

INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

At the February, 1921, meeting of the Council, Professors H. W. Tyler, W. F. Osgood, and D. E. Smith were appointed a committee with instructions to incorporate the Society and to procure a national charter if that were feasible. A bill to incorporate in the District of Columbia was introduced into the Senate and the House of Representatives, but it met with considerable opposition in the committee of the Senate. At the end of the last session of Congress the committee decided to abandon the idea of a special bill and to incorporate under the Code of the District of Columbia.

On May 3, 1923, incorporation was effected under the Code of the District of Columbia, the incorporators being H. W. Tyler, H. L. Hodgkins, Harry English, O. S. Adams, and J. T. Erwin.

The certificate of incorporation is very simple and contains beside the preamble only the following four articles.

I. The name or title by which this Society shall be known in law is the AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY.

II. The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

III. The particular business and objects of the Society are the furtherance of the interests of mathematical scholarship and research.

In furtherance of and not in limitation of the general objects of the Society and the powers conferred by the laws of the District of Columbia, it is hereby expressly provided that the following persons shall be eligible for membership in this corporation, to wit: the members now forming the unincorporated association of the same name and such other persons as may from time to time be elected to membership under the by-laws to be hereafter enacted. The corporation hereby constituted shall have power to fill all vacancies created by death, resignation, or otherwise, to provide for the election of foreign, domestic, or honorary associate members, and the division of such members into classes, and to make all needed rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out its proper corporate objects.

IV. The number of its trustees, directors or managers for the first year of this corporation's existence shall be thirty-one (31).

The first meeting of the Corporation was held at the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C., on May 4, 1923, at 12:45 p. m. All the incorporators were present and they elected as their associates for the first year thirty-one members of the Council for 1921. The next meeting of the Corporation will take place at Poughkeepsie in connection with the summer meeting. It is expected that at that time the incorporated body will assume control of the affairs of the Society and continue the objects for which the old Society was organized.

R. G. D. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.