

ORGANIZATION OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

As the result of the sentiment expressed at the 1914 meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science that the official organ of the Academy, "The Ohio Naturalist," should be broadened and made more comprehensive in scope, and feeling that the Ohio State University had no publication representing the scientific work being done at the institution, the members of the Biological Club of the University, in whom the publication of the "Ohio Naturalist" had been vested, called a meeting of representatives of the various departments interested in science at the university to discuss the advisability of publishing as successor to the "Naturalist" a journal to be known as the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

The first meeting was held in May, 1915, and committees appointed to outline preliminary plans. At subsequent meetings the reports of the committees were discussed, interest in the plan continued to develop, until at a meeting held October 13 the following self-explanatory Constitution was adopted. The society as now constituted represents twenty-four departments of pure or applied science at the university.

RAYMOND J. SEYMOUR,
Secretary Pro Tem.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this society shall be the Ohio State University Scientific Society.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

It shall be the purpose of the Society to promote scientific work in the University by holding meetings for the presentation and discussion of the results of scientific work; by co-operating with other agencies in arranging for scientific lectures and in the entertainment of visiting scientists and scientific societies; by publishing the *OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE* and by furnishing opportunity for the discussion and promotion of any project of scientific interest which may properly come within the scope of such an organization and, in general, by furthering in every way possible the interests of scientific work in the University and the State.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any member of the instructional staff in the Ohio State University interested in scientific work shall upon application be eligible to election to membership in the Society. Students of the Ohio State University interested in scientific work shall be eligible to membership when endorsed by two faculty members of the society.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties common to such positions.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and the Editor of the *OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE*. It shall have power to arrange programs for meetings, to represent the society when co-operating with other organizations and to conduct all affairs of the society not otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE V—EDITORIAL BOARD.

The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the management of the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE. It shall consist of representatives, one from each department of science in the university represented in the society membership. This board shall elect annually an Editor and two Associate Editors.

ARTICLE VI—ELECTIONS.

Election to membership shall be by vote of the Executive Committee.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting in May. Nominations shall be presented by a nominating committee which shall consist of the Editorial Board.

One member of the Editorial Board shall be elected by each department from among the members of such department represented in the society and in case any department fails to elect a member for this board the Executive Committee shall elect for the department.

ARTICLE VII—PUBLICATION.

The Editor and Associate Editors of the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE shall have immediate direction of the publication. The department editors shall be responsible for the approval of papers from their several departments, and all papers offered for publication shall be submitted to such department editors.

The selection for publication from available material shall be determined by the Editorial Board.

ARTICLE VIII—QUORUM.

A quorum for the transaction of regular business shall consist of at least fifteen members with a representation of at least one-third of the departments included in the society.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the constitution may be made by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at a duly called meeting, notice of such amendment having been given to all members at least one week in advance.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The membership fees of the society shall be twenty-five cents per year or one dollar for a period of five years and such fee shall entitle the members to participation in all activities of the society but shall not include the subscription to the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

ARTICLE II.

The subscription price to the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE shall be two dollars to non-members, and one dollar and seventy-five cents to members.

ARTICLE III.

The fiscal year of the society shall coincide with that of the University—July 1st to June 30th. The publication to be issued during eight months, beginning with November.

ARTICLE IV.

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday evening of the months of October, November, March, April and May. The meeting in May shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers and an editorial board. Other meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, or by the President on petition of five members.

ARTICLE V.

The University Instructional Staff shall be understood to include any member of the teaching force.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments to the By-laws may be adopted at any regular meeting by vote of a majority of the members present, notice of proposed amendment having been given at time meeting is called.