

MODIFIED EDITORIAL ORGANIZATION

Since the adoption of the Society's Constitution in 1950 and its amendments of 1954 (see amended version in *Lepid. news* 9: pp.35-38; 1955) and 1959 (see *Lepid. news* 12: pp.157-158; 1959), the Society's publications have continued to develop, requiring further amendments. During the 16 years of the Society's existence, the publication program has always been, both formally and in practice, under the general direction of the same editorial chairman. This system has helped to give the publications and the Society some essential tradition and permanence during the early years. With this permanence now apparently assured, it is time to modify the official structure of the publication program so that there will be regular and moderately frequent changes of editorship of all the publications. We are most likely to induce the best possible editors to serve, if their term of labor is for a limited period of years. The following Constitutional amendments are proposed to establish these modifications.

In the past, the editor of the *Journal* (formerly the *Lepidopterists' News*) was designated "Editor-in-Chief" of the Society, and as new serials were established (the *News of the Lepidopterists' Society* and the *Memoirs*), the *Journal* editor had general supervision of them. Under the proposed new system, similar to that of many older biological societies, the Editorial Board would 1) determine broad publication policies of the Society and 2) recommend to the Executive Council the candidates for appointment to the editorships of the three Society publications. The three editors would select their own editorial committees. The Chairman of the Board might be one of the editors, but preferably not, to give him more freedom when new editors are being sought and to allow each editor to be essentially independent of the other two.

As provided by the Constitution (Article XII, Amendments), the following proposals for amendment have been signed by "not less than five members of the Society" (P. R. EHRLICH, J. F. EMMEL, T. C. EMMEL, S. A. HESSEL, C. L. REMINGTON, P. S. REMINGTON, O. R. TAYLOR, T. L. TAYLOR) and submitted by the Secretary "to the Editor-in-Chief for publication in one of the Society's periodicals at least three months before the annual ballot is mailed in November".

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