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This rare natural history journal was published privately by John Edward Gray in London, appearing irregularly between 1831 and 1844. The reprint includes an editorial note about the publication dates of the three parts, and a two page introduction giving some insight into Gray's life and the circumstances which may have prompted him to publish "The Zoological Miscellany." Most of the papers are by Gray himself. There are only three (of 56) papers which deal with Lepidoptera.

GEORGE ROBERT GRAY. 1831. Descriptions of eight new species of Indian butterflies, (*Papilio*, Lin.) from the collection of General Hardwicke. p. 32-33. (Descriptions of *Papilio glycerion*, *Papilio philoxenus*, *Papilio minereus*, *Parnassius hardwickii*, *Pieris horsfieldii*, *Pieris agathon*, and *Argynnis childreni*, all from Nepal, and of *Papilio aegestor*, from Sumatra.)

JOHN EDWARD GRAY. 1831. Description of a new species of *Bombyx* from Nepal, discovered by Dr. Wallich. In the collection of Major General Hardwicke. p. 39. (Description of *Bombyx wallichii*.)

EDWARD DOUBLEDAY. June 1842. Characters of undescribed Lepidoptera. p. 73-78. (Descriptions of *Papilio ganesa*, from Nepal, Assam; of *Papilio polyeuctes*, *Papilio xenocles*, *Pieris thestylis*, *Pieris lalage*, and *Rhodocera lycorias*, all from Silhet; of *Leptalis atthis* from Mexico; of *Leptalis cydno*, locality unknown; of *Pieris ianthe* from Sierra Leone; and of *Pieris anactorie* from South Africa.)

RICHARD S. FUNK, *Faculty of Biological Sciences, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025.*

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY

The following changes in the Constitution of the Society have been proposed, in order to:

- 1) qualify the Society as a nonprofit organization;
- 2) establish the new class of Student Member;
- 3) define more precisely the nature of what is now known as Honorary Membership;
- 4) add the Secretary-elect and Treasurer-elect to the Executive Council;
- 5) provide for the nomination by the Nominating Committee of up to two candidates for each elective office, and to simplify the nominating procedure; and
- 6) clarify or modernize several sections.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Article XII, Section 1, that these proposed amendments to the Constitution will be sent to the members with the ballots in November, 1972. Each section containing a proposed change is reproduced below in full, with language to be deleted in **bold-face type**, and new language in *italic*.

Article II, Section 1: *The Lepidopterists' Society is a non-profit educational and scientific organization.* It shall be the purpose of the Society to promote inter-

nationally the science of lepidopterology in all its branches; to further the scientifically sound and progressive study of Lepidoptera; to publish periodicals and other publications on Lepidoptera; to facilitate the exchange of specimens and ideas by both the professional worker and the amateur in the field; *and* to secure cooperation in all measures tending to that end. **and to facilitate personal intercourse among its members.**

Article III, Section 2: All individual subscribers to the "Journal" and the "News of the Lepidopterists' Society," who have paid their current **annual** dues, shall be deemed members of the Society.

Article III, Section 3: The membership of the Society shall consist of **four five** classes—Active, *Student*, Sustaining, Life, and Honorary *Life* members. All persons who joined the Society before January 1, 1948, shall be designated Charter members.

Article III, Section 4: Application for Active, *Student*, Sustaining, and Life membership in the Society, received by the Secretary or Treasurer and accompanied by the **annual appropriate** dues for the current year, shall constitute formalization of membership, and no nomination or election to membership shall be necessary. The annual *and Life* dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

Article III, Section 6: Individuals who have made important contributions to the science of lepidopterology may be elected Honorary *Life* Members of the Society. There shall not be more than ten living Honorary *Life* Members.

Article IV, Section 1: The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, President-elect, three Vice-Presidents (not more than one **of whom** *Vice-President* shall reside in one country), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary-elect and/or a Treasurer-elect, in these two offices, in years when there are incumbents.

Article IV, Section 2: The business and affairs of the Society, not otherwise provided for, shall be controlled by an Executive Council, consisting of the President, President-elect, three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, *the Secretary-elect*, the Treasurer, *the Treasurer-elect*, and nine other members of the Society. Action on all amendments to the By-Laws and all appointments and elections by the Executive Council shall be obtained by a canvass by the Secretary of all members of the Council.

Article V, Section 1: The President shall before the first of July appoint a Nominating Committee who shall nominate **one no more than two** candidates for each elective office to be filled for the ensuing year. **and a list thereof shall be published in one of the Society's periodicals or mailed to the members at least sixty days before ballots are mailed by the Secretary.** Additional candidates may be nominated by submission to the Secretary of written nominations signed by not less than ten members. Ballots containing all nominations shall be mailed in November of each year, setting forth the officers to be elected and the names of those nominated for each office. If more than one person is nominated for any office, their names shall be arranged alphabetically on the ballot.

Article V, Section 3: Election of Honorary *Life* Members. Honorary *Life* Members shall be nominated by the unanimous vote of the members of the Executive Council. The nominee shall be voted on by mail ballot distributed to all members of the Society and reported in one of the Society's periodicals, and must receive 80% of all ballots cast to be elected. Not more than five Honorary *Life* Members may be elected at the first annual meeting, and not more than two in any one calendar year.

Article XIV. *General Prohibitions*

*Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution or By-Laws which might be susceptible to a contrary construction:*

- (a) *The Society shall be organized exclusively for scientific and educational purposes;*
- (b) *the Society shall be operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes;*
- (c) *no part of the net earnings of the Society shall or may under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any private individual;*

- (d) no substantial part of the activities of the Society shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;*
- (e) the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;*
- (f) the Society shall not be organized or operated for profit;*
- (g) the Society shall not:*
  - (1) lend any part of its income or corpus, without the receipt of adequate security and reasonable rate of interest, to;*
  - (2) pay any compensation, in excess of a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered, to;*
  - (3) make any part of its services available on a preferential basis to;*
  - (4) make any purchase of securities or any other property, for more than adequate consideration in money or money's worth, from;*
  - (5) sell any securities or other property for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth to; or*
  - (6) engage in any other transactions which result in substantial diversions of its income or corpus to; any officer, member of the Governing Board, or substantial contributor to the Society.*

*The prohibitions contained in this subsection (g) do not mean to imply that the Society may make such loans, payments, sales or purchases to anyone else, unless such authority be given or implied by other provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws.*