

THE ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY

By-laws

(as amended at annual business meeting on January 8, 1960)

1. Purpose

(a) The purpose of the Antarctic Society is to facilitate the friendly and informal exchange of information and views on Antarctica.

(b) The Society is non-profit-making and non-political. It shall not lobby for or against any legislative measures being considered by the Congress, nor shall it attempt to influence any branch of the Government in regard to any policies or any administrative measures relating to Antarctica.

2. Membership

(a) Any person interested in Antarctica is eligible for membership.

(b) To become a member it is necessary for the applicant to communicate his name and address in writing to the Secretary of the Society, and to pay the initiation fee of \$1.00.

3. Officers

(a) The Society shall have the following officers, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting in May:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

(b) The term of office of each of the above officers shall be for one year. Each officer shall be eligible for reelection for an additional period of one year. If any officer serves for two successive one-year terms he shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office except after a further period of one year. No member may be elected President unless he is already a member of the Board of Directors.

4. Board of Directors

(a) The Board of Directors of the Society shall consist of twelve members, each of whom (except for the initial arrangements necessary to establish a system of rotation) shall serve as Director for a term of three years.

(b) At the annual meeting of the Society in May each year four new members shall be elected to the Board, to replace the four members whose three-year term expires.

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(c) If any Director is unable for any reason to complete his full term of three years, or submits his resignation, the corresponding vacancy shall be filled as soon as possible by the Board of Directors. The new Director elected by the Board shall serve only until the expiration of the term of the Director whom he replaces.

(d) No Director shall be eligible for reelection as Director until after one year has elapsed since he last served as Director.

(e) The President of the Society is ex officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Vice-President of the Society is ex officio Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

#### 5. Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has full power and authority to direct and organize the activities of the Society at all times, in conformity with the By-Laws. It may, among other things, appoint such Committees as it deems necessary or desirable; propose amendments to the By-Laws for consideration by the members of the Society at the annual May meeting; supervise and control the activities of any Committee of the Society; propose slates for the election of new officers and Directors at the May meeting; and in general take such action as it deems suitable on behalf of the Society.

#### 6. Committees

(a) There shall be a Program Committee and a Finance Committee and such other Committees, either permanent or temporary, as the Board shall decide. Each Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Society, appointed by the Board of Directors. Each Committee shall select its own Chairman, who shall keep the Board currently informed of the activities of the Committee, and meet with the Board when appropriate.

(b) The Treasurer of the Society is ex officio Chairman of the Finance Committee.

#### 7. Dues

(a) On or before the date of the annual May meeting each member must pay the annual dues of one dollar (\$1.00). The dues are for the purpose of covering postage and similar expenses.

(b) If any member fails to pay his annual dues within the period prescribed for such payment, his name shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll.

#### 8. Voting

(a) Except with respect to the amendment of the By-Laws as noted in Article 10 below, all decisions of the members at the annual May

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meeting, or at any special meeting that may be convoked by the Board of Directors, and all decisions of the Board of Directors at any meeting, shall be taken by a majority vote of those present at the respective meeting, provided there is a quorum present.

(b) At the annual May meeting of the Society, and at any special meeting of the Society that may be convoked by the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of those present at such meeting.

(c) At any meeting of the Board of Directors, seven or more Directors present at that meeting shall constitute a quorum.

(d) At any meeting of the Society or the Board of Directors, any vote taken shall be by secret ballot if any member so requests.

#### 9. Meetings

(a) The annual business meeting of the Society shall be in the month of May of each year. No persons other than members shall attend this meeting.

(b) In addition to the annual May meeting, the Society shall meet at least once every three months. At these meetings special programs may be provided of an informational or educational character, and guests may be invited.

(c) In addition to the five meetings of the Society each year provided for above, special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, for any purpose, such as to honor a distinguished visitor, celebrate some special occasion, or for any other reason deemed sufficient by the Board.

(d) The Secretary shall notify opportunely all members of the Society of the time and place of any such meetings.

(e) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every month.

(f) The time and place for each meeting of the Society and the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board.

#### 10. Amendments to By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Antarctic Society may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Society present and voting at the annual May meeting, or at a special meeting of the Society convoked by the Board for that purpose, The Board of Directors has no authority to amend the By-Laws, but may propose amendments for consideration by the members at a meeting of the Society as herein provided.