

International Union for the Study of Social Insects North American Section

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 their 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 activities 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 annual meetings. Such a chairperson shall form a committee to plan details of symposia.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Section and be responsible for all arrangements for the meetings, including the program and the appointment of local committees. At least one month before the election, the Secretary-Treasurer shall send to members the official slate chosen by the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be in charge of the funds of the Section, operating the books of the Section on an annual basis, from January 1 to December 31, and presenting a statement of the receipts, expenditures and funds of the Section at the annual business meeting. 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 consist of three members, serving staggered terms of three years. A new member shall be elected each year at the annual business meeting of IUSI/NAS. The senior member shall serve as chair of the committee. Members shall be from separate institutions. 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 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 balloting 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 \$10 for student members, \$20 for non-student members, and \$5 for family of fully paid 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 Bolivarian 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 Bolivarian Section dues.

2. Student Award Committee. The Student Award Committee shall oversee the administration of all awards for the Section. The Committee shall consist of three members, serving staggered terms of three years. The Nominating Committee shall organize an election for a new Student Award Committee member each

year and the results will be announced at the annual business meeting of IUSSI/NAS. The senior member shall serve as chair of the Committee. Members shall be from separate institutions. Consideration should be given to representation from a diversity of social insect taxonomic groups and research specialties when electing the new member. The Award Committee shall be responsible for (1) soliciting and ranking nominations and selecting the awardee, (2) notifying the awardee, and (3) announcing the award to members. The Award Committee members shall independently review nominations and rank them. The Award Committee chair will summarize the results and discuss them with the other committee members as needed to reach a consensus.