

CONSTITUTION OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

(As adopted at the Annual Meeting at Memphis on
December 2, 1949)

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Section 2. The purposes of this organization shall be to promote scientific research and the diffusion of knowledge concerning science; to secure communication between persons engaged in scientific work, especially in Tennessee; to assist by investigation and discussion in developing and making known the material, educational, and other resources and riches of the state; to arrange and prepare for publication such reports of investigations and discussions as may further the aims and objects of the Academy; and to establish libraries, museums, and laboratories when deemed feasible.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1. The membership of the Academy shall consist of six classes: honorary members, fellows, life members, life sustaining members, sustaining members, and members.

Section 2. Honorary Members. Persons who have attained prominence in any department of science, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may be elected honorary members at any regular meeting by a three-fourths vote of the members present. No more than three honorary members shall be elected in any year.

Section 3. Fellows. Members who are professionally engaged in scientific work or who have advanced science by research may be elected fellows at any regular meeting by a three-fourths vote of the members present, provided these members have been recommended by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Life Members. Any one who contributes the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more to the Academy may be elected, by the Executive Committee, a life member. Life members enjoy all of the privileges of the Academy without further payment of dues.

Section 5. Life Sustaining Members. Any person who is a sustaining member becomes a life sustaining member when his contributions to the Academy aggregate one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 6. Sustaining Members. The Executive Committee may elect any person who contributes ten dollars (\$10.00) or more to the Academy to sustaining membership for that year. Institutions may also be elected to sustaining membership.

Section 7. Members. Any person of good moral character, interested or engaged in scientific work may be nominated for membership. Nominations must be made through the Secretary and must be endorsed by two members. Members are elected at the annual meeting by a majority of the members present. In the interim between meetings, the Executive Committee shall elect members, subject to ratification at the next annual meeting.

Section 8. All members except honorary members shall be entitled to hold office and to vote.

Section 9. Dues. The dues of life members, life sustaining members and sustaining members shall be as given in Sections 4, 5, and 6, respectively of this article. The annual dues of members and fellows are three dollars (\$3.00). Honorary members are exempt from the payment of dues.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Academy shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and Director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station. All officers except the Editor and the Director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year. The new officers shall take office immediately following the annual meeting at which they are elected. The Editor and Director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall hold office for three years unless displaced earlier by the Executive Committee. Officers shall be eligible for reelection. Unless otherwise specified, they shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.

Section 2. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Academy and of the Executive Committee and shall prepare them for publication in the JOURNAL. He shall also keep a record of the membership of the Academy.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all of the funds of the Academy excepting those pertaining to the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station. He shall keep a record of the dues paid by the members. He shall present at the annual meeting a tentative report of the receipts and disbursements to date. In January he shall present for publication in the JOURNAL a detailed written report to the Executive Committee which has been approved by the auditing committee appointed at the preceding annual meeting.

Section 4. The Editor shall edit and manage the JOURNAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE and such other publications as the Academy may from time to time publish. He shall be assisted by an Editorial Board consisting of departmental editors elected by their respective sections and an editor of the *News of Tennessee Science* appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station shall have complete charge of the laboratory limited only by such instructions as the trustees shall choose to give. He shall select an Advisory Committee, members of which shall be subject to confirmation by the trustees. He shall prepare a report of the activities of the biological station for the current year to be presented at the annual meeting and this report shall be published in the JOURNAL.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Academy of Science; the Representative to the A.A.A.S.

Section 1. The officers of the Academy and three other members shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Academy of Science. Each President-elect shall appoint one member of the Committee. Each member shall serve for three years. The business of the Academy not otherwise provided for shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee. It shall also pass on any business matters that arise in the interim between meetings, including the election of new members. These latter shall be subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Academy.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute a Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Section 3. The Executive Committee of the Academy shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint a representative to the Council of the A.A.A.S. who meets the requirements established by the A.A.A.S.

ARTICLE V

Affiliated Societies and Sections

Section 1. Affiliated Societies. Any state scientific organization, or part or section of a national organization may, upon application, be elected an Affiliated Society by the Executive Committee. Such Affiliated Societies may have a brief report of their annual meeting published in the JOURNAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

Section 2. Sections of the Academy. Upon application to the Executive Committee by not less than fifteen members, permission may be granted to form a section of the Academy, subject to ratification at the annual meeting. These sections in general shall correspond to those of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Officers of these sections shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, to be elected by the section.

Section 3. Provision is hereby afforded for sponsorship of a Junior Academy of Science by the Tennessee Academy of Science.

ARTICLE VI

Publications

Section 1. The official publication of the Academy shall be called JOURNAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE and shall be published quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Section 2. On recommendation of the Editor, the Executive Committee may from time to time provide for special or additional publications.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Other special meetings may be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may determine.

Section 2. Twenty-five voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII

Accounts

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Academy shall end on December 31. All annual dues for the ensuing year shall be due on January 1. Any member in arrears for dues for two years shall be dropped from the roll of members, provided he has had at least four notices mailed to him.

Section 2. A committee of two shall be appointed by the presiding officer at each annual meeting to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the closing fiscal year. This committee shall be known as the Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, provided that the amendment has been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or has been recommended by the Executive Committee and that a copy has been sent to every voting member of the Academy at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE X

By-Laws

By-Laws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the voting members present.

BY-LAWS

1. Notice of all meetings of the Academy shall be sent to all of the members at least three weeks in advance of the date of the meeting.

2. A program committee, of which the officer of highest rank residing near the place of meeting shall be the chairman, shall be appointed by this chairman at least one month in advance of the date of the meeting.

3. Election of officers, except the Editor and the Director of the Rælfot Lake Biological Station, shall be by ballot, but, with unanimous consent of the members the Secretary may cast one ballot, representing the unanimous vote of the members present. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the presiding officer at the first session of the business meeting, which shall bring forward nominations of officers to serve the Academy during the ensuing year. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member in good standing.

4. A committee of three on resolutions shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of the annual meeting.

5. Any member one year in arrears for dues shall be ineligible to vote or to hold an elective office in the Academy. The JOURNAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE may be withheld from members in arrears three months, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, until dues in arrears shall have been paid.

6. The order of the business at annual meetings shall be as follows:

1. Calling the meeting to order by the President.
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Appointment of temporary committees.
5. Election of members.
6. Business.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Election of officers.
9. Adjournment.

The program may be interpolated in the order of business according to convenience.

7. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Academy in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

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