

APPENDIX 1

The By-laws of the Slavic Society

[Source: M. Hrushevsky, ed., "Materialy do istorii Kyrylo-Metodiivskoho bratstva," *Zbirnyk pamiaty Tarasa Shevchenka* (Kiev, 1915)]

1. We hold that the spiritual and political union of the Slavs is the true destiny to which they should aspire.
2. We hold that at the time of their union each Slavic tribe should be independent and we acknowledge these tribes to be: The South Russians, the North Russians together with the Belorussians, the Poles, the Czechs with the Slovaks, the Lusatians, the Illyro-Serbians with the Slovenes and the Bulgarians.
3. We hold that each tribe should be ruled by the people and should observe the complete equality of the citizens according to their birth, Christian faith and status.
4. We hold that the government, legislation, the right to private property and to education of all the Slavs should be based on the holy religion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
5. We hold that in this condition of equality education and pure morals should be a stipulation for participation in government.
6. We believe that a general Slavic council made up of representatives of all the tribes should come into being.