

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article 1: NAME AND OBJECT. The Society shall be called “The International Society for Behavioral Ecology” hereafter referred to as “The Society”.

The object of The Society shall be to sponsor periodic scientific meetings for behavioral ecologists, to promote scientific research in behavioral ecology, and to foster the integration of various related disciplines with behavioral ecology.

Article 2: MEMBERSHIP. Any person or institution in the study of behavioral ecology is eligible for membership. There will be three classes of membership: regular, student, and family. All classes will enjoy the same privileges. Family will not receive additional copies of bulletins, newsletters or journals produced by The Society. The student class will refer to undergraduate and graduate students.

Article 3: OFFICERS. The officers of The Society shall be President, President Elect, Past President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All terms commence at the biannual meeting. The President Elect will become President two years after being elected and will serve a term of two years as President; the President therefore may not serve two consecutive terms. At the end of the term of President, the former President will serve as Past President for a term of two years. The Secretary and Treasurer will serve terms of four years, with elections staggered to allow an overlap of two years by those officers. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected.

Article 4: COUNCIL. The Council will govern The Society. The Council consists of the current officers (specified in Article 3) and four elected Councillors. (Every second year two Councillors will be elected to a four-year term.)

The Society sponsors Behavioral Ecology, hereafter referred to as The Journal. The Council shall appoint editors and determine publication policy for The Journal and any other publication of The Society. Editors of The journal shall be appointed for 5-year terms. The Council will oversee planning at periodic meetings of The Society, formulate and modify The Society’s policies as necessary, authorize all expenditures by the Treasurer, and conduct other business as required. Between meetings the Council may vote and act by mail through the office of the Secretary. A quorum of the Council will consist of six members.

Article 5: ELECTIONS. The President, in consultation with the Council, will appoint a Nominating Committee at the biannual meeting and shall designate one of its members as Chairperson. This Committee will invite proposals for nomination from The Society's membership no less than one year before the next biannual meeting. It will then nominate two willing candidates for each of President Elect, Treasurer or Secretary (alternating elections), and four for Councillor. In special circumstances a single nomination may be made for any office. Elections will take place by mail ballot no less than six months before the biannual meeting. The Nominating Committee will arrange for the Secretary to mail ballots and brief biographies of the candidates to the membership; ballots should be returned to the Secretary. The Secretary will inform newly elected officers of their election no less than four months before the biannual meeting and will inform the membership of election results either via the newsletter or at the meeting.

Article 6: MEETINGS. The Society will hold scientific and business meetings together at least once every two years. The date and location of a meeting will be approved by the Council. The Council may arrange for joint programs with related scientific groups. The host institution(s) for each meeting will plan the format in consultation with the Council.

Article 7: AMENDMENTS. Amendments to the Constitution, or changes in the Constitution and Bylaws, may be proposed by any member in a written communication to the Secretary. Such proposals will then be presented to the Council for a vote. If approved by a majority of the Council, such proposals will be submitted to the membership in a mailed ballot at the time of the next election. A proposal will be adopted if favored by a simple majority of the members voting.

Article 8: FISCAL YEAR AND TENURE OF OFFICE. The Treasurer will maintain records on an annual basis, from 1 January to 31 December. The Treasurer will provide the Council a statement for the last preceding fiscal year by 1 July of each year.

Article 9: ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS. The International Society for Behavioral Ecology is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BYLAWS

Article 1: DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The President will preside at scientific meetings and Council meetings. The President will appoint committee as directed by the Constitution and Bylaws, and as decided by the Council.

The Secretary will maintain The Society's records. The Secretary will inform the membership concerning periodic meetings, elections, and other Society business in a timely manner. The Secretary will take the chief responsibility as the Council's representative to any host institution(s) planning a scientific meeting for The Society's membership.

The Treasurer will take charge of The Society's funds and other assets. The Treasurer will handle all accounts of The Society, collect dues, accept contributions to The Society, and will act as fiscal manager for any publications sponsored by The Society.

Article 2: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS. Officers may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Council, minus the officer under consideration.

Article 3: COMMITTEES. The Nominating Committee will consist of three members and should include members from at least two continents.

Other committees may be appointed by the President upon authorization by the Council.

Article 4: DISSOLUTION. Upon the dissolution of The Society, title to and all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In practice, The Society shall identify an exempt organization or organizations as the membership of The Society shall deem best qualified to carry on the functions of The Society. The membership of The Society shall make this determination by a simple majority vote conducted by mail ballot on proposals formulated by the Council. The voting shall be administered by the Secretary.

Article 5: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS. Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution or By-laws that might be susceptible to a contrary construction:

- a) The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall be organized exclusively for scientific, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code;

- b) The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall be operated exclusively for scientific, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
- c) no part of the net earnings of The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall, or may, under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;
- d) no substantial part of the activities of The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;
- e) The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) political campaigns on behalf of any candidates for public office;
- f) The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not be organized or operated for profit;
- g) The International Society for Behavioral Ecology shall not:
 - 1) lend any part of its income or corpus without the receipt of adequate security and a reasonable rate of interest;
 - 2) pay any compensation in excess of a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered;
 - 3) make any part of its services available on preferential bases;
 - 4) make any purchases of securities or any other property for more than adequate consideration in money or money's worth;
 - 5) sell any securities or other property for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth;
 - 6) engage in any other transaction which results in substantial diversion of its income or corpus to any officer, member of the Council or substantial contributor to The Society.

The prohibitions contained in this subsection (g) do not imply that The International Society for Behavioral Ecology may make such loans, payments, sales or purchases to anyone else, unless such authority be given by or implied by other provisions of the Constitution or Bylaws.