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**Chapter 1: General ART. 1: Name, area of jurisdiction. Head**

**Office and Seal:**

Par. 1: The name of the organization is:

In the Polish language: "Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantow w Kanadzie" In the English language: The Polish Combatants Association in Canada Inc. In the French language: L'Association des Combatants Polonais au Canada Inc.

The Association is referred to in these by-laws in the abbreviated form: the P.C.A. Par.

2: The area of activities and jurisdiction of the P.C.A. is Canada

Par. 3: The Head Office of the P.C.A. is in the city of Toronto, in the province of Ontario. The general convention of the P.C.A. may establish a different Head Office in Canada. In case of emergency, the Head Executive Board may establish a different temporary Head Office in Canada.

Par.4: For documentary purposes, the P.C.A. uses a round, pressed and dry seal with the emblem of the P.C.A. and inscription: "The Polish Combatants Association in Canada Inc.". The seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary.

Par.5: Documents issued by the corporation may be certified under the corporate seal by the president or a vice-president or the secretary or the treasurer.

**ART. 2 Nature, aims and means of activities**

Par. 1: The P.C.A. is an association of former soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces and of persons accepted as members in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws.

Par. 2: The P.C.A. is an independent organization. As such, it is a member of the World Federation of Polish Combatants Associations.

Par. 3: The P.C.A. is a social and mutual help organization. In its activities the P.C.A. is guided by Canadian law regarding such organizations.

Par. 4: The P.C.A. strives to maintain comradely ties originating during World War II. The aims of the P.C.A. are:

a. In ideology:

- Activities aiming at strengthening Poland's independence
- To maintain contact with the Polish nation, defend its good name and to propagate the historic truth about Poland
- To propagate among the Polish community and the rest of Canadian society the concept of the rights of the Polish nation to independence and full freedom b. In socioeconomic matters:
  - To defend the rights of, and to help war invalids, members of the P.C.A. who are sick or unable to work and the families of deceased members
  - To develop economic means, necessary for the attainment of the above objectives

c. In cultural matters:

- To cultivate Polish traditions among young Canadians of Polish descent
- To nurture, strengthen and extend Polish culture through-out the Polish community
- To familiarize Canadian society with the contribution of Poles to Canadian culture

Par. 5: The P.C.A. achieves its aims through:

- a. Cooperation with the World Federation of P.C.A.
- b. Cooperation of all its members, officers and institutions
- c. Cooperation with other veterans' associations, Polish or otherwise
- d. Cooperation with other social organizations and institutions of the Polish community,

whose aims are compatible with the ideology of the P.C.A. e. Participation of its members in the economic, social and political life of Canada

Par.6: The material means to achieve these aims by the P.C.A. are:

- a. Membership dues and fees
- b. Donations, offerings and bequests
- c. Income from its own assets, both real estate and other

**Art. 3; Organization structure;**

Par. 1: The P.C.A. consists of branches. Every member of the P.C.A. must belong to one of the branches.

Par. 2: The authorities of the P.C.A. are:

- a. Authorities of the Branches
- b. Authorities of the Association

c. Committees for the resolution of conflicts and discipline. Par. 3: Authorities of the Branches are responsible to the general meetings of their own members, and to the authorities of the Association.

Par. 4: Authorities of the Association are responsible to the general convention of delegates.

**Chapter n: Membership ART 4:**

**Classes of Membership:**

Par. 1: There are three classes of membership:

- a. ordinary members
- b. associate members
- c. honorary members .

Par.2: To become an ordinary member, the applicant must be:

Of Polish ethnic background (excepting a person defined in sub-paragraph g. of this par.)

A Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant with one year's residence in Canada

Over 18 years of age

Supporting the ideology and aims of the P.C.A.

Willing to co-operate in achieving these aims

Possess at least one of the following qualifications:

a. Was a member of the Polish Armed Forces or of auxiliary units of the Republic of Poland b. Served during World War I or World War II in the Allied Forces including the auxiliary units

c. Is a member of the immediate family of persons in (a) or (b) d. Has been an associate member of the P.C.A. for at least one year e. Has been an associate member of the Youth section of the PCA for at least one year. f Has been a member of the Polish Scouting Association for at least one year g. Is a wife or husband of a member of the P.C.A., regardless of his or her ethnic origin h. Is a person who participated actively in the struggle of Polish emigrants for

independent Poland

Par.3: An ordinary member of the P.C.A. in another country may become a member of the P.C.A. after assuming permanent domicile in Canada.

Par.4: To become an associate member of the P.C.A., the applicant must:

Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant

Be over 18 years of age

Support the ideology and aim of the P.C.A.

Be willing to co-operate in achieving these aims

Be unable to qualify under Par. 2 or Par. 3 of this article

Par. 5: A person who through his or her activities has exceptionally assisted in the advancement of the aims of the P.C.A. may become an honorary member of the Association, or of a Branch. The General Meeting of the members of a branch elects the honorary members of the Branch. The General Convention of the delegates elects the honorary members of the Association.

#### **Art 5: Acceptance of members**

Par. 1: The Head Executive Board of the P.C.A. accepts applications for ordinary and associate membership. These applications must **be** recommended by a Branch on the basis of the Membership Declaration signed by the candidate.

Par. 2: The following persons can not be members of the P.C.A.:

a. Those whose ideology or activities are not compatible with those of the P.C.A. b. Those, who act contrary to the interests of the Polish nation, Canadians of Polish origin, Canada and its democratic institutions

#### **Art. 6: Rights and duties of members:**

Par.1: Ordinary members have in accordance with these by-laws and Regulations :

a. The right to elect and the right to be elected to the authorities of the P.C.A. b. The right to the use of institutions, social and cultural activities and to the general support of the P.C.A.

Par. 2: The associate and honorary members have all of the rights of ordinary members except the right to vote or be elected.

Par. 3: An ordinary member who is elected an honorary member, retains all the rights and obligations of an ordinary member.

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Par. 4: The obligations of members are:

- a. Comradeship and organizational solidarity
- b. To act in accordance with the by-laws, resolutions and directives of the authorities of the P.C.A.
- c. Active support of the aims of the P.C.A.

**Art. 7: Suspension of membership:**

Par.1: The rights of a member can be suspended:

- a. By a resolution of the Executive of a Branch for non-payment of dues or membership fees.
- b. By the Head Executive Board (H.E.B.) on its own initiative, or at the request of a Branch for activities incompatible with or contrary to the provisions of the by-laws, resolutions of the General Conventions and General Meetings
- c. On the basis of a binding decision of the Committee for the resolution of conflicts and discipline

Par. 2: In a case under par. 1 (b), the H.E.B. shall submit a complaint to the committee for the resolution of conflicts and disciplines. If no such complaint is submitted within 10 days, the suspension is lifted automatically.

**Art. 8: Loss of membership:**

Par.1: A member loses his membership or ceases to be a member if:

- a. He withdraws from the P.C.A. in writing,
- b. Grounds are found invalidating acceptance of his membership into the P.C.A.
- c. On the basis of a legal resolution of the Committee for resolution of conflicts.
- d. In the event of suspension of the rights of a member pursuant to article 7 par. (a) the suspended member does not settle his membership fees and dues with his Branch within six months in spite of admonitions provided for in the regulation of the P.C.A.
- e. An associate member, apart from circumstances named in points a), b), c), and d), may lose his membership by a resolution of the Head Executive Board on a written recommendation of the executive of his Branch.

**Art. 9: Regulations:**

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Regulations pertaining to the execution of Chapter II are included in the internal by-law, entitled "membership".

**CHAPTER ffl BRANCHES**

Art. 10: General

Par. 1: A Branch is the basic organizational unit of the P.C.A.

Par.2: A Branch works toward the realization of the aims of the P.C.A. in its own territory



Par. 3: A Branch's territory is determined by the H.E.B.

Art. 11: Creation of Branches:

Par. 1: At least 10 ordinary members or candidates for membership in the P.C.A. may apply to the H.E.B. to form a new Branch.

Par. 2: The new Branch begins its activities on the day when the H.E.B. approves the application, establishing also its head office and territory.

Art. 12: The Authorities of a Branch:

Par. 1: These are: a) general meeting of its members  
b) executive of the Branch,  
c) auditing committee,  
d) committee for the resolution of conflicts and discipline (Chapter V)

Art. 13: The General Meeting:

Par. 1: The general meeting is the highest authority of the Branch within the meaning of this By-law.

Par.2: The following take part in the general meeting:

- a) ordinary members of the Branch with full voting rights ,
- b) the associate, honorary members and members of the higher authorities of the P.C.A. may take part in the deliberations of the general meetings without the right to vote.

Par.3: Participation in the general meeting is in person only. Proxies are not allowed.

Par. 4: A quorum of a general meeting is established upon the attendance of at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the qualified ordinary members but the quorum can not number less than nine (9) members. The quorum of nine does not apply to a Branch whose ordinary membership contains less than ten members.

Par. 5: To pass a resolution at the general meeting, a simple majority of votes is required, unless this Bylaw states otherwise in certain cases.

Par. 6: The general meetings are:

- a) ordinary,
- b) extraordinary

Par. 7: The ordinary general meeting takes place annually or biennially at the end of the fiscal term and is called by the executive of the Branch.

Par. 8: The responsibilities of the ordinary general meeting are:

- a) review and acceptance of the reports of the executive, the audit committee and the committee for resolution of conflicts and discipline;
- b) acceptance of the proposed budget and the programs of activities for the following term
- c) election of the authorities of the Branch
- d) election of the delegates for the general convention of the P.C.A.
- e) decisions in all other matters pertinent to the activities of the Branch

Par. 9: The extraordinary general meeting is called by the executive:

- a) on its own initiative,
- b) at the request of: 1/3 of the ordinary membership,

- auditing committee

- H.E.B.

Par. 10: In the case of Par.9 b), the extraordinary general meeting should be called not later than 15 days from the date such a request is received by the executive. The extraordinary general meeting should take place within three weeks of its being called.

Par. 11: The extraordinary general meeting may deal only with the matters for which it was called. Art.

#### 14 The Branch Executive:

Par. 1: The executive directs all activities of the Branch in accordance with the provisions of this By-law resolutions of the general conventions of the P.C.A. and general meetings of the Branches.

Par. 2: The executive consists of a president and, at least two other members. The general meeting establishes the number of executive members.

Par. 3: The president and his executive are elected for one or two years by the general meeting. The president is elected in a separate vote of the general meeting.

Par. 4: The executive may co-opt other members to the executive in case of:

- a) vacancy in the executive of the Branch,

I?) a need to increase the number of members of the executive of the Branch. The total number of co-opted members cannot exceed i4 of the members elected .at the general meeting.

Par. 5: A member of the executive is accountable to the president and the executive. He can be suspended in his duties by a resolution of the executive.

Par. 6: The executive is accountable to the general meeting of the Branch and to H.E.B. of the P.C.A. Art. 15:

#### Auditing Committee:

Par. 1: The Auditing committee is the reviewing body, which audits the allocation and management of the executive's funds.

Par. 2: The Auditing committee consists of a chairman, and at least two members and two deputy members.

Par. 3: The chairman of this committee is selected by the general meeting in a separate vote. In the event a position of one member becomes vacant during his term of office, and there is no deputy member, the remaining members of the Audit committee may name a new member in his place.

Par. 4: The Auditing committee is accountable to the general meeting of the Branch.

**ART. 16: Suspension of the Activities of the Branch Executive**

**Par. 1:** Members of the executive, whose activities are contrary to the By-laws, resolutions of the general conventions or directives of the authorities of the P.C.A., may be suspended by the H.E.B. from their functions. In such a case, the H.E.B. is obliged to submit a complaint to the committee for the resolution of conflicts and discipline. If no such complaint is submitted within 10 days, the suspension is lifted automatically.

**Par. 2:** If the majority or all of the members of the executive are thus suspended, the Auditing committee shall appoint a temporary commission to administer the funds and affairs of the Branch. Such a commission shall report to the general meeting of the Branch and should consist of at least three (3) members of the Branch.

**ART. 17: Dissolution of a Branch**

**Par. 1:** A Branch is dissolved:

- a) by a resolution of the general meeting of the Branch, where at least  $Vz$  of the members are present and the vote is passed by a % majority of ordinary members.
- b) When the total number of ordinary members falls below 10
- c) When the activities of the Branch are contrary to this By-law or resolutions of the general conventions of the P.C.A.

**Par. 2:** In the case of par. 1-a, where it is resolved to dissolve a Branch, the general meeting shall:

- a) establish the time for the dissolution meeting of the Branch members
- b) select a special commission, whose duty shall be to prepare proposals regarding the manner in which the assets of the Branch are to be disposed of and to present these proposals for determination by the dissolution meeting
- c) to inform the H.E.B. of the P.C.A.

**Par. 3:** In the case of par.1-b, the H.E.B. may suspend the activities of the Branch and submit a motion for its dissolution at the next general convention. The executive of the Branch has the right to appeal such a suspension to the Council of the P.C.A. In the meantime, the H.E.B. shall appoint a temporary administrative commission, consisting of three members of the Branch, to administer the assets of the Branch.

**Par. 4:** In the case of par. 1-c, the H.E.B. may suspend the activities of the branch and submit a motion to dissolve it at the next general convention. The executive of the branch has the right to appeal such a suspension to the Council of the PCA. In the meantime, the H.E.B. shall appoint a temporary administrative commission, consisting of three members of the branch, to administer the assets of the branch.

**ART. 18 Regulations**

Regulations pertaining to the execution of Chapter III are included in the internal By-laws, entitled "Branches".

**CHAPTER IV: AUTHORITIES OF THE P.C.A.**

**Art. 19: General**

The following are the authorities of the P.C.A.:

- a) the general convention of the delegates

- b) the Council of the P.C.A.
- c) the Head Executive Board
  
- d) the Auditing committee of the P.C.A.
  
- e) the Committee for the resolution of conflicts and discipline (Chapter V)

Art. 20: The General Convention of the Delegates of the Branches

Par. 1: The general convention is the highest authority of the P.C.A. within the meaning of these Bylaws.

Par. 2: The following take part in the general convention:

- a) delegates of the Branches, entitled to vote
  
- b) the authorities and honorary members, who can take part but shall not be entitled to vote

Par. 3: Each Branch is represented by delegates, whose number is proportionate to the number of members in the Branch. The proportion is established by an internal by-law, "Authorities of the P.C.A".

Par. 4: Voting by proxy is allowed, but a delegate may have no more than three votes, including his own.

Par. 5: The general convention is validly constituted when the attending delegates represent at least  $V_i$  of the Branches jointly representing no less than  $V_z$  of all authorized votes.

Par. 6: To pass a resolution, a simple majority of votes of the delegates is required, except in specific cases, where this By-law requires a qualified majority.

Par. 7: The general convention may be a) ordinary  
b) extraordinary

Par. 8: The ordinary general convention is called biennially by the H.E.B. in the second quarter of the calendar year.

Par. 9: Within the jurisdiction of the ordinary general convention fall the following:

- a) review and acceptance of the reports of the Council, the H.E.B., the Audit committee and the committee for resolutions of conflicts and discipline
- b) passing of the budget and program of activities of the P.C.A. /
- c) election of the authorities of the P.C.A.
- d) election of the head chaplain of the P.C.A.
- e) decisions on all matters pertinent to the activities of the P.C.A.
- f) passing motions amending the By-law and internal regulations
- g) election of delegates to the World convention of the P.C.A.

Par.10: An extraordinary general convention is called by the H.E.B.:

- a) on its own initiative
- b) at the request of:
  - 1/3 of all the Branches, who represent at least 1/3 of all the ordinary members of the P.C.A.

the Council

the Audit committee of the P.C.A.

Par. 11: In the case of par.10-b, the notifications calling for an extraordinary general convention should be mailed not later than 15 days from the date the Head Executive Board received the request. The extraordinary general convention should take place during the period of six weeks from the date of its calling.

Par. 12: The extraordinary general convention may deal only with the specific matters for which it was called.

Art. 21: The Council of the P.C.A.

Par.1: The Council gives opinion and advises on all areas of administration, management, social and ideological activities of the P.C.A. between the general conventions.

Par.2: The Council consists of a chairman, vice-chairman, and seven members plus three alternate members.

Par.3: The Council is elected by the general convention for a two-year term. All five regions of the P.C.A.'s territory of activities should be represented in the Council. The chairman is elected in a separate vote.

Par.4: The alternate members are called to the Council in the order of the number of votes received at the general convention. If two candidates have an equal number of votes, the Council decides who shall be called.

Par.5: Within the jurisdiction of the Council fall the following:

- a) watching over the execution of all motions passed by the general convention and adherence to the By-laws
- b) issuing opinions and giving advice to the H.E.B. at its request or on its own initiative
- c) calling a general convention when the H.E.B. fails to do so within the time prescribed by this By-law
- d) reviewing appeals from the decisions of the H.E.B. suspending the activities of a Branch, (Art. 17, par.4). In such cases, the Council's decision is final. .
- e) dealing with other matters entrusted to the Council by the general convention

Par.6: The meeting of the Council is called by its chairman:

- a) on his own initiative
- b) after the general convention
- c) at times established by the general convention or the Council
- d) at the request of at least three members of the Council
- e) at the request of the H.E. B.

Par. 7: At least five members must be present to constitute a quorum. A member of the Council may appoint as his proxy any other member to vote at any meeting. The appointment must be in writing.

Par. 8: The following may take part in meetings of the Council without the right to vote: president, secretary and treasurer of the H.E.B. Other members of the H.E.B. may attend if needed. The chairman of the Audit committee or his delegate may attend but have only an advisory voice.

Par. 9: In an emergency, the chairman of the Council may poll the members' opinion by mail, by telephone, or personally and on this basis issue a decision in writing.

Par. 10: The Council reports to the general convention of the delegates of the Branches.

Art. 22. The Head Executive Board:

Par.1: The H.E.B. directs all the activities of the P.C.A. in accordance with this By-law, resolutions of the general conventions and regulations.

Par.2: The H.E.B. consists of: president, first vice-president, who is deputy president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and members of the Board.

Par.3: The number of vice-presidents and members of the Board is determined by the general convention.

Par.4: The president and members of the Board are elected for two years by the general convention. The president is elected by a separate vote.

Par.5: The Head Chaplain / Art.20, par.9d / on the invitation of the Head Executive Board may participate with an advisory vote in the meetings of the Board and in the general conventions of the P.C.A.

Par.6: The H.E.B. may co-opt other members in cases where:

- a) there is a vacancy in the H.E.B.
- b) there is a need to increase the number of members of the H.E.B. The total number of opted members cannot exceed 14 of the number of the members elected by the general convention.

Par.7: The duties of the H.E.B. are:

- a) directing the activities of the P.C.A.
- b) representing the P.C.A.
- c) carrying out the resolutions of the general conventions and other decisions of the authorities of the P.C.A.
- d) monitoring the activities of the Branches
- e) calling the general conventions y

Par.8: Members of the H.E.B. report to the president and the Board. The H.E.B. may suspend a member from his functions.

Par.9: The H.E.B. reports to the general convention of the delegates of the Branches.

Par. 10: The chairman of the Council or vice-chairman may be present at meetings of the H.E.B. without the right to vote.

Art. 23 The Audit Committee of the P.C.A.

Par.1: The Audit committee controls and inspects the correctness and intent of the H.E.B.'s management of funds.

Par.2: The Audit committee consists of: chairman, two members and two alternate members.



Par. 3: Members of the Audit committee are elected by the general convention for two years. The chairman is elected by a separate vote.

Par.4: The Audit committee reports to the general convention of the delegates of the Branches. Art. 24

Regulations:

Regulations pertaining to the execution of Chapter IV are included in the internal By-law entitled "The authorities of the P.C.A."

**CHAPTER V: THE COMMITTEES FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS AND DISCIPLINE**

Art. 25: General

Par. 1: These committees are committees of the organization. All members are subject to these regulations.

Par.2: The committees are autonomous in their decisions. Par.3: Their decisions are

binding on all members and authorities of the P.C.A.

Par.4: The committees deal with the following matters:

- a) activities contrary to the ideology of the P.C.A.
- b) assertions of unethical dealings
- c) activities denigrating Poles
- d) activities denigrating the P.C.A., refusing to adhere to this By-law and resolutions of the general conventions
- e) defamation of members of the P. C .A.
- f) obvious disregard for these committees

Par.5: Members who are hired employees of the P.C.A. are not subject to proceedings before the committees in matters arising from their employment.

Par.6: The committees may assign one of the following penalties:

- a) issuance of a warning
- b) reprimand
- c) suspension of membership rights up to 12 months
- d) declaring the member unworthy of membership and expulsion from the P.C.A.

Par.7: The committees are divided into two levels:

- a) the Branch committee, being the committee of the first instance
- b) the committee of the P.C.A. which functions as an appeal committee with the exception set out in Art. 27, par. 5 of this By-laws.

Art. 26 The Branch Committee:

Par.1: This committee serves as the committee of first instance. Par.2: The

committee consists of: chairman and at least three members.



Par.3: The chairman and members are elected by the general meeting for one term (one or two years ). The chairman is elected by a separate vote.

Par.4: Interested parties have the right to appeal decisions of this committee to the committee of the P.C.A.

Par.5: A Branch with a small number of ordinary members may not elect its own committee for resolution of conflicts and discipline /Art. 12 d/. In the event of a necessity such Branch may avail itself of a committee for resolutions of conflicts and discipline of any other Branch of the P.C.A. with its consent.

Art. 27 The Committee of the P.C.A.:

Par.1: This committee serves as an appeal committee from the Branch committee's decisions. Par.2:

The committee consists of: chairman and nine members.

Par.3: The chairman and members are elected by the general convention for two years. The chairman is elected by a separate vote.

Par.4: Decisions of this committee are final.

Par.5: This committee serves as the committee of first instance for members of the authorities of the Association, when the matter is in connection with their functions. In case of an appeal, the appeal is heard by a different panel of members of this committee. In all other matters, members of the authorities of the Association are subject to the same procedure as ordinary members.

Par.6: The committee of the P.C.A. is also empowered to interpret this By-law and other internal regulations. This can be done by the chairman in communication with at least two members of this committee.

**CHAPTER VI; ASSETS OF THE P.C.A.**

Art. 29 General:

./ Par.1 All assets of the P.C.A. in the Branches and H.E.B. serve as the means by which the aims of the Association can be realized.

Par.2: All the Branches manage their own assets in accordance with this By-law and resolutions of the general meetings.

Par.3: The H.E.B. manages its own assets in accordance with this By-law and resolutions of the general conventions.

Par.4: The H.E.B. is responsible only for those financial obligations of the Branches, for which it gave its consent in advance, in writing.

Par.5: In case of the dissolution of a Branch, its assets are disposed of in accordance with the aims of the P.C.A. and the provisions of this By-law regarding the dissolution of a Branch.

Par.6: In case of the dissolution of the P.C.A., its assets are disposed of in accordance with the aims of the P.C.A. and with the provisions of this By-law regarding the dissolution of the Association.

Art. 30 Special Clauses:

Par.1: When a Branch is dissolved under the provisions of Art 17, par. 1 -a, the liquidation meeting shall elect a Liquidation Commission, which shall administer the assets of the Branch in accordance with the directives of this meeting and in accordance with:

- a) the Provincial Charter
- b) provisions of Art. 29, par. 5, when the Provincial charter does not provide directives or when the Branch has no provincial charter

Par.2: When a Branch is dissolved under the provisions of Art. 17, par.1-b, the general meeting shall elect a Liquidation Commission, consisting of at least three members of the Branch, which shall administer the assets of the Branch in accordance with:

- a) the Provincial Charter
- / b) provisions of Art. 29, par. 5, when the Provincial charter does not provide directives or when the Branch has no provincial charter

Par.3: When a Branch is dissolved under the provisions of Art. 17, par. 1 -c, the H.E.B. shall appoint a Liquidation Commission, consisting of at least three members of the Branch, which shall administer the assets of the Branch in accordance with:

- a) the Provincial Charter
- b) provisions of Art. 29, par.5, when the Provincial charter does not provide directives or when the Branch has no provincial charter

Par.4: The provisions of the Provincial Charter regarding the disposal of the assets of the Branch should be identical with Art.29, par.5 of this By-law.

Par.5 If the P.C.A. is dissolved, the general liquidation convention of delegates of the Branches shall decide how the assets shall be disposed of by a simple majority of the votes represented at the convention.

Art. 31: Regulations:

The H.E.B. may, when needed, prepare detailed regulations in addition to the general provisions of Chapter VI of this By-law and present them to the general convention for approval.

**CHAPTER Vn; SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

Art. 32 Affiliations:

Par.1: The P.C.A. may co-operate with other Polish organizations in Canada on an affiliation basis. Par.2: The H.E.B. signs the agreement of affiliation.

Par.3: The agreement should include:

- a) statement of compatibility of ideologies
- b) terms of co-operation
- c) manner of affiliation
- d) mutual rights and duties of the two organizations and their members

Par.4: The agreement is binding from the day of approval by the general convention of the delegates of the Branches.

Art. 33: Youth Sections of the P.C.A.:

Par.1: Branches may organize youth sections.

Par.2: Their activities and membership shall be regulated by a special internal By-law: "Regulations concerning Youth sections of the P.C.A."

Art. 34: Ladies Auxiliary Sections:

Par.1: Branches may organize Ladies Auxiliary sections.

Par.2: Membership of the Ladies Auxiliary sections is equivalent to the associate membership, as determined in Art. 4, par.2-d, and par.4 of this By-law.

Par.3: The aims, activities and membership of the Ladies Auxiliary sections are defined in an internal By-law, prepared by the Executive in co-operation with the section and approved by the general meeting.

Art. 35 Remuneration:

Par.1: All functionaries of the P.C.A. receive no remuneration for their work in the executive of the P.C.A. or its Branches.

Par.2: They may receive reimbursement for their travel and other expenses, connected with their functions. If they are hired by the P.C.A. as professionals for a specific purpose, their fees must be approved by the H.E.B. or Executive of the Branch.

Art. 36 Honorary Awards and Decorations:

Par.1: The P.C.A. may give honorary awards to members and non-members in appreciation of their distinguished work to achieve the aims of the Association or for their social work in all its aspects for the good of Poles in Canada.

Par.2: An internal By-law regulates granting of these awards and decorations: "Regulations for Honorary Awards of the P.C.A. in Canada."

Art. 37 Internal Regulations of the P.C.A.

Par.1: The internal regulations contain regulations and instructions regarding the proper execution of the provisions of this By-law.

Par.2: Internal regulations are enacted by the general convention.

## **CHAPTER Vm DISSOLUTION OF THE P.C.A.:**

### Art. 38 Regulations Pertaining to Dissolution:

Par.1: Decision to dissolve the P.C.A. may be made by the Liquidation general convention, called exclusively for this purpose.

Par.2: Notice of such a convention should be delivered to the Branches at least three months before the convention is to take place.

Par.3: The quorum for such a convention is declared upon the presence of delegates representing at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all Branches and having a mandate of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the mandates of all qualified votes.

Par.4: The resolution dissolving the P.C.A. requires the majority of at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the mandates represented at the convention.

## **CHAPTER IX CLOSING CLAUSES:**

### Art. 39 Amendments of the By-law:

Par.1: Amendments of this By-law may be made by a resolution of the general convention by the majority of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the mandates represented at the convention.

Par.2: The proposed amendments should be delivered to the Branches at least three months before the convention is to take place.

Par.3: Amendments to this By-law, proposed without adhering to par.2, may be discussed at the convention if the motion to include them on the agenda is accepted by the majority of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the votes represented at the convention.

Par.4: Amendments to this By-law become valid on the day they are approved by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs of the Government of Canada.

### Art. 40 Languages:

This By-law is issued in Polish and English. In case of a discrepancy, the English version will be followed.

