

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY LEPIDOPTERISTS

Amended, November 10, 2018

ARTICLE 1: Name

This society shall be known as The Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists.

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

a. The purpose of this Society is directed to efforts and activities that shall enhance, supplement and advance the growth of scientific knowledge pertaining to the lepidopteran fauna of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and surrounding areas.

b. As an ancillary function, the Society shall strive to further communication and other means of social interaction between individuals that share a common interest in the Lepidoptera.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

a. Membership in this society shall be open to any person or organization having an interest in the purpose of the society. Membership will terminate upon (1) death, (2) receipt by the Treasurer of a written resignation, or (3) failure to pay dues within six months of the due date.

b. Applications for membership should be made to the Treasurer and should be accompanied by dues for one calendar year.

ARTICLE 4: Organization

a. The elected officers of this Society shall include a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Editor, a Website Coordinator, a Field Research Coordinator, and three Members at Large. These officers as a group shall constitute the Board of Directors.

b. The President shall annually appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members of the Society. Said committee shall nominate at least one (1) candidate for each office and by the time of the annual meeting shall obtain verbal agreements from the candidates of their willingness to serve, if elected.

c. The officers shall be elected by a vote of the members present at the annual meeting, and shall serve from the following January 1 for a period of one (1) year, with the

exception of the Members at Large, who shall serve for two (2) years. One Member at Large will alternate years of service with the other two, so that at least one Member at Large is elected new each year.

d. The duties of each officer shall be those normally pertaining to the respective office.

e. Officers shall serve without compensation.

f. The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at such other times as deemed necessary by the President. Should a special meeting be called by the President, at least fifteen (15) days' notice shall be provided to all other Directors.

g. A quorum shall be constituted by presence of four (4) directors.

h. Vacancies in the membership of the Board of Directors that occur between annual meetings may be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors.

i. Any needed decisions on activities associated with our policies (see Article 9), on amendments needed to be made to the constitution and presented to the membership for vote (see Article 10), or any other items that need action by the board will be made by a majority vote of the Directors (can be done electronically).

ARTICLE 5: Meetings

The Society shall hold meetings at times and places selected by the Board of Directors. All meetings will be announced in The Kentucky Lepidopterist and will be held not sooner than 30 days after the notice is mailed. There shall be an annual meeting at which officers are elected. The Society's fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year.

ARTICLE 6: Awards

a. Awards including grants of Society funds may be awarded to members for outstanding accomplishment as it relates to the Society's purpose.

b. Awards shall be issued pursuant to recommendation by the Board of Directors and a vote of the majority of the membership casting a vote on the recommendation.

ARTICLE 7: Publications

The Society shall publish and distribute a newsletter, The Kentucky Lepidopterist, to the members up to four times annually.

ARTICLE 8: Dues

a. The dues for each year will be set by the Board for each class of membership.

b. Dues are payable by the calendar year, with notices for that year distributed in January.

ARTICLE 9: Policies

The Society and its members, in carrying out activities in the support of its purpose, shall be guided by these policies.

(1) The Society will cooperate with The Lepidopterists' Society.

(2) The Society will encourage scientific publication by its members.

(3) The Society will function as a non-profit, non-political, educational organization.

(4) The Society will encourage activity by members who are not professional entomologists.

(5) Members of the Society are expected to follow ethical guidelines relative to collecting as developed by The Lepidopterists' Society.

(6) Members are encouraged to develop information on Lepidoptera and forward this to the zone coordinator for compilation and publication.

(7) Members are encouraged to establish affiliations with museums and educational institutions for the deposit and preservation of specimens.

ARTICLE 10: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by motion made, seconded, and passed by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE 11: Dissolution

In the event that this Society should cease to exist, all of its assets shall be liquidated as follows:

- (1) All outstanding debts shall be paid promptly.
- (2) All remaining assets shall be given to The Lepidopterists' Society.