Sarah, his wife, parties hereto of the first part, and “The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art,” a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party hereunto of the second part, witnesseth that the parties hereto of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of the United States, to them in hand paid by the said party hereto of the second part, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and of other good considerations them “hereunto moving, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remixed, released, and forever conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise,, release, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors forever, all and singular, the block of ground situate, lying, and being in the city, county and State aforesaid, and bounded northerly by Astor place, easterly by Third avenue, southerly by Seventh street and westerly by the Fourth avenue, together with the building thereon erected, and all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances “hereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profit thereof and also all the estate, right, title, interest, dower and right of dower, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said parties of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold, all and singular the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and its successors; in trust, nevertheless, and subject to the following conditions and restrictions to, for and upon the following uses, intents, and purposes, and to, for, and upon such other uses, intents, and purposes as are embraced in an act incorporating the party hereto of the second part, passed by the legislature of the State of New York, the thirteenth day of April, in the year 1859, and entitled “An act to amend the act passed February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled ‘An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a scientific institution in the city of New York,’ “ and also to amend the act passed March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled “An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act to enable Peter Cooper to found a Scientific institution in the city of New York,’” passed February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, or as shall be permitted thereby, and by any acts amendatory thereof: provided only that such other uses, interests, and purposes shall not contravene, or in any way be inconsistent with or opposed to the following specially enumerated restrictions and conditions, uses, intents and purposes, to, for and upon which the conveyance is specially made, that is to say:

First. That the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, and the rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, shall be forever devoted to the instruction and improvement of the inhabitants of the United States in practical science and art.

Second. That the management and control of the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, and of any other property or money at any time to belong to the party of the second part, and the receipt and expenditure of the rents, issues, income and profits thereof, shall be forever committed, subject to the conditions and restrictions herein contained, and to such other conditions and restrictions as are or shall be contained in the aforesaid act of incorporation of the party thereto of the second part, or in any acts amendatory thereof, to a board of trustees, which shall consist of not less than seven and not more than twenty-five persons; that every succeeding vacancy in said board of trustees shall be filled by the surviving or remaining trustees by ballot; that to elect any person trustee shall require the vote of at least a majority of trustees then in office for such person; and that the oldest lineal male descendant of Peter Cooper shall be a trustee ex gratia.

Third. The members of such Board of Trustees shall hold their offices as such Trustees for a term of three years or such longer or additional term or terms as the By-laws may provide; provided that for cause any such member may be removed by order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, on application of either of the trustees, or a majority of the Council of "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," on notice to him of application for such removal; and a trustee may resign his office, and thereupon he shall cease to be a trustee upon the election of his successor.

Fourth. The premises above mentioned and described, and the appurtenances, including all future endowments made to the party hereto of the second part, the appropriation of which shall not be specially provided by the parties making the same, and all money and property which shall at any time belong to the party hereto of the second part, and all the rents, income, issues and profits thereof, shall be devoted to and among the following objects and purposes: the division and appropriation of such rents, incomes, issues and profits to and among such objects and purposes being left discretionary with the Board of Trustees provided for as aforesaid, and it being left discretionary with such board when and to what extent they shall carry out any of such objects and purposes, save and excepting that the course of instruction on social and political science, hereinafter provided for, shall have the preference over all the other objects of expenditure specified herein, in case there shall not be means adequate for them all, and shall forever stand pre-eminent among them.

- 1.** To regular courses of instruction at night, free to all who shall attend the same, under the general regulations of the trustees, on the application of science to the useful occupations of life, on social and political science, meaning thereby not merely the science of political economy, but the science and philosophy of a just and equitable form of government, based upon the great fundamental law that nations and men should do unto each other as they would be done by, and on such other branches of knowledge as in the opinion of the Board of Trustees will tend to improve and elevate the working classes of the city of New York.
- 2.** To the support and maintenance of a free reading-room, of galleries of art, and of scientific collections, designed, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, to improve and instruct those classes of the inhabitants of the city of New York whose occupations are such as to be calculated, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, to deprive them of proper recreation and instruction.
- 3.** To provide and maintain a school for the instruction of respectable females in the arts of design, and, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, to afford to respectable females instruction in such other art or trade as will tend to furnish them suitable employment.
- 4.** As soon as, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the funds which shall from time to time be at their disposal will warrant such an expenditure, such funds shall be appropriated to the establishment and maintenance of a thorough polytechnic school; the requirements to admission to which shall be left to the discretion of the said Board of Trustees, and shall be specifically determined by them from time to time; and which school shall, as far as possible, and as soon as possible, be made equal to the best technological schools now established, or hereafter to be established. Until the funds at the disposal of the Board of Trustees shall be sufficient, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, for the establishment of such polytechnic school, the said Board of Trustees may furnish with rooms and accommodation for such school, and may assist in the maintenance thereof, the department of public instruction of the city of New York, the trustees of any college or university, or any other body, individual or individuals.
- 5.** To provide rooms, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, suitable for the officers of a society to be organized, as provided in the act hereinbefore specially referred to, and to be called "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," and to furnish to such society for its general meetings, on one evening of each week, the great hall of the building, if the council of the said society shall require it so often.

Fifth. The above-mentioned and described premises shall be forever subject to the visitation and examination, at all reasonable hours, of the council of the said society so to be organized and to be called "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," the terms and conditions of membership of which shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the party of the second part; which said society shall make all rules and regulations for its own conduct and government, subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the party hereto of the second part, and shall pay to the said Board of Trustees for the general uses, intents and purposes of the corporation hereby created, hereby and in the said act, and any acts amendatory thereof, provided or to be provided, all fees received on the initiation into said society of the members thereof; and the said Board of Trustees shall consider such suggestions of the council of the said society as shall, from time to time, be communicated to them, and shall adopt such of them as in their judgment may be practicable and expedient, and calculated to increase the usefulness of the institution herein contemplated.

Sixth. Upon the happening of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees above provided for, which is above provided to be filled by election, unless such vacancy shall be filled as herein provided within one year of the time when such vacancy shall occur, the same may be filled at any time before it shall be actually filled by the Board of Trustees, by the said council of the said "The Associates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," by election in such manner as may be provided by the by-laws of the said society.

Seventh. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the said Board of Trustees, to be filled by them by election as above provided, such elections shall be held at a meeting of the said Board of Trustees, on and only on previous notice given at, and entered in the minutes of at least one preceding regular meeting of such Board, stating the meeting at which such election shall be held; and at such meeting, or at any regularly adjourned meeting from that meeting, such election shall be held by ballot, and the person first receiving a number of votes equal to a majority of the trustees then in office shall be the trustee to fill such vacancy, provided that if such person so elected shall decline to act as such trustee, by so declining the vacancy filled by his election shall be deemed to be again created.

Eighth. Neglect by a trustee of his duties as such, indicated by his absence, without excuse or permission of the Board of Trustees, from three successive regular meetings of the Board, shall always be a sufficient cause, among others, for the removal of a trustee.

Ninth. In the event of the partial destruction of the building now erected upon the above-mentioned and described premises, the injury thereby occasioned shall be repaired by the Board of Trustees. In the event of the entire destruction of said building, the Board of Trustees shall, unless as next hereinafter provided, re-erect a

building suitable for the objects and purposes herein above enumerated, with any funds at their disposal, whenever such funds shall be sufficient, in their opinion, for that purpose; and until the funds at their disposal shall be sufficient for that purpose, such funds shall be securely invested in the name of the party hereto of the second part, and the above-mentioned and described premises may be used or disposed of by the Board of Trustees for any temporary purpose calculated to yield the largest income.

Tenth. In the event of the entire destruction of the building erected upon the above-mentioned and described premises, the Board of Trustees may, at their option, with the consent of the Supreme Court, sell and convey, and they are hereby empowered to sell and convey the said premises, with such consent, and with the proceeds of such sale and conveyance, and any other funds at their disposal, the said party hereto of the second part shall purchase such other premises as shall in their judgment be suitable, and shall thereon erect a building suitable for the objects and purposes hereinbefore enumerated, and to such premises all the restrictions, provisions and conditions hereof shall apply with like effect as if said premises were the premises herein granted and conveyed as aforesaid.

Eleventh. The party hereto of the second part may buy, sell, exchange, mortgage, let and otherwise use and dispose of its property, or borrow, as the trustees shall deem advisable, provided, however, that the party hereto of the second part is hereby expressly forbidden ever to mortgage the above-mentioned and described premises, or any part thereof, and any mortgage of any of the other property of the party hereto of the second part or loan agreement shall expressly provide that in the event of a default thereunder no deficiency judgment shall be satisfied by a levy against the above-mentioned and described premises or any part thereof.

Twelfth. Every trustee of the party of the second part shall be at all times at liberty, in his discretion, freely to publish any matter within his knowledge relating to the institution herein contemplated, or to its management in any respect, including any discussions in the Board of Trustees, and shall fully disclose the same whenever required, either by the Supreme Court, or by either branch of the Legislature. Full minutes shall be kept by the said Board of all their proceedings, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on any vote on the request of any member. Neither the said Board of Trustees, nor any member thereof, shall in any way take into account any religious tenet or opinion of any professor or teacher, or of any candidate for any office in said institution, on any appointment to or removal from such office, nor of any student applying for admission into said institution, or competing for any of its honors or advantages; nor shall they permit any professor or teacher in said institution to make any discrimination among its students on account of their religious tenets or opinions. And the Board of Trustees, and each member thereof, shall at all times furnish any information in respect to their funds, revenues and proceedings which the Legislature shall require.

In witness whereof, the said parties hereto of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Peter Cooper, [L.S.]
Sarah Cooper, [L.S.]
In presence of
Edward Cooper,
Sarah A. Hewitt.

Recorded in the office of the Register of the city and county of New York, in Liber 787 of Conveyances, page 58, May 25th, 1859, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Examined by
WM. MINER,
Register.

