

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS,

(REVISED),

As Adopted May 5th, 1884.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called "THE COLORADO SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY."

OBJECT.

ART. II. Its object shall be the promotion of scientific intercourse, observation and record in the State of Colorado.

MEANS FOR ATTAINING THIS OBJECT.

ART. III. Among the means for attaining this end shall be periodical meetings of the Society, the reading of papers, the discussion of scientific subjects, the collection of scientific books and periodicals, special investigations into matters of public and scientific interest, and the publication of such parts of the proceedings as may be deemed expedient.

MEMBERS.

ART. IV. Persons of recognized attainments in some branch of natural science shall be eligible for admission as members of the Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. V. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven, of which the President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. VI. Proposed amendments to the constitution may be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Society, signed by not less than three members. If approved by a majority of those present, they shall be sent in writing to each member and shall be voted upon at some subsequent regular meeting of the Society, the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society being necessary to confirm. Members who are not able to be present may vote by letter.

BY-LAWS.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of each month. When this day falls on an official holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next following Monday.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

SEC. 2. The order of procedure at meetings shall be :
 First—The reading of the records of last meeting.
 Second—Balloting for candidates for admission.
 Third—Reports of Committees.
 Fourth—Unfinished business.
 Fifth—Other business.
 Sixth—Reading of papers.
 Seventh—Discussion and debate.

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

SEC. 3. The proceedings of the meetings shall be governed by the ordinary rules of parliamentary practice.

QUORUM.

SEC. 4. At any regular meeting of the Society seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but the action of a less number at any monthly meeting may be entered on the journal, provided such action does not affect the rights of the Society.

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NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. At the regular meeting in December, nomination shall be made for officers for the coming year. These nominations shall be sent by the secretary, in writing, to each absent member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 6. Officers of the Society shall be elected at the first regular meeting of each year, to hold office during that year. They shall be voted on by ballot, and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary for an election, except in the case of the Executive Committee, when the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Members not able to be present may vote by letter.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

SEC. 7. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and in case of their absence a chairman "pro tempore" shall be appointed by a majority of the votes of the members present. The President shall be "ex officio" a member of the Executive Committee and shall preside at its meetings.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society; shall have charge of the books, papers and collections of the Society not under the care of special Curators; shall issue notice of meetings to members; and shall be "ex officio" a member of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society, receive all assessments and pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 10. The Executive Committee shall have general control of all expenditures of the Society; shall appoint the necessary Curators; shall pass on candidates proposed for admission; shall see that papers and discussions are prepared for the regular meetings, and shall determine what, if any, part of the proceedings of the Society shall be published.

CURATORS.

SEC. 11. The Collections of the Society shall be under the charge of such special curators as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. The appointment of Curators shall be made by the Executive Committee at their first regular meeting after the annual election.

PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 12. Proposals for admission to the Society shall be endorsed by at least three members, who shall certify that they personally know the candidate and that he is worthy of acceptance. The proposal shall contain a statement under the candidate's signature of his residence, and the particular branch or branches of Natural Science in which he is especially interested.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 13. The names of persons who have been formally proposed and favorably passed upon by the Executive Committee shall be read at the next meeting of the Society, and balloted upon at the next succeeding regular meeting. Two contrary votes shall be sufficient to prevent an election. Members not able to be present may vote by letter. Persons elected to membership in the Society shall be officially notified of their election by the Secretary, in writing; they shall not, however, be enrolled as members until the election has been accepted by them in writing and the dues for the year have been paid. In the case of persons proposed not being elected, no notice of the same shall be entered on the records of the Society.

ENTRANCE FEE AND DUES.

SEC. 14. The amount of Entrance fee and annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society. The annual dues are payable before May 1st of each year. All members whose annual dues are unpaid May 1st shall be officially notified by the treasurer, in writing, and their names shall be dropped from the rolls if the dues are unpaid upon July 1st. In case, however, that such neglect to pay dues within the specified time is satisfactorily explained to the Executive Committee before the expiration of the current year, the delinquent member shall be restored to membership upon payment of the amount due.

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EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

SEC. 15. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF NON-MEMBERS AT MEETINGS.

SEC. 16. Members shall have the right to introduce at any regular meeting persons who may be interested in the objects of the Society.

EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS.

SEC. 17. In case it shall be determined to issue a publication of the proceedings or papers of the Society, it shall be the duty of the secretary to exchange such publications for those of kindred societies, and secure as far as possible the gift of scientific books from any available source.

FILLING OF VACANCIES.

SEC. 18. Any vacancy among the officers of the Society may be filled for the unexpired term at the next regular meeting after notice of such vacancy has been given to the Society.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 19. Upon the written request of three or more members, that, for cause therein set forth, a person belonging to the Society be expelled, the Executive Committee shall consider the matter, and if there is sufficient reason, shall advise the person that his resignation will be accepted. If the resignation is not tendered within one month, the Executive Committee shall instruct the Secretary to drop this person's name from the list of membership.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 20. Additions or amendments to the By-Laws shall be proposed in writing and recorded at a regular meeting, and be voted upon at the following meeting, either by personal or letter ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for the adoption of such addition or amendment.