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EDITORIAL

As indicated in the last Bulletin, a Draft Constitution and a Members' List appear in this issue. Members' comments on the Draft Constitution are invited and in the event of none being received by the end of the year the Constitution will be formally adopted as it stands and will come into effect on 1st January 1976.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

(DRAFT)

Title

The Society shall be named the NIGERIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' SOCIETY.

Objects

The objects of the Society shall be the promotion of scientific interest in birds, and the publication of observations and studies relating to ornithology, particularly of Nigeria and adjacent countries.

R U L E S

I Management

- (1) The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of four members elected to the following offices and responsible for all matters of general policy and finance except editorial policy of the Society's journal (the BULLETIN) :
 - (a) a President
 - (b) an Honorary Secretary
 - (c) an Honorary Treasurer , and
 - (d) the Managing Editor of the Bulletin.
- (2) An Editorial Board shall be responsible to the Committee for editorial policy, production and publication of the Bulletin.
- (3)
 - (a) Officers shall be elected for a term of three years.
 - (b) At least one officer must be resident in Nigeria at the time of the triennial election.
 - (c) Officers shall be eligible for re-election immediately upon completion of their terms.

- (d) Elections shall be organised in March by the retiring Secretary and shall be carried out by postal ballot.
- (4) The Committee may at any time during its term co-opt one, or two, members resident in Nigeria at the time of co-option to serve as Ordinary Members of Committee until the end of the triennium.
- (5) The Committee shall normally meet at least once in each year of its triennium, but in the event of this proving impracticable the Secretary shall by post : solicit Agenda; circularise Agenda with proposers' notes; and put any contentious matters to postal vote.

II Membership and Subscription

- (1) There shall be two classes of membership, namely individual and corporate, and their annual dues may differ. All members shall receive a copy of each issue of the Bulletin.
- (2) The Committee shall review subscriptions annually.
- (3) Corporate (institutional) members, i.e. libraries, museums, university departments, etc., may receive the Bulletin either at corporate subscription rates or on an exchange basis.
- (4) The Committee shall be empowered to offer honorary membership to any distinguished ornithologist and to terminate membership of any member failing to pay due subscriptions after a written reminder and also any whose conduct a majority of the Committee shall decide is prejudicial to the welfare of the Society.

III Meetings

Meetings will not normally be arranged.

IV The Bulletin

- (1) The Editorial Board shall consist of : the Managing Editor ; two Assistant Editors drawn by invitation from the membership of the Society who may be the same persons as are also Officers or Ordinary Members of Committee ; the head of the Ahmadu Bello University Department of Biological Sciences or his nominee ; and two appointees of the Ahmadu Bello University Press for the duration of the interest of the Press in publishing the Bulletin.
- (2) Editorial policy shall be outlined from time to time in the pages of the Bulletin. Instructions to contributors shall be published in every issue of the Bulletin.

- (3) The Bulletin shall normally be published at least twice in each calendar year and shall carry, in addition to ornithological papers, information pertaining to membership, current Officers and Ordinary Members of Committee, and subscription rates.
- (4) Each Officer may at his discretion dispose of complimentary copies of the Bulletin and shall be responsible for accounting for same to the Secretary.
- (5) The Editorial Board may compile a list of institutes to whom the Bulletin shall be sent gratuitously on a regular basis. Such a list shall be reviewed annually by the Committee.

V Change of Rules

Amendments to these Rules may be made if approved by a majority of the Committee. Proposed amendments shall be published in the Bulletin and shall come into effect six months after such publication.

(End of Draft Constitution)

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