

THE ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY

By-Laws

(as amended at annual business meeting on May 7, 1963)

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 Membership Secretary of the Society, and to pay the initiation fee of \$1.00.
- (c) The Board of Directors may select for honorary membership in the Society persons, non-citizens of the United States, who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the geographical or scientific understanding of Antarctica.
- (d) The Board of Directors may name life members of the Society, choosing for such membership individuals who have rendered to the Society and to its purposes signal and unusual services. Dues for such membership shall be waived.

3. Officers

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

President Vice President  
Secretary-Historian  
Treasurer-Membership Secretary

- (b) The term of office of each of the above officers shall be for one year. The President and Vice President shall be eligible for re-election for an additional period of one year. If either of 'these officers' serves for two successive one year terms, he shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office except after a further period of one year. The Secretary-Historian and Treasurer-Membership Secretary may serve any number of successive one year terms.
- (c) The President shall preside over the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors and, as chief executive officer of the Society, direct the work of the other officers and of the committees of the Society.
- (d) The Vice President shall perform the duties and carry on the functions of the President in the absence of the latter.
- (e) The Secretary-Historian shall maintain the records and archives and carry on the correspondence of the Society, except that pertaining to membership and financial matters, including the collection of dues. He may in the absence of the President and Vice President fulfill their duties *ad interim*.
- (f) The Treasurer-Membership Secretary shall collect, safeguard, and expend the funds of the Society, maintain a current membership list, and carry on correspondence in regard to all financial matters. He shall in the absence of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Historian fulfill their duties *ad interim*.
- (g) In addition to the officers designated in paragraph (a) above, the Society may select a person or persons to hold an honorary office. Persons so elected shall serve for life and may participate in the deliberations of the Society or any subdivision thereof without vote therein except as they may exercise as individual members of the Society.

#### 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 business meeting of the Society each year, four new members shall be elected to the Board, to replace the four members whose three-year term expires.

- (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 re-election as Director until after one year has elapsed since he last served a full term as Director.

#### 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 business meeting; supervise and control the activities of any Committee of the Society; propose slates for the election of new officers and Directors at the annual business 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) Dues of \$2.00 are payable in advance on or before the first day of October.
- (b) The Treasurer shall drop from the rolls of the Society, after giving him due warning, any member whose dues are delinquent.

#### 8. Voting

- (a) Except with respect to the amendment of the By-Laws as noted in Article 10 below, all decisions of the at the annual, business 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 business 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, five Directors 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 months of April or May of each year. No persons other than members shall attend this meeting.
- (b) In addition to the annual business 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 time and place for each meeting of the Society and the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board.

#### 10. Seal

The Society may have a seal of an appropriate design as approved by the Board of Directors.

11. 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 business 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 of the Society as herein provided.