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€ 902°? CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the State Natural History Society of Illinois.

ARTICLE II.

Its field of observation and research shall comprise Geology, Archæology, and Biology in all its departments.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, a secretary, and an executive committee, to be elected annually.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all regular meetings. In his absence one of the vice-presidents shall preside.

ARTICLE V.

The treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Society, such as fees of membership, donations, etc., and disburse the same as directed upon the written order of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VI.

The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society, and shall file all papers read before it.

ARTICLE VII.

Any resident of the State of Illinois, interested in Natural Science, may become a member of this Society upon the payment of three dollars, if elected by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that the names for membership shall, in all cases, be presented on the recommendation of two members of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each regular member shall pay an annual assessment of one dollar after the first year of his membership.

ARTICLE IX.

The executive committee shall consist of the president, secretary, and treasurer, and two members to be selected by the Society. This committee shall take charge of and act upon all matters referred to it by the Society.

ARTICLE X.

All regular meetings of the Society shall be held semi-annually, at such place and time as the Society shall designate by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

This constitution may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society.

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MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this Society shall be known as the Annual Meeting and Field Meeting, and shall take place respectively on the fourth Tuesday in February and the second Tuesday in July* of each year, provided that the Executive Committee may alter the date of either meeting, in any year, at their option.

II.

NOTICES.

Notices of meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Society at least one month previous to date of such meeting.

III.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It shall be in order to elect new members at the beginning of any session of the Society, during its meeting. The Executive Committee shall prepare a programme and order of exercises for each day's session. The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

- 1. Minutes of last Meeting.
 - 2. Deferred Business.
 - 3. Reports of Committees.
 - 4. New Business.
 - 5. Election of Members.
 - 6. Election of Officers.
- 7. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 8. Address of Retiring President.
 - 9. Reading and Discussion of Miscellaneous Papers.
 - 10. Unfinished Business.
 - 11. Adjournment.

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AUDITING.

The presiding officer shall, at each annual meeting, appoint a committee of three, who shall examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer.

V.

BONDS.

The Treasurer of this Society shall give a bond in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500), with at least two satisfactory sureties.

VI.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

All elections for officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting, (provided, vacancies may be filled at a field meeting), and a majority of votes shall elect. In case of a vacancy in any office, the Executive Committee shall appoint some member to discharge the duties of that office until the next regular meeting.

VII.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership shall be balloted upon, and three negative votes shall reject.

VIII.

QUORUM.

Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IX.

TELLERS.

At each election the Presiding Officer shall appoint three tellers to collect, count, and declare the vote.

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AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, and all resolutions, shall be offered in writing, and shall be read aloud by the Presiding Officer before being voted upon, and a two-thirds vote of all the members present shall be necessary to alter or amend the By-Laws.

XI.

SECTIONS.

Any number of members not less than five, may organize a section by electing a chairman and secretary and giving notice in writing to the Secretary of the Society. Sections shall be subordinate to the Society, and shall have precedence in the order of their organization. They shall be privileged to retire at any time after the reading of the minutes, provided their absence shall not reduce the number present to less than a quorum. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be incorporated in the minutes of the Society, and read at the succeeding meeting, and all papers read before or contributed to such sections shall be the property of the Society.

XII.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Publishing Committee composed of three members, of which the President of the Society shall be chairman, which committee shall examine and recommend, from time to time, for publication, all such papers presented to the Society and such proceedings of the Society as said committee may deem best, which shall be published as may be directed by the Society.

XIII.

DISTRIBUTION.

The Secretary, on receipt of transactions, shall set aside as many copies as there are at that time members of the Society in good standing, and five additional copies as the property of the Society. He shall donate one copy, in the name of this Society, to each of the following named institutions, viz: The Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, D. C., the Industrial University, at Champaign, the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and each of the State Normal Schools. The remainder shall be used by the Secretary, at his discretion, to sell or exchange with other societies publishing similar transactions; and he shall have authority to sell all copies on hand except the five copies reserved for the Society library, after one year from date of issue; and all proceeds from sales to members or others shall be placed to the credit of the publication fund.

XIV.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Members removing from this state may be elected corresponding members. They shall pay the regular annual dues of one dollar (\$1),

and shall be entitled to receive therefor a copy of the published transactions without further charge, but shall neither vote nor hold office.

XV

UNPAID DUES.

Members whose unpaid dues shall amount to three dollars (\$3) shall be notified by the Secretary,* and if the same shall remain unpaid at the next regular meeting, the Executive Committee may, by a majority vote, order their names dropped from the list of members, and the Secretary shall notify them to that effect, and such persons shall not be eligible as members, either by re-instation or re-election, until such arrearages shall be paid and the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee obtained.

XVI.

EXPULSION.

The Executive Committee may suspend or expel any member for cause, subject to the approval of the Society.

XVII.

LIBRARIAN.

The Secretary shall be ex-officio Librarian and Curator. He shall have charge of all books, papers, and other property of the Society, shall properly list the same, and turn them over to his successor.

XVIII.

USAGE.

The parliamentary usage of this Society shall be that of Cushing's Manual.

*See Note.

NOTE.—The following report of a committee adopted by the Society at its last meeting is a virtual amendment of the By-Laws, although not made in that form:—

Your committee recommend, as follows:-

That the Secretary be instructed to notify each member of all dues remaining unpaid after each annual meeting.

That the Field meeting be changed from the second Tuesday in July to the second Tuesday in June, of each year.

That dues be made payable to the Secretary, and that the latter turn over all moneys, as fast as received, to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor to the Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Allen, F. S., Streator. Andrews, E. Wyllys, Chicago. Bannister, Dr. H. M., Kankakee. Bastin, Prof. E. S., Chicago University, Chicago. Bebb, M. S., Fountaindale. Boardman, Dr. E. O., Osceola. Boardman, Dr. E. R., Elmira. Boltwood, Prof. H. L., Ottawa. Brown, C. D. W., Aurora, Brydges, W. H., Lockport. Burrill, Prof. T. J., Champaign. Bushnell, Theron B., Ottawa. Butler, Cyrus W., Anna. Candee, F. J., Moline. Carter, Mrs. Jennie, Peru. Carter, Joseph, Peru. Clarke, Prof. Jno. W., Washington Heights. Clay, Jennie E., Cobden. Colegrove, James, 40 Madison St., Chicago. Colton, Buel P., Princeton. Conley, Prof. J. D., Carlinville. Danforth, Dr. I. N., 349 W. Adams St., Chicago. Dapprich, Emile, Belleville. Darlington, Herbert, 161 LaSalle St., Chicago. Davis, N. S. Jr., Evanston. Dodge, W. C., Englewood.

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Earle, F. S., Cobden.

*Ebersol, D. S., Ottawa,

^{*}Deceased.

*Newcomer, Mrs. Dr., Petersburg. Newcomer, Dr. J. W., Petersburg. Parker, Geo. W., Yorkville. Patterson. Harry N., Oquawka. Peabody, Prof. S. H., Champaign. Pepoon, H. S., Warren. Piper, Dr. R. U., Chicago. Rice, Frank L., Evanston. Rider, Lucy J., Lebanon. Robbins, H. E., Tonica. Robertson, Chas., Carlinville. Rolfe, C. W., Champaign. Root, Mrs. L. H., DeKalb. Seymour, A. B., Normal. Seymour, Prof. M. L., Normal. Shaw, Hon. Jas., Mt. Carroll. Shutt, Mrs. M. E., Springfield. Shulak, Rev. Francis X., St. Ignatius College, 12th St., Chicago. Skelton, Jno. L, 376 W. Monroe St., Chicago.

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