



# CONSTITUTION

AS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON JANUARY 13, 2002

## ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be California Writers Club.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1: The purpose of this organization, as allowed by the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State, State of California, May 7, 1913, and amended December 28, 1994 and March 6, 1995 shall be:

For the purpose of providing a forum for educating both members and the public in the craft of writing and in marketing their works. This is served by the monthly public meetings, workshops, and seminars of each of the branches, as well as the state conference, which is open to all writers and is conducted for the purpose of educating writers of all levels of expertise. California Writers Club networks with and is a model for other groups and agencies involved in similar pursuits.

Section 2: This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE III: OFFICIAL SEAL

Section 1: The official seal of the organization as a corporation has been and shall continue to be a woodcut by Perham Nahl, designed by him at the time of the incorporation of the California Writers Club. It is circular in form, having on its outer circle the words: California Writers Club. In the foreground, cutting the circle, is an open book on which the words, "Sail on!" from the poem by Joaquin Miller on Columbus, are printed. On the back of the book, rising in curves to follow the circle, are branches of laurel and pine. On the left is a branch of laurel, and on the right is a branch of pine, with cones. In the center on a conventionalized San Francisco Bay is a decorative portrayal of a Spanish ship under full sail.

Section 2: The Secretary shall keep the original woodcut by Perham Nahl and the official brass stamp with the logo imprint as part of the permanent record of CWC.

## ARTICLE IV: NONPROFIT STATUS

Section 1: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

## ARTICLE V: DISSOLUTION RULES

Section 1: Upon winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: No part of the California Writers Club net earnings will inure to the benefit of any member.