

CONSTITUTION  
of the  
MISSISSIPPI ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
(Adopted April 30, 1955)

## Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Mississippi Ornithological Society."

## Article II - Purpose

1. To encourage scientific research in the field of ornithology and to promote and encourage interest in greater appreciation and protection of native birds.
2. To cooperate with other organizations engaged in ornithological research and/or in the observation and study of birds.
3. To provide for the publication of a bulletin of ornithology to be known as "The Mississippi Kite."

## Article III - Members

1. There shall be seven classes of memberships:

Active membership: Open to residents of Mississippi --  
Annual Dues \$2.00  
Corresponding membership: Open to non-residents of Miss.  
Annual Dues \$2.00  
Junior membership: Those under 17 years of age --  
Annual Dues \$2.00  
Sustaining membership: Annual Dues \$5.00 or over  
Associate membership: Annual Dues \$1.00  
Honorary membership  
Life membership - \$25.00 (Approved August, 1961, by vote  
of majority)

2. Active members shall be residents of Mississippi, who by reason of their scientific inclinations or their inborn love of birds and nature could be expected to sustain these interests and forward the work of the Society.
3. Corresponding members shall be non-residents of Mississippi without voting privileges.

4. Junior members shall be students under 17 years of age in any accredited high school or college who are recommended by a senior member. They shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
5. Sustaining members shall be those who pay \$5.00 or more in annual dues. They shall have full voting privileges.
6. Associate members shall be residents of Mississippi over 17 years of age without voting privileges.
7. Honorary members shall be elected upon recommendation of the Directors and confirmation by the voting membership.
8. Applicants for all classes of membership, other than honorary, shall become members upon payment of dues and approval of the Board of Directors. Membership may be dated as of January 1st or July 1st and the above dues shall include the cost of "The Mississippi Kite."
9. Members delinquent in dues over a year shall be dropped, but may be reinstated upon payment of current dues.

Article IV - Officers

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, Regional Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor of the bulletin.

Article V - Duties of Officers

1. The President shall be the directing head of the Society and shall perform the usual duties of this office.
2. The First Vice-President shall serve in all capacities as the presiding officer in the absence of the President. He shall, at the request of the President, assist in the performance of any functions designated.
3. The Secretary shall keep a roster of the members, shall keep a complete record of the meetings, and shall prepare a report of the proceedings for publication.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all the funds of the Society and shall submit at the annual meetings a written report of all receipts and disbursements.

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5. The Editor of the bulletin shall edit it and see to its publication.

## Article IV - Board of Directors

1. The executive body of the Society shall be known as the Board of Directors. It shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Editor of the bulletin. The retiring president shall serve one year as a member of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the execution of the policies of the Society, shall govern the publication of the bulletin, shall determine the number of vice-presidents each year, and shall pass upon application for membership.

## Article VII - Election of Officers

1. A nominating committee appointed by the President shall submit to the annual meeting of the Society nominations for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. Nominations from the floor shall also be in order.
2. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. Voting members shall consist of active members, sustaining members, and honorary members.

## Article VIII - Meetings

The Board of Directors shall have power to arrange for the time and place of all meetings of the Society.

## Article IX - Quorum

One-third of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. In the absence of a quorum, business shall be transacted by mail.

## Article X - Program

The First Vice-President shall be chairman of the Program Committee for the annual meeting.

## Article XI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a

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four-fifths vote of those present, provided the number present constitutes a quorum. In the event it is necessary to vote by mail, because of the absence of a quorum, a majority of the voting membership must approve the amendment.

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CHARTER MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE  
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(April 30, 1955)

Mr. Andrew Allison, Ellisville, Mississippi  
Miss Lois Almon, State College, Mississippi  
Mrs. Amelia W. Blumenfeld, Starkville, Mississippi  
Miss Rena Breckenridge, Meridian, Mississippi  
Miss Ruth Castles, Nashville, Tennessee  
Dr. R. L. Caylor, Cleveland, Mississippi  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Coffey, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee  
Miss Fannye A. Cook, Jackson, Mississippi  
Miss Sue R. Davidson, Jackson, Mississippi  
Dr. Charles L. Deevers, Clinton, Mississippi  
Rev. J. L. Dorn, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Mr. John Frazier, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Mr. Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tennessee  
Mrs. Dorothy R. Harper, Jackson, Mississippi  
Rev. T. J. Hatrel, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Mr. St. Clair Thompson, Crystal Springs, Mississippi  
Mr. Mayo Tolman, Picayune, Mississippi  
Mrs. Mayo Tolman, Picayune, Mississippi  
Mr. W. H. Turcotte, Jackson, Mississippi  
Miss Carol H. Webb, Mathiston, Mississippi  
Mr. John H. Phares, Jackson, Mississippi.

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