

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Wilson Ornithological Chapter of the Agassiz Association.

Adopted December 1, 1892.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CHAPTER OF THE AGASSIZ ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Chapter shall be the promotion of American Ornithology and Oology, by systematic investigations, and the publication of the results.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.

The membership shall consist of Active, Associate, and Honorary members.

SECTION II.

CLAUSE 1. Application for Active membership should be made to the Secretary.

CLAUSE 2. Active members may be admitted semi-annually, in *April* and *October*, by a majority vote of the Active members, after recommendation by the Executive Council.

CLAUSE 3. Active members shall be limited in number by the Executive Council ; provided, that the number shall not exceed one hundred, nor be limited to less than twenty-five, except by a majority vote of the Active members.

CLAUSE 4. Active members shall pay annually, in advance, one dollar (\$1.00) to the Secretary of the Chapter, for which amount they shall receive the Official Organ and all publications of the Chapter.

CLAUSE 5. Non-payment of dues for one year shall cancel any member's name from the roll of the Active members; provided, that the Secretary has twice notified the member of the indebtedness, with an interval of two months.

CLAUSE 6. Active members only are entitled to vote, and to hold an elective office.

SECTION III.

CLAUSE 1. Any student of birds, their eggs and nests, residing in North America, may be admitted to Associate membership by the President of the Chapter.

CLAUSE 2. Associate members shall pay to the Secretary fifty cents, annually in advance, for which they shall receive one number of the Official Organ, and all bulletins published by the Chapter.

SECTION IV.

CLAUSE 1. Honorary members may be proposed by the Active members, and elected at the regular annual election; provided, that the number shall not exceed three annually.

CLAUSE 2. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

ARTICLE IV.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SECTION I.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three members of an Executive Council.

SECTION II.—PRESIDENT.

CLAUSE 1. The President shall have general manage-

ment of the Chapter, direct the investigations, and prepare the results for publication in such form as may be directed by the Executive Council.

CLAUSE 2. He shall appoint all committees, with the exception of the Executive Council. He shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint persons to fill all vacancies, occasioned by death or otherwise, until an election shall be held. He shall sign all documents which may require his signature. He shall appoint the publisher of the Official Organ, subject to the approval of the Executive Council. He shall cause to be published annually, in the Official Organ, a full written report of all his acts; and he shall perform such other duties as shall be required of him by this Constitution.

SECTION III.—VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President; and in case of the President's death, resignation, disqualification or neglect in discharging his duties, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties incumbent on the President, until the next regular election is held.

SECTION IV.—SECRETARY.

CLAUSE 1. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, and prepare all the necessary reports of the chapter.

CLAUSE 2. He shall receive and turn over to the Treasurer, all dues and assessments from the members. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Executive Council. He shall make out annually a full report of all funds received and paid during the year. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by this Constitution.

SECTION V.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall hold all funds received, subject to the order of the Executive Council. He shall pay out the same on all such orders bearing the Secretary's signature. He shall keep a correct account of all funds received and paid by him, and publish a full annual report in the Official Organ. At the end of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all books, funds, and papers belonging to the Chapter.

SECTION VI.—EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

CLAUSE 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the President of the Chapter, who shall be Chairman *ex-officio*; the Secretary; and three other Active members elected annually.

CLAUSE 2. The Executive Council shall act upon all motions, petitions, plans, and propositions not conflicting with this Constitution; and on matters referred to it elsewhere in this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—STATE DIVISIONS.

SECTION I.

Organizations of all the members of the Chapter in any state may be perfected when ten members are enrolled from that state.

SECTION II.

State Divisions may elect their own officers, and make their own by-laws; provided, that the by-laws do not conflict with this Constitution, and are approved by the Executive Council.

SECTION III.

The President of each State Division shall, under the direction of the President of the Chapter, have charge of the investigations in that state.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTIONS.

SECTION I.

Balloting for officers shall begin November 25th, and shall close December 10th, annually.

SECTION II.

At least thirty days previous to the opening of the election, the President shall appoint as Judge, any Active member, not an officer, nor a regularly nominated candidate, residing in the United States.

SECTION III.

The Secretary shall forward to the Judge a correct list of all members who are entitled to vote.

SECTION IV.

CLAUSE 1. Within three days after the close of the election, the Judge shall forward a correct statement of the ballots cast with the original ballots, to the President.

CLAUSE 2. The President shall sign the correct statement and order it published. He shall also forward to the Secretary the ballots and the list of newly elected officers.

CLAUSE 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the officers of their election.

SECTION V.

CLAUSE 1. All officers shall be elected annually.

CLAUSE 2. Their term of office shall begin January 1st, and shall continue for one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VII.—EXPULSIONS.

SECTION I.

The Executive Council shall constitute a committee which shall have power to expel any member who is proved unworthy of membership.

SECTION II.

The decision of the Executive Council can be overruled only by a two-thirds majority of the Active members in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII.—PROPOSITIONS.

SECTION I.

When a member wishes to put a proposition before the Chapter, he shall state his proposition in writing, sign it, and after securing the signatures of two other Active members, transmit it to the President.

SECTION II.

The President shall number the propositions in the order received and publish them in the next issue of the Official Organ.

SECTION III.

CLAUSE I. Within thirty days after their publication, Active members shall vote for or against them separately.

CLAUSE 2. All votes shall be sent to the Secretary.

SECTION IV.

All propositions not receiving a majority vote against them, shall be adopted as a code of by-laws of the Chapter, in accordance with which the Chapter shall be governed.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution must be presented to the President or Secretary in writing, signed by at least two Active members, when it shall require a two-thirds majority of the members in good standing to adopt it.