

CONSTITUTION OF THE KNOXVILLE SCIENCE CLUB

Adopted Feb. 13, 1959

*Amended Oct. 2, 1981

Article I. Name and Purpose

- Sec. 1. The name of this club shall be the Knoxville Science Club.
- Sec. 2. The purpose of this club shall be the promotion of scientific knowledge in all fields of science.

Article II. Membership, Dues, and Assessments

- Sec. 1. Membership shall consist of those who were members at the time this Constitution was adopted and those who become members thereafter under the provisions of Sec. 2 or Sec. 3 of this article.
- Sec. 2. Any former member of this club may become a member again by paying his dues for the year in which he is reinstated.
- Sec. 3. Any person interested in the purposes of this club may become a member by attending two meetings as a visitor, filling out an application form, having it endorsed by a member, and paying dues for the current year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have printed, "Proposed for Membership: (name of applicant)" on the card announcing the next meeting. Any member may present a written objection at or before this meeting to any officer of the club. In this case the Executive Committee shall solicit a further statement by the endorser, make such additional investigation as it deems appropriate, and take final action. If membership is denied by such action, the dues paid by the applicant shall be returned.
- Sec. 4. The dues of this club shall be \$3.00* on Campus and \$5.00* off-Campus per year, payable during the month of October or at the time of admission to membership or reinstatement, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid by the following May 1. Members whose dues are delinquent shall be dropped from the roll by the Secretary-Treasurer before the annual meeting.
- Sec. 5. Assessments may be proposed and levied by the procedures set forth in Article V for amending this Constitution.

Article III. Officers, Elections, Executive Committee

- Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. The vice-president shall serve as chairman of the program committee. The president and the vice-president shall be ineligible to succeed themselves in office. All officers shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The office of president shall be held in alternate years by representatives of the physical and biological sciences.

- Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the three officers of the club. Its duties shall be to decide on admission of applicants to membership following written objections, to propose assessments and amendments to this Constitution when necessary, and to take emergency actions on behalf of the membership. Every emergency action shall be reported at the next meeting at which there is a quorum, and may be rescinded by majority vote of the members present.
- Sec. 3. At the last meeting in April, the president shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of two past presidents of the club, if available, and one member who is not a present officer or a past president, and shall serve ex officio as chairman. This committee shall nominate one candidate for each office for the coming year. Additional candidates may be nominated in writing up to the beginning of the annual meeting, by any three active members. Election shall be by majority vote at the annual meeting.
- Sec. 4. The officers shall perform the duties specifically set forth in this Constitution, and all others regularly appertaining to their offices.

Article IV. Meetings

- Sec. 1. Regular meetings shall be held at noon weekly, beginning in late September and ending in late May. Special meetings may be called by the president.
- Sec. 2. The annual meeting shall be the last regular meeting in May. At this meeting the officers shall give their annual reports, and new officers shall be elected and installed.
- Sec. 3. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 4. At least four days prior to each meeting, the secretary-treasurer shall mail a written notice to the members stating the time, place, speaker and title (if any), and major agenda item(s) if a business meeting.

Article V. Amendments

- Sec. 1. Amendments may be proposed by unanimous vote of the executive committee or by majority vote of the members at a meeting.
- Sec. 2. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present at a meeting, or by majority vote on a mail ballot sent to all members. If proposed by majority vote at a meeting, the final vote must be at a later meeting. The proposing group shall decide upon the method for the final vote.

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Responsibilities of President:

1. Preside at all Club business meetings and conduct of business.
2. Recognize all guests at Club meetings.
3. Open noon speaker program and introduce Program Chairman.
4. Appoint all committees, direct all activities, write or direct the writing of all Club official correspondence.
5. Give final Club meeting program of the academic year.

Responsibilities of Vice President:

1. Arrange all Club noon speaker programs.
2. Supply needed visual aids; carousel slide projector, extension cord, extension auto slide changer, movie projector, screen, slide TRAY.
3. Set up equipment for speaker.
4. Introduce speaker and programs each noon.
5. Buy speaker's lunch (for non-Club members only) and get reimbursement from Secretary-Treasurer.
6. Pick up speaker for Club meeting if necessary.
7. Meet speaker when he arrives at S&W.

Responsibilities of Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Receive all speaker programs from Program Chairman.
2. Have notice cards printed and mailed.
3. Collect all dues and monies for Club and maintain all books and records (bank, etc.).
4. Reimburse Program Chairman for guest lunch expenses.
5. Take minutes of all Club business meeting transactions.
6. Prepare Secretary and Treasurer's report for Business report in late spring and any special auditing reports as requested.
7. Dispense all authorized expenditures in behalf of the Club.
8. Purchase stamps.
9. Write official correspondence for Club if directed by the Club President or majority vote of membership present at a business session.