

**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 most recent past-President 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 business 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 Chairpersons of symposia for section meetings. Such a chairperson shall form a committee to plan details of symposia.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Section, and will disseminate the minutes of business meetings to the membership. They shall assist in the organization of Section meetings, providing communication and financial support as needed and approved by the executive committee. At least one month before the election the Secretary-Treasurer shall send to members the official slate of the nominating committee, and will tally the votes.

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 they shall present a statement of the receipts and expenditures and funds of the Section. The Secretary-Treasurer 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

A Nominating Committee shall solicit by mail from the membership proposals for nominations for each office to be filled, nominate candidates for each office, ascertaining whether proposed nominees will accept office if elected. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of three Section members, each serving a three year term that is staggered by one year from the duty dates of the others members. New Nomination Committee members will be appointed as needed by the Executive Committee. 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 shall be US\$10.00 for student members and US\$20.00 for non-student members. Full time students at any educational institution qualify for the student rate. Membership dues for additional relatives of regular members will cost US\$5.00.

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.