



Bylaws Revision Project

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Bylaws updates approved by Membership

Article I, Section A

Previous text

Membership in the Kentucky Ornithological Society, Inc. (hereinafter, the Society, which includes Corporation, as used occasionally in earlier versions of the Bylaws), shall be open to all persons interested in any phase of bird life and shall consist of Regular, Contributing, Life, Student, Family, and Honorary Members.

Approved text

Membership in the Kentucky Ornithological Society, Inc. (hereinafter, the Society, or the Corporation, as used occasionally in earlier versions of the Bylaws), shall be open to all persons interested in any phase of bird life and shall consist of Individual, Individual Contributing, Family, Family Contributing, Life, Student, and Honorary Members.

Article I, Section B

Previous text

Regular Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the **Regular** Membership fee, who desire to cooperate in the work of the Society, and who wish to receive its publications. They are entitled to participate in all the activities of the Society, to vote, and to hold office.

Approved text

Individual Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the **Individual** Membership fee, who desire to cooperate in the work of the Society, and who wish to receive its publications, **in a designated format**. They are entitled to participate in all the activities of the Society, to vote, and to hold office.

Article I, Section C

Previous text

Contributing Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the **Contributing Membership** fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges of **Regular Members**.

Approved text

Individual Contributing Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the **Individual Contributing Membership** fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges of **Individual Members**.

Article I, Section D

Previous text

Life Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the Life Membership fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges of **Regular** Members.

Approved text

Life Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the Life Membership fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges of **Individual** Members.

Article I, Section E

Previous text

Student Membership shall include bona fide full-time students. Student Membership may continue as long as the individual satisfies the stated condition. Such members are entitled to all the privileges of Regular Members.

Approved text

Student Membership shall include bona fide full-time students. Student Membership may continue as long as the individual satisfies the stated condition. Such members are entitled to all the privileges of Individual Members.

Article I, Section F

Previous text

Family Membership shall consist of the head or heads of a family and their children under eighteen (18) years of age who live at the same address and who pay one (1) Regular, or Contributing, Membership fee plus an additional annual fee (see Art. II, Sec. A). All individuals within a Family Membership are entitled to the privileges of Regular Members except they shall collectively receive only one (1) copy of *The Kentucky Warbler* and only one (1) copy of notices of meetings or other information about the activities of the Society; they shall collectively be allowed only one (1) vote at Society business meetings; and only one (1) of the heads of a Family Membership may hold office at any one time.

Approved text

Family Membership shall consist of one or more adults and any minors who live at the same address and who pay the Family Membership fee. All individuals within a Family Membership are entitled to the privileges of Individual Members except they shall collectively receive only one (1) copy of *The Kentucky Warbler* and only one (1) copy of notices of meetings or other information about the activities of the Society; they shall collectively be allowed only one (1) vote at Society business meetings; and only one (1) of the adults of a Family Membership may hold office at any one time.

Article I, Section G

Previous text

N/A – new section; subsequent Article I Sections are relabeled accordingly

Approved text

Family Contributing Membership shall consist of those families who pay the Family Contributing Membership fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges of Family Members.

Article I, Section H

Previous text

Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Board upon any business, organization, agency, institution, or individual showing an interest in the work of the Society by contributing to it, in money or other considerations, to assist it in carrying out its various activities. All contributions made under the provisions of this category of membership shall be appropriately recognized, and membership shall continue for the duration of such interest. It requires no regular dues and gives no right to vote or to hold office. Honorary Members are entitled to a subscription to *The Kentucky Warbler* if requested.

Approved text

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Article I, Section I

Previous text

The anniversary date of every membership shall be January 1. New memberships shall begin with January of the calendar year in which application and payment is dated, except that a new member whose application and payment is dated during or subsequent to the annual fall meeting of that year shall become a member the following January 1, but shall receive a courtesy copy of the last issue of *The Kentucky Warbler* for the year in which payment is made.

Approved text

The anniversary date of every membership shall be January 1. New memberships shall begin with January of the calendar year in which application and payment is dated. New membership or renewals paid at or after the Fall Membership Meeting shall confer membership for the remainder of that year and the following year.

Article II, Section A

Previous text

The annual dues for the various classes of members may be established or changed by the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the members present at the business meeting announced as the occasion for a vote on the proposed action, provided that a quorum (See Art. V, Sec. C) is present. The dues for Family Membership shall be a sum of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) annually in addition to the dues for one Regular, or Contributing, Membership.

Approved text

The annual dues for the various classes of members may be established or changed by the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the members present at the business meeting announced as the occasion for a vote on the proposed action, provided that a quorum (See Art. V, Sec. C) is present.

Article II, Section C

Previous text

Dues are payable for the fiscal year which shall run from January 1 through December 31 (see Art. I, Sec. H). Members who have not paid their dues by March 1 shall be deemed not in good standing and shall be reminded by mail; if dues are not paid within fifteen (15) days after that notice, membership shall lapse. Members are responsible for providing the Corresponding Secretary with prompt notice of any change of address.

Approved text

Dues are payable for the fiscal year which shall run from January 1 through December 31 (see Art. I, Sec. I). Members who have not paid their dues by March 1 shall be deemed not in good standing and shall be reminded by email or mail; if dues are not paid within fifteen (15) days after that notice, membership shall lapse. Members are responsible for providing the Corresponding Secretary with prompt notice of any change of address, email address, or phone number.

Article II, Section D

Previous text

Any organization or institution may subscribe to *The Kentucky Warbler* by paying the equivalent of the Regular Membership fee plus any extraordinary postage.

Approved text

Any organization or institution may subscribe to *The Kentucky Warbler* by paying the equivalent of the Individual Membership fee plus any extraordinary postage.

Article III, Section A

Previous text

The governing body of the Society shall be the Board, composed of eleven (11) elected officers, three (3) appointed officers, the immediate Past President of the Society, and one (1) Representative chosen by each qualified affiliated organization (see Art. VI). All living Past Presidents shall serve as non-voting ex officio members of the Board. The elected officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and six (6) Councillors, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year. The appointed officers shall be the Editor of *The Kentucky Warbler*, the Curator, and the Secretary of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. A quorum of the Board shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of its voting membership plus one (1) voting member.

Approved text

The Society shall be governed by the Board, composed of eleven (11) elected officers, three (3) appointed officers, the immediate Past President of the Society, and one (1) Representative chosen by each qualified affiliated organization (see Art. VI). The elected officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and six (6) Councillors, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year. The appointed officers shall be the Editor of *The Kentucky Warbler*, the Curator, and the Secretary of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. A quorum of the Board shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of its voting membership plus one (1) voting member.

Article IV, Section B

Previous text

The duties of the officers shall be such as pertain to their respective offices in similar organizations. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board and shall appoint all committees (but see Art. III, Sec. E; and Art. VII, Sec. C and Sec. D).

Approved text

The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board and shall appoint all committees except the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (see Art. III, Sec. E).

Article IV, Section D

Previous text

The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Board in **books** kept for that purpose and shall have charge of the records of the Society not appropriate for archiving. All records more than five (5) years old shall be turned over to the Curator for archiving.

Approved text

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Article IV, Section E

Previous text

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep a record thereof; shall give notice of all meetings; and shall be responsible for mailing the Society's publications.

Approved text

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep a record thereof; shall give notice of all meetings; and shall be responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Society's publications.

Article IV, Section G

Previous text

The six (6) Councillors, besides serving as members of the Board, shall act as advisors to the members of the Society, and shall not only endeavor to be familiar with the species of birds occurring in their own sections of the state, but shall also foster relevant activities in their sections.

Approved text

The six (6) Councillors, besides serving as members of the Board, shall act as advisors to the members of the Society, and shall not only endeavor to be familiar with the species of birds occurring in their own sections of the state, but shall also foster relevant activities in their sections. Councillors shall collaborate in arranging the bird walks at the Spring and Fall meetings, and coordinate these with the Vice President.

Article V, Section B

Previous text

Special meetings may be called at any time by action of the Board or upon written petition of fifteen (15) Regular, Contributing, Student, or Life members, which includes one (1) adult from each Family Membership, to the President, who shall thereupon call the meeting. Two (2) weeks' notice of such meeting must be given in writing, stating the purpose of the call, to the members by the Corresponding Secretary.

Approved text

Special meetings may be called at any time by action of the Board or upon written petition of fifteen (15) members in good standing, to the President, who shall thereupon call the meeting. Two (2) weeks' notice of such meeting must be given in writing, stating the purpose of the meeting, to the members by the Corresponding Secretary.

Article V, Section C

Previous text

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of twenty-five (25) Regular, Contributing, Student, or Life members, which includes one (1) adult from each Family Membership.

Approved text

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

Article VI

Previous text

The Society shall encourage the formation of local affiliates in all cities and areas of the state. Such affiliated organizations shall have a major interest in birding or ornithology, and must include at least five (5) Society members to maintain affiliate status. The affiliated organizations shall retain their autonomy but shall act in cooperation with the Society. Each affiliated organization shall remit annually to the Society the equivalent of one (1) Regular Membership fee, and shall receive, in exchange, one (1) copy of each issue of *The Kentucky Warbler* and other periodic Society publications and announcements. Each such organization shall transmit annually lists of its members to the Society Treasurer. Affiliates including at least fifteen (15) Society members shall be entitled to seat one (1) Representative on the Society Board. Affiliated organizations shall have certain privileges, the specifics of which are to be determined, updated, and made known to all interested organizations by the Society Board.

Approved text

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Article VII, Section B

Previous text

Grants and Awards Fund - A fund is established in the book of accounts of the Society from designated gifts and authorized transfers from other Funds which shall be known as the Kentucky Ornithological Society Grants and Awards Fund. The purpose of the Grants and Awards Fund is to provide grants-in-aid for qualifying research and education activities, as determined by the Board (or its designated committee) and in keeping with the donors interests. The dispersal of Awards will be published in *The Kentucky Warbler*. Solicitations for special funds will be made at the discretion of the Board.

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