CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CINCINNATI SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.

(As revised and adopted March 4, 1890)*

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the Cincinnati Society of Natural History.

ARTICLE II.

Its objects shall be: To investigate Natural History; to carry on observations which tend to increase the sum of Scientific Knowledge; to establish a Public Museum and a Scientific Library; and to promote the diffusion of Science.

ARTICLE III.

It shall consist of the following classes of members: First, Patrons; second, Fellows; third, Life members; fourth, Active members; fifth, Honorary members; sixth, Corresponding members.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. Any person shall be eligible as an active member of the Society. All classes of members shall be elected by ballot, after having been nominated at a preceding meeting. The affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present shall be necessary to a choice.

SECTION 2. The contribution of $1,000 or more to the funds of

*At the meeting of the Society on June 4, 1889, a committee of five was ordered to be appointed by the President to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. The said Committee was subsequently appointed by the President, and after several meetings its report was submitted and the revised Constitution and By-Laws read for the first time at the regular meeting of the Society on January 7, 1890. At the meeting on February 4, 1890, the revised Constitution and By-Laws were again read, amended and adopted seriatim. At the meeting on March 4, 1890, the said revised Constitution and By-Laws were again read, amended and adopted seriatim, and as a whole, as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. The Committee was composed of Dr. J. A. Henshall, Davis L. James, Geo. W. Harper, J. Ralston Skinner, and Aaron A. Ferris.
the Society, at any one time, shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Patron of the Society, who shall have the right in perpetuity to appoint the successor in such patronship.

The contribution of $500, at one time, shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Fellow of the Society, who shall have the right to appoint one successor in such fellowship.

No appointment of a successor shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing, endorsed on the certificate, or by last will and testament. And the appointment of such successor, in either case, shall be subject to the approval of the Society, as in the election of members.

SECTION 3. Any person contributing fifty dollars at one time to the funds of the Society, shall be entitled to become a Life member, free from assessment.

SECTION 4. Any Active member who has not been in arrears for the term of twenty years, becomes a Life member without further payment. Any Active member who has not been in arrears for a term of ten years, may become a Life member on the payment of twenty-five dollars, and be exempt from further assessment.

ARTICLE V.

All members, except Honorary and Corresponding members, shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, Curators, and four members elected at large for the Executive Board. They shall be elected annually, at the meeting in April, and shall hold office for the term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected. Two Trustees shall also be elected, as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. All officers shall be chosen by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

SECTION 2. The President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and the four members elected at large for the Executive Board, shall together constitute a Board for the management of the concerns of the Society not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, and be called the Executive Board. Five members of this Board shall be a quorum, for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3. The terms of office of the two Trustees shall over-
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lap, so that but one Trustee shall be elected at each annual meet-
ing, and shall hold his office for two years.

The Trustees shall be intrusted with, and have charge of, all
funded property of the Society, with power to sell and re-invest
according to their judgment. Bonds shall be required of these
Trustees in such sums, and with such sureties, as may be satisfactory
to the Executive Board.

The net income from said funded property shall be paid over by
said Trustees to the Treasurer of the Society, on the written order
of said Treasurer, approved by the President of the Society.

SECTION 4. In case of a vacancy by resignation, removal or death,
in any of the offices provided for by Section 1 of this Article, the
office or offices so vacated shall be filled by the Society at a regular
meeting, notice having first been given of such vacancy.

ARTICLE VII.

By-laws for the more particular regulation of the Society may be
adopted, or amended, at any regular meeting by a vote of two-
thirds of the members present, notice having been duly given at
least one month previous to action on such by-law or amendment.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended in any of the pre-
ceding articles by a vote to that effect of three-fourths of the mem-
bers present at any two consecutive meetings of the Society, the
members having first been duly notified by the Secretary of any
proposed alteration, but the two articles which immediately follow
shall be unalterable.

ARTICLE IX.

The consent of every member shall be necessary to a dissolution
of the Society. In case of a dissolution the property of the Soci-
ety shall not be distributed among the members of the Society,
but donors may claim and receive such donations as they may have
made to the Museum, and the remainder shall be given to some
public institution, on such conditions as may then be agreed on,
and the faithful performance of such conditions shall be secured
by bonds, with sufficient penalties for the non-fulfillment thereof.

ARTICLE X.

This Society shall not be merged into, or combined or associated
with, any other society, institution or association whatever, but
shall forever remain free, independent and untrammeled, unless by
the consent, in writing, of three-fourths of the members, in good
standing, of this Society.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Candidates for active membership shall sign a
printed application for the same, which application shall be
approved by the signatures of three active members.

Applications shall be presented at a regular meeting of the
Society, and shall be balloted for at the next, or some subsequent
regular meeting. An initiation fee of five dollars shall accom-
pany the application, to be returned to the applicant in case of
non-election.

SECTION 2. Honorary members may be selected from persons
eminent for their attainments in science, on whom the Society may
wish to confer a compliment of respect. Corresponding members
shall consist of persons residing at a distance from the city, who
may be interested in the study of Natural History, or desirous of
promoting the interests of the Society; neither shall be required
to pay an initiation fee or make any contribution. The nomination
of persons for Honorary or Corresponding members shall be made
by the Executive Board to the Society.

SECTION 3. No person whose application for membership has been
rejected, shall be again proposed within one year of the date of
said rejection.

SECTION 4. Any member may withdraw from the Society by pre-
senting his written resignation, and paying all arrearages due from
him. Members who shall be in arrears for the dues of one year
shall not be entitled to vote, hold office or to receive any of the
publications of the Society until such arrearages are fully paid;
and if not paid within one year thereafter, membership shall be
forfeited.

SECTION 5. Members may be expelled from the Society by a vote
of three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting, writ-
ten charges having been preferred, a copy of which shall be fur-
nished the accused at least one month previous to such vote, and
the accused shall have opportunity to be heard thereon.
ARTICLE II.—ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. Active members shall be subject to an annual assessment of five dollars, payable on the first Tuesday in April of each year, but no assessment shall be required of any member for the current year in which he is elected.

SECTION 2. The President and Treasurer together shall be empowered to exempt (sub silentio) a member from assessment, when, from peculiar circumstances, they may deem it for the interest of the Society so to do.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and of the Executive Board, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office.

SECTION 2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, in the order of seniority in office.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall record and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society and the Executive Board, in books to be kept for that purpose; shall have the charge of all records belonging to the Society; shall notify members of their election, and committees of their appointment; shall call special meetings when directed by the President; and shall notify all active members of all meetings, and officers of all matters which shall occur at any meeting requiring their action. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Society, and shall keep a record thereof, shall keep the common seal, acknowledge all donations, and receive and read to the Society all communications addressed to it. He shall collect all fees and assessments and immediately pay the same over to the Treasurer, with a specific and detailed statement of the sources from whence derived. He shall notify members who are in arrears, of their indebtedness to the Society, and report all delinquencies to the Executive Board when required. Bond, with securities, may be required of the Secretary for the faithful discharge of this duty, in such sum as may be deemed satisfactory by the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all money or other property of the Society, excepting the Museum and its contents, and excepting also such property as may be placed by the Society or the Executive Board in the hands of the Trustees; he shall also have charge of the net income of the funded property of
the Society, to be paid over to him by the Trustees as hereinbefore
provided; he shall pay all accounts against the Society, when the
same shall be approved by a vote of the Executive Board; shall
keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures, in books
belonging to the Society, and shall at each annual meeting, and at
other times when required by the Executive Board, make a detailed
report of the same. Bond with sureties may be required of the
Treasurer for the faithful discharge of his office, by the Executive
Board, in such sum as may be deemed satisfactory by said Board.

Section 5. The Librarian shall have charge of the books
belonging to the Society, or deposited for its use, and of the pub-
lications of the Society; he shall observe and enforce such regula-
tions as the Executive Board shall from time to time make for the
use of the books. He shall have charge of the distribution, sale
and exchange of the publications of the Society, under the direc-
tion of the Executive Board.

Section 6. Curators shall be ex-officio Chairmen of the Sections,
in their respective branches of Science. There may be one Curator
for each of the following-named branches: Geology; Botany;
Zoology; Anthropology; Photography; Microscopy; Physics;
Chemistry. The Curators of Geology and Zoology shall have the
power to appoint sub-curators in their respective departments.

Section 7. The Executive Board shall have full power to
act for the interests of the Society in any way not inconsistent with
the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall control all expenditures
of money, make rules for the use of the Library and Museum, and
determine the duties of Curators. It shall have power to
employ a Director of the Museum and his assistants, and prescribe
their duties, provided they shall not be employed for any term
which shall interfere with their discharge at any time by the Board.
It shall elect annually a committee of five members of the Society,
to be called the Publishing Committee, and shall elect annually a
committee of three active members of the Society to be called the
Lecture Committee. It shall annually report to the Society the
condition of the Museum and Library.

Article IV.—Library.

Section 1. All members of the Society shall have access to, or
take such books from the Library as shall be set apart for circula-
tion. The Executive Board may, by special vote, extend the use
of such books to others than members, specifying the conditions under which they may be taken.

Section 2. The rules and regulations of the Executive Board, for the use of the Library, shall be printed and exposed in the Library Rooms, and a digest of them affixed to the volumes themselves.

Article V.—Museum.

Section 1. All members, and the public generally, shall have access to the Museum, at such times as the Executive Board shall determine.

Section 2. No specimen shall be removed from the Museum, except by order of the Society, or for the purpose of illustrating the proceedings, and in either case the Director of the Museum shall take a receipt for the same.

Article VI.—Committees.

Section 1. The Committee on Publication shall, from time to time, cause to be published, and superintend the publication of, such papers read to the Society, and such portions of the record of the proceedings, as may seem to them calculated to promote the interests of Science, so far as the funds appropriated by the Executive Board shall permit. But all papers, before being printed, shall first be read before the Society, either in full, by abstract, or by title.

Section 2. The Committee on Lectures shall make arrangements for series or courses of Lectures.

Section 3. The President shall, at every annual meeting, appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Society.

Article VII.—Sections.

Section 1. For the purpose of facilitating and encouraging special investigation in the several branches of Natural Science, the members may organize Sections under the chairmanship of the Curator of the special branch for which the Section is organized, upon the following conditions:

First. Such Sections must be composed only of members of the Society.

Second. They must comply with all the provisions of the Constitution of the Society.
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Third. They may organize under a constitution and by-laws of their own, and elect their officers, except the chairman, who is elected by the Society.

Fourth. Being an educational institution, the Society prohibits any section from engaging in anything for money profit.

ARTICLE VIII.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless the same occurs on a legal holiday or on the day of the State election, when the meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday. The April meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting, at which the President shall deliver an address, the officers shall read their reports, and the officers of the Society shall be elected.

SECTION 2. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3. The order of proceeding at meetings, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Candidates for membership to be proposed.
3. Election of members.
4. Reading the Minutes of the Executive Board.
5. Unfinished business.
7. Scientific written and verbal communications.
8. Donations.

SECTION 4. Receptions for the members and invited guests may be given under the auspices of the Society.