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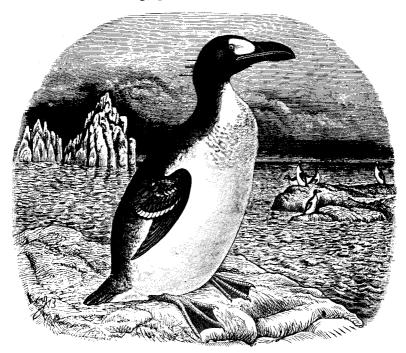
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By-Laws.

Article I. Of Members.

Section 1. The Union shall consist of Active, Associate, Honorary, and Corresponding Members, and Patrons.

Section 2. Active Members shall be residents of the United States or Canada, and shall be limited to fifty in number.

Section 3. Associate Members shall be residents of the United States or Canada, and shall not be limited in number.

Section 4. Honorary Members shall be limited to twenty-five in number. They shall be chosen for their eminence in Ornithology, and may be residents of any country.

Section 5. Corresponding Members shall be limited to one hundred in number, and may be residents of any country.

Article II. Of Officers.

Section 1. The Officers of the Union shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven Councillors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Management or Council of the Union, for the transaction of such business as may be assigned to it by the By-Laws or by the Union.

Section 2. The President or, in case of his absence or inability to act, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at the meetings of the Union and of the Council, and shall appoint all Committees except such as are otherwise provided for.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of the Union and Council; shall give at least three weeks' notice to Active and Associate Members of the time and place of meetings, shall report to the Council all nominations received by him for membership, and shall send to each Active Member a list of the nominees to Active Membership; shall notify Members elect of their election, and Committees of their appointment; shall acknowledge all donations to the Union, and report

the same at the next Stated Meeting; and he shall have charge of the corporate seal of the Union.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues from members, attend to all receipts and disbursements of the Union, and make a report of the same to the Union at each Stated Meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies occurring in any office may be filled by the Council until the next annual election.

Article III. Of Meetings.

Section 1. Stated Meetings of the Union shall be held annually, at such times and places as the Union may determine. Special meetings shall be called by the Council as occasion may require, due notice thereof being given by the Secretary.

Section 2. Ten Active Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. The scientific meetings of the Union shall be open to the public, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Members present.

Section 5. A Stated Meeting of the Council shall immediately precede each Stated Meeting of the Union. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President and Secretary, or by any four Members of the Council.

Article IV. Of Elections, Resignations, and Expulsions.

Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot. Officers, and Active and Honorary Members, shall be elected individually.

Section 2. All Officers shall be elected annually; the term of office shall begin immediately after the election, and the Officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Section 3. Elections of Officers are to be held as follows: In each case nominations shall be made by means of an informal ballot, the result of which shall be announced by the Secretary; after which the first formal ballot shall be taken.

In the ballot for Vice-Presidents, and Members of the Council, each voter shall write on one ballot as many names as there are Officers to be elected, viz., two on the first ballot for Vice-President, and seven on the first ballot for Members of the Council; and on each subsequent ballot many as names as there are

persons yet to be elected; and those persons who receive a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, provided that the number of persons receiving a majority does not exceed the number of persons to be elected, in which case the vacancies shall be filled by the candidates receiving the highest majorities.

If in any case the informal ballot result in giving a majority for any of the candidates, it may be declared formal by a majority vote.

Section 4. Nominations to Active Membership shall be made in writing; each nomination shall be signed by three Active Members, and shall be handed to the Secretary at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting at which it is to be voted The number of Active Members to be elected shall be first decided by a majority vote of the Active Members present at the Stated Meeting at which the election is to be held and they shall be elected in the following manner: Each member may select from the list to be voted upon, and inscribe on a ballot, names not to exceed in number the vacancies to be filled. Absent members may send ballots for five of the candidates, in order of preference, to the Secretary in a sealed blank envelope inclosed in another, and such envelopes shall be opened only by the tellers. From the names receiving the highest number of votes on this preference ballot, the members present may proceed to elect new members in the following manner: At each ballot each member present may vote for not exceeding the full number of persons to be elected, and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, provided that he receive at least three-fourths of the votes cast.

Section 5. Every person elected to Active Membership shall pay to the Treasurer, within six months from the date of election, an entrance fee of ten dollars, and subscribe to the By-Laws of the Union.

Section 6. The nomination of Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be made by the Council to the Union, and such members shall be elected by ballot, and the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the Active Members present shall be necessary to a choice. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be enrolled upon signifying acceptance of membership.

Section 7. Associate Members may be nominated to the Union through the Secretary by any Active Member, and the

nominations shall be acted upon by the Union at the next Stated Meeting; such Members may be thereupon elected by ballot; and the affirmative votes of a majority of the Active Members present shall be necessary to a choice.

Section 8. Active Members only shall be entitled to vote and be eligible to office. Honorary, Corresponding, and Associate Members may attend meetings, present papers, and take part in the scientific proceedings of the Union.

Section 9. Every Honorary, Corresponding, and Associate Member-elect shall notify the Secretary of his acceptance of membership within one year from the date of his election; in default of which notification, his name shall not be entered on the roll of members.

Section 10. Resignations shall be addressed to the President and acted on by the Council.

Section 11. Any member may be expelled from the Union on satisfactory evidence that said member is an improper person to be connected with the Union, or has made improper use of his membership; such expulsion shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a Stated Meeting, three months previous notice of such proposed action having been given by the Secretary to all Active Members, and to the member accused.

Article V. Of Fees and Assessments.

Section 1. The entrance fee for Active Members shall be ten dollars, and for Associate Members three dollars. The annual assessment shall be for Active Members five dollars, and for Associate Members three dollars. The entrance fee shall cover the annual dues for the first year of membership, dating from the time of election.

No fee or assessment shall be required of Honorary and Corresponding Members.

Section 2. The annual assessment for the ensuing year shall fall due on the first day of each Stated Meeting.

Section 3. No Active Member, one year in arrears for dues, shall be entitled to vote or take part in the business of any meeting.

Section 4. The name of any member two years in arrears for

dues shall be removed from the roll of membership; provided that two notices of indebtedness shall have been given him by the Treasurer, at intervals of three months; and no such person shall be restored to membership until all arrearages have been paid, or the person has been re-elected.

Section 5. Active and Associate Members not in arrears for dues shall receive the regular serial publication of the Union, entitled 'The Auk,' gratis. All the publications of the Union shall be sent gratis to Honorary Members.

Section 6. On payment of one hundred dollars any Active Member may become a Life Member, exempt from all further fees or assessments, and retaining all the rights and privileges of an Active Member.

Section 7. Any person desirous of furthering the aims of the Union may become a Patron thereof on payment of the sum of five hundred dollars, and his name shall be perpetually inscribed upon the records of the Union.

Article VI. Of Scientific Communications and Publications.

Section 1. The Union may publish, under the direction of the Council, a serial Journal of Ornithology, called 'The Auk,' and such reports, proceedings, memoirs, and other works on Ornithology as the Council may authorize.

Section 2. Communications on Ornithology may be read at the Stated Meetings of the Union, by any member, or for him by any other member, notice of the same having been previously given to the Secretary.

Section 3. Any member may read a paper for a person who is not a member, and shall not be considered responsible for the facts or opinions expressed by the author, but shall be held responsible for the appropriateness of the paper. Persons who are not members may read papers on invitation of the President, and with the approval of the Committee of Arrangements.

Section 4. The Secretary shall receive at any time scientific papers for presentation at the Stated Meetings, and shall report the date of their reception at the next Stated Meeting. But such papers shall date, in the records of the Union, from the date of their presentation to the Union; their order of presentation shall be that in which they were registered, unless changed by the Council.

Article VII. Of the Property of the Union.

Section 1. All investments of funds shall be made by the Treasurer, in the corporate name of the Union, in securities approved by the Council.

Section 2. No contract shall be binding upon the Union which has not been authorized by the Council. No liability exceeding one thousand dollars, nor total debt exceeding two thousand dollars, shall be incurred by the Council without the formal consent of the Union as expressed by a majority vote at a Stated Meeting.

Section 3. Bequests and trusts having for their object the advancement of Ornithology may be accepted and administered by the Union.

Article VIII. Of Additions and Amendments to the By-Laws.

Additions and Amendments to the By-Laws must be in writing, signed by two Active Members, and proposed at a Stated Meeting of the Union, to be acted upon at the next stated Meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Active Members present shall be necessary for adoption.

Rules.

- I. In the absence of any Officer at a Stated Meeting a member shall be chosen to perform his duties *pro tempore* by a plurality of *viva voce* votes, upon open nomination.
- II. The order of business at Stated Meetings shall be as follows:—

First Days' Session.

- 1. Chair taken by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents.
 - 2. Roll-call of Active Members by the Secretary.
- 3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - 4. Report of the Secretary.
 - 5. Report of the Treasurer.

- 6. Report of the Council, including nominations for membership and other business or recommendations.
 - 7. Election of Officers for the ensuing year.
 - 8. Election of Members.
 - a. Active.
 - b. Honorary.
 - c. Corresponding.
 - d. Associate.
 - 9. Action on business reported from the Council.
- to. Appointment by the President of a Committee of three Active Members, none of whom shall be members of the Council, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
- 11. Appointment by the President of a Committee on Resolutions.
 - 12. Reports of Committees.
 - 13. Miscellaneous business.
- 14. Presentation and discussion of scientific papers, or remarks.
 - 15. Adjournment.

Second Day's Session.

- 1. Chair taken by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents.
 - 2. Roll-call of Active Members by the Secretary.
- 3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous day's session.
 - 4. Report of the Auditing Committee.
 - 5. Report from the Council.
 - 6. Action on business from the Council.
 - 7. Reports of Committees.
 - 8. Miscellaneous business.
- 9. Presentation and discussion of scientific papers, or remarks.
 - 10. Adjournment.

Third Day's Session.

- 1. Chair taken by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents.
 - 2. Roll-call of Active Members by the Secretary.

- 3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous day's session.
 - 4. Selection of time and place of the next Stated Meeting.
- 5. Appointment by the President of a Committee, consisting of three Active Members, to co-operate with the President and Secretary as a Committee of Arrangements for the next Stated Meeting.
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- IV. The Rules of Order of the Union shall be those of the United States Senate, unless suspended by unanimous consent.
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- VII. The By-Laws and Rules, and list of the Officers and Members of the Union, may be published at such intervals and in such manner as the Council may determine.
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