

CONSTITUTION OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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-fourth 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. Voting. 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 above in Sections 4, 5, and 6, respectively,

of this Article. The annual dues of members and fellows are two dollars (\$2.00). Honorary members are exempt from the payment of dues. One dollar (\$1.00) from the dues of each member shall be set aside as a special fund for the publication of the Journal.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Academy shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor. All officers except the Editor shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year. The new officers shall take office immediately after the meeting in which they are elected. The Editor 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 re-election. They shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and disburse all of the funds of the Academy. He shall present at the annual meeting a tentative report of the receipts and disbursements to date. He shall present a detailed written report which has been approved by an auditing committee appointed at the preceding annual meeting to the Executive Committee at an early meeting in January. This report shall be published in the first number of the Journal issued in the new year. The Secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings of the Academy and shall keep a record of the membership of the Academy and the dues paid by the members. He shall prepare for publication in the Journal the proceedings of all meetings and a list of the members for publication in the October number of the Journal.

Section 3. 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 may select the Editorial Board, including such additional managers and assistants as seem desirable, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. He shall arrange desirable exchanges for the Academy Library and have charge of reprints and all advertising.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Academy of Science; Board of Trustees and Director of the Biological Station; Curator; Librarian.

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. They 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 officers of the Tennessee Academy of Science and three additional members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Academy shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station. These latter members shall serve for three years. Only one of these shall be appointed in any one year. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy shall also be Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Biological Station.

Section 4. A Director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station at Walnut Log, Reelfoot Lake, shall be elected by the Trustees of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station. The Director shall serve for three years and shall be

subject to reappointment or dismissal at the discretion of the Trustees. He shall have complete charge of the Laboratory, limited only by such instructions as the Trustees may choose to give. He may select an Advisory Committee, the members of which shall be subject to confirmation by the Trustees.

Section 5. Curators, as needed, may be elected by the Executive Committee unless otherwise provided for.

Section 6. A Librarian shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, and he shall have charge of the Academy Library. The Librarian shall keep a card index of all publications received for the benefit of the members and shall have charge of loans from the library to members. This also includes loans to members living outside of Nashville. The Librarian shall keep the Library open to members at reasonable hours throughout the year.

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 will be expected to hold their annual meeting in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Academy, and they 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.

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. Ten 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 that 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, 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. The Executive Committee shall constitute a committee which shall have the power to expel any person found unworthy of membership.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.