

CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS PASSED AT THE
63rd ANNUAL MEETING

Secretarial Note: At the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society fairly extensive changes in the Bylaws were passed at the final business meeting. These changes were proposed by a Constitution and Bylaws Committee composed of L. C. Kuitert, C. S. Lofgren, and H. V. Weems, Jr., Chairman. Suggestions for changes were first made in a petition to the Executive Committee, signed by 10 members, May 1980. President Leppla then activated the Bylaws Committee. The proposed changes went to the membership in the June 1980 mailout, thus complying with the requirement that members have at least 10 days to study the proposals before the Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, slight changes in wording of the amendments were proposed from the floor. These were passed by the required two-thirds vote of those present, and the total package was approved as reported below.

11 June 1980

TO: Members of the Florida Entomological Society
FROM: FES Constitution and Bylaws Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Florida Entomological Society

Over a period of years some gaps have developed between what the Bylaws of the Society direct and actual practice in the operation of the Society's business. The following proposals are made to update the Bylaws and bring them into line with current needs and practices and to provide for greater continuity in the transition from each administration to the next.

Members may compare the following proposed changes against provisions given in "Governing documents of the Florida Entomological Society, Inc." adopted at the 1965 Annual Meeting of the Society and printed in the June 1966 issue, volume 49, number 2, of *The Florida Entomologist*. See also Amendments No. 1, volume 60, number 1, of *The Florida Entomologist*. A third amendment, passed at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Society, will appear in the June 1980 issue of *The Florida Entomologist*, as follows: "Section 3. Dues are in arrears January 1 of a calendar year. Members in arrears will forfeit all Society privileges." The following are the currently proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Society:

PROPOSAL #1. Articles of Incorporation, III. Membership

III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership—The classes of membership shall be Regular, Student, Sustaining, Honorary, and Emeritus. (Reference to these changes in membership categories and titles should be made where appropriate throughout the Constitution and Bylaws.)

Section 2. Regular Membership—All persons having entomological training and/or a sincere interest in entomology may apply for Regular Membership by submitting an application form and annual dues payment to the Treasurer and Business Manager. Regular Members shall have the privileges of voting, holding office, and otherwise participating in the affairs of the Society. They shall receive *The Florida Entomologist* and other Society publications.

Section 3. Student Membership—Any person interested in entomology who is enrolled at a recognized educational institution may become a Student Member by submitting an application form and annual dues payment to the

Treasurer and Business Manager. Student Members shall have the same privileges and benefits as Regular Members; however, they will pay reduced dues.

Section 4. Sustaining Membership—Sustaining Members shall have the qualifications, privileges, and benefits of Regular Members, including voting by the designated institutional representative of each Sustaining Membership; however, their financial contribution will exceed that of annual dues. They shall be formally recognized for their beneficence.

Section 5. Honorary Membership—Honorary Membership may be conferred by action of the Society on anyone who has performed distinguished service in the field of entomology. Special consideration should be given to service to entomology in Florida. Such individuals shall have been active in entomological work for a minimum of 20 years. Any member may nominate a candidate by submitting a written proposal to the Secretary. If approved by the Executive Committee, the candidate's name shall be submitted to the Society for secret vote by mail ballot at least 30 days prior to any Annual Meeting. Election to Honorary Membership shall require a three-fourths majority of those balloting. The total number of Honorary Members shall not exceed 10, and not more than 2 may be elected in any one year. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of Regular Membership including a continuing subscription to *The Florida Entomologist*. They shall be exempt from annual dues.

Section 6. Emeritus Membership—Regular Members in good standing who have retired from full-time employment may request emeritus status. Granting of emeritus membership shall require approval by a three-fourths majority of the Executive Committee. Emeritus Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. They shall have all the privileges of Regular Membership except they shall not receive the *Florida Entomologist* gratis; they shall have the privilege of subscribing at half Regular Membership rates.

PROPOSAL #2. Bylaws, II. Officers

II. OFFICERS

Section 1. The President (no change).

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence and shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3. The Secretary for publication, and conduct general correspondence of the Society except as otherwise provided.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep a current list of all members and their addresses, collect all monies (no further change).

PROPOSAL #3. Bylaws, IV. Standing Committees.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees shall include: a Public Relations Committee, a Program Committee, a Local Arrangements Committee, a Membership Committee, an Honors and Awards Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Rules of Order Committee, a Resolutions Committee, an Auditing Committee, a Student Activities Committee, and a Long-Range Planning Committee. All committee chairmen and members shall be approved, or appointed if required, by the incoming President. Other standing committees may be authorized by vote of the Society after recommendation by the Executive Committee; and any standing committee may be dismissed by similar procedure. All standing committees shall document their activities and provide an annual report to the Secretary.

Section 2. The Public Relations Committee shall consist of 3 members.

Each will serve a 3-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This Committee shall handle such matters as publicity, education, and general public relations in fulfillment of the first objective in the Articles of Incorporation, "to promote entomology as a science and a profession". This committee shall also be concerned with matters which affect the interest of the entomological profession and accordingly shall (1) provide representation at public hearings on matters which affect the interests of the profession; (2) keep informed on all public affairs affecting entomology, including legislation, and represent the Society in all such matters by offering advice and counsel to the State Government and to the public in these matters; and (3) promote activities designed to improve the status of professional entomology.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall consist of 3 members. Each will serve a one-year term. The Chairman, Vice-President of the Society, will appoint the other 2 members. This committee shall solicit and schedule speakers, compose and distribute a written program, and in conjunction with the Executive and Local Arrangements Committees, coordinate all activities necessary for the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The Local Arrangements Committee shall consist of 3 members. Each will serve a one-year term. The Chairman, after appointment by the President, will designate the other 2 members. This committee shall handle local publicity for the Annual Meeting, make arrangements for registration, assure that there will be adequate meeting and exhibit space, provide for a banquet and entertainment if such are to be held, and make other necessary detailed arrangements in cooperation with the Executive and Program Committees.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of 5 members, 2 of which shall be students. Each will serve a 3-year staggered term, except the student members who will serve a one-year term, one new three-year member and 2 student members to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall actively search for and solicit new members for the Society among professional workers, students, and amateurs in entomology.

Section 6. The Honors and Awards Committee shall consist of 3 members. Each will serve a 3-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall examine and evaluate candidates for honors, and present appropriate awards to entomologists who make outstanding contributions to science and to the public. The committee need not necessarily honor any individual or organization yearly.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 members. The Chairman, past President of the Society, will appoint the other 2 members. All will serve for one year. This committee shall prepare a list of candidates comprising one nominee for each elective office for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall secure the consent of each candidate before presentation. Candidates also may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Section 8. The Rules of Order Committee shall consist of 2 members. Each will serve a 2-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall formulate rules of parliamentary procedure not otherwise provided for in the Society. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws shall serve as Parliamentarians at the Annual and Special Meetings of the Society, and shall on request, or voluntarily

interpret the rules and usage of parliamentary authority used in conduct of Society meetings.

Section 9. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of 2 members. Each will serve a 2-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by seniority on the committee. This committee shall formally recognize and commend individuals and organizations that contribute materially to attainment of the Society's objectives as stated in the "Governing Documents". The committee shall express the membership's encouragement of and support for activities that directly affect the Society, entomology, and the biological sciences in general.

Section 10. The auditing Committee shall consist of 3 members. Each will serve a 3-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall audit the accounts, examine the annual "Report of the Business Manager and Treasurer", and review the overall financial condition of the Society at least once each year. The committee shall recommend action for improving the management of resources to achieve the Society's "Object and Purpose".

Section 11. The Student Activities Committee shall consist of 3 members. Each will serve a 3-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall solicit speakers, conduct judging, and bestow awards for the annual student paper contest. The committee shall coordinate all other activities that involve the participation of student members in Society affairs.

Section 12. The Long-Range Planning Committee shall consist of 5 members. Each will serve a 5-year staggered term, one new member to be appointed each year by the incoming Chairman. The chairmanship shall be inherited by virtue of seniority on the committee. This committee shall provide long-term continuity, direction, and leadership for the Society by: (1) advising and assisting the Executive Committee in overseeing long-range fiscal policies and other policies of the Society; (2) fostering liaison with allied scientific and technological organizations, and (3) initiating special projects to further the Society's aims.

In achieving these objectives the committee may review certain documents, poll the membership, and interact with other committees.

PROPOSAL #4. Bylaws, VIII. Publications.

Change the title of the Society's official publication, *The Florida Entomologist*, to *Florida Entomologist* in this section and elsewhere in the Governing Documents.

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These changes in the Bylaws were approved at the 63rd Annual Meeting 29 August 1980.

