

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
ACAROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
1984

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Acarological Society of America.

Section 2. The objectives of the Society shall be to encourage scientific research and to promote the diffusion of scientific knowledge in acarology.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The membership of the Society shall consist of Active Members, Student Members, Life Members, Emeritus Members, and Sustaining Members.

Section 2. Active Members shall be individuals who are interested in acarology and the objectives of the Society. Each Active Member shall pay to the Society annual dues as prescribed in the Bylaws. Life Members shall be Active Members who have paid at one time a suitable sum, as prescribed in the Bylaws, and are therefore relieved from further payment of dues.

Section 3. Student Members shall be full-time undergraduate, or part-time or full-time graduate students at a recognized institution of higher learning. To qualify for Student Membership, a student must have his/her status verified by a faculty member at his/her institution. Each Student Member shall pay to the Society annual dues as prescribed in the Bylaws. Student Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active Members but may not hold office.

Section 4. Emeritus Members shall be members who have retired from active service, and who petition the Executive Committee for a change in classification. Election to Emeritus Membership must receive a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee present or voting by mail. They shall enjoy all the privileges of active membership except holding office, and shall be released from payment of dues.

Section 5. Sustaining Members shall be educational or commercial institutions or departments of such institutions, or individuals interested in the promotion and advancement of acarology, and who support the objectives of the Society. Annual dues shall be paid as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a President-elect, a Secretary/Treasurer, and up to six Executive Committee Members-at-large. Members-at-large shall serve for three years, serving in staggered terms. The President-elect shall serve for one year, and then automatically assume the office of President for one year. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve for three years.

Section 2. The elected officers shall take office at the close of the business session of the annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors have been elected.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The President shall discharge the usual duties of a presiding officer at the meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President-elect shall assume the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence and be responsible for the annual meeting program.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the records of the Society and have custody of all funds of the Society. He/she shall keep an account of receipts and disbursements, and those accounts shall be audited as hereinafter provided in the Bylaws. He/she shall present a statement of the receipts and expenditures and funds for the past year at the business session of the annual meeting. He/she shall be responsible for the newsletter, notifying the membership of meetings, calls for papers and nominations, dues, annual reports, and all other items as directed by the Executive Committee. He shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Society and Executive Committee, and maintain a record of names and addresses of the members.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, the Committee Members at-large, and the immediate past President (ex officio, without vote).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall execute and administer the affairs of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. It shall be responsible for authorizing all expenditures by the Secretary/Treasurer and shall fill temporary vacancies among the officers.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the Society to organize the program for the annual symposium.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members to serve for one year. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations for those vacancies on the Executive Committee that will occur in the following year. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two persons for each office and ascertain whether the proposed nominees will accept office if elected. The slate of nominees shall be presented at the business session of the annual meeting of the Society. Nominations also may be made from the floor. The candidate who receives the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 5. The Executive Committee committees shall be appoint all standing committees and ad hoc committees.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Acarological Society of America shall hold an annual meeting as provided in the Bylaws. The Executive Committee may arrange for special meetings and joint programs with related scientific groups and for the presentation of papers.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution of the Acarological Society of America may be proposed in writing by any member to the Executive Committee. Such proposed amendments as are approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the members by mail ballot, and will be adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the voting members.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. In the event of dissolution or termination of the Acarological Society of America, title to and possession of all the property of the Society shall pass forthwith to another professional organization which the Executive Committee of the Society shall deem best qualified to promote the objectives of the Society. Ideally that organization should be 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).

BYLAWS

- I. Annual dues for Active Members shall be five (5) U. S. dollars per year. Student Members shall pay three (3) U. S. dollars per year. Sustaining Members shall pay twenty-five (25) U. S. dollars per year. Life membership shall be one hundred (100) U. S. dollars paid in a single sum.
- II. To establish a proper rotational basis for the Executive Committee in the first year this Constitution goes into effect, two Members-at-large shall be elected for three year terms, two for two-year terms, and two for one year terms. Both President and President-elect shall be elected in the first year this Constitution goes into effect.
- III. These Bylaws may be amended or suspended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.
- IV. Annual Meetings shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America or other professional scientific society.
- V. An audit of the books will be made each year by the executive committee or their agent.

Proposed Amendments to ASA Bylaws

- VI. To establish an Endowment Fund, supported by life-membership dues, donations, bequests, and any or all other income which is not generated through annual dues. The Fund shall provide monetary support for attendance of invited speakers in symposia, for awards for outstanding student presentations and for other special awards. The Fund shall be invested in one or more income generating accounts and be administered by the Executive Committee. Dispensation will normally be made from interest earned by the Endowment.
- VII. To establish a three-member Standing Committee on Awards and Recognition. This committee ^{may support} ~~will select~~ invited speakers in symposia, ^{may} ~~will~~ make special awards for outstanding student presentations, and ^{may} ~~will~~ make other awards and recognitions as appropriate and as directed by the Executive Committee. Term of office shall be three years. All active members of the Society in good standing, including elected officers, are eligible to serve. Upon approval of this bylaw, initial appointments to the Awards and Recognition Committee will be made by the Executive Committee, one each for three, two and one year terms. Thereafter, one appointment each year will be made by the Executive Committee.

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