

**The North American Section  
The International Union for the Study of Social Insects**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Object

The society shall be called, "The North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects", hereafter called the Section. The object of the Section shall be the promotion of the study of social arthropods and the dissemination of knowledge about social arthropods.

ARTICLE II

Affiliated Societies

The Section is an affiliate of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects, and is subject to its Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Any person interested in the study of social arthropods is eligible for membership. Each active member shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section annual dues of the amount stated in the Bylaws, and considered due January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The officers of the Section shall be a President, a President-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer, elected by the active membership. The President-Elect shall be elected annually, and shall automatically become President for the next year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years. Neither the President nor the Secretary-Treasurer may be re-elected to either office until three years have passed following the expiration of his term. The President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and the three most recent past-Presidents shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. The Committee shall recommend to the Section from time to time such measures as they deem expedient for the purposes of the Section, authorize all expenditures by the Secretary-Treasurer, fill temporary vacancies among officers, and conduct other business required. Between meetings the Executive Committee may vote and transact its by mail through the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

The President shall preside at scientific sessions, at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall appoint such committees as directed by the Executive Committee or prescribed by the Constitution or Bylaws. In the President's absence the President-Elect shall perform these functions.

The President may appoint Chairmen of symposia for annual meetings. Such a chairman shall form a committee to plan details of symposia.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Section. He shall be responsible for all arrangements for the meetings, including the program and the appointment of local committees. At least two months before the annual meeting, he shall send to the members a call for papers to be presented at the annual meeting. At least one month before the election he shall send to members the official slate of the nominating committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be in charge of the funds of the Section, and shall operate the books of the Section on an annual basis, from January 1 to December 31. At the annual business meeting he shall present a statement of the receipts and expenditures and funds of the Section. He is authorized to handle all accounts of the Section, and to accept contributions to the Section.

The President-Elect shall serve in place of the President in the event of resignation or unavailability of the President.

## ARTICLE VI

### Elections

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee not less than six months before the election. The Committee shall solicit by mail from the membership proposals for nominations for each office to be filled, nominate two candidates for each office, ascertaining whether proposed nominees will accept office if elected. Election shall be by mail ballot through the office of the Secretary-Treasurer prior to November 1. New officers shall take office January 1.

## ARTICLE VII

### Meetings

Meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall determine. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may arrange for joint programs with related scientific groups and for the presentations of papers. The purpose of all such meetings and presentations shall be limited to the Section objectives as stated in Article 1.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in writing by any member to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall submit them to the Executive Committee for consideration and vote. Such proposed amendments as have been approved by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the members for a mail ballot and may be adopted by a favorable vote of the majority of the members voting. Bylaws may be amended on recommendation of the Executive Committee at the annual meeting by a majority of members present.

## ARTICLE IX

### Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or termination of the Section, title to and possession of all the property of the Section shall pass forthwith to such organization dedicated to similar purposes and qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee of the Section shall deem best qualified to carry on the functions of the Section.

### Bylaws

1. Dues. Annual dues without subscription to Insectes Sociaux shall be \$9.00 for student members and \$22.50 for non-student members. Full time students at any educational institution qualify for the student rate. Co-signature by a faculty member of a student's application for membership shall suffice to verify student status.

Members of the Latin American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects may become joint members of this Section by the payment of an additional US \$2.00 to the annual Latin American Section dues.

Annual dues with subscription to *Insectes Sociaux* shall be adjusted as required by changes in the subscription rate set by the publisher.

2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit to the publisher of *Insectes Sociaux* the funds for subscriptions to that journal for every member who pays dues at the “with subscription” rate.