

**CONSTITUTION OF THE ENTOMOLOGY CLUB
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be "The Entomology Club."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A) To stimulate interest in Entomology
- B) To promote and encourage professional exchange of ideas in the field of Entomology.
- C) To foster a closer relationship among faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Entomology

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be 3 categories of club membership. These are:

- 1) **Active Membership:** Active membership shall be composed of students interested in Entomology, both those in graduate and undergraduate degree programs, and those in postdoctoral positions.
- 2) **Associate Membership:** Associate membership shall be available to the personnel of the University of Arkansas including the staff and faculty, as well as to spouses and acquaintances of Active, Associate, and Honorary members.
- 3) **Honorary Membership:** Honorary membership shall be extended to any person upon recommendation and three fourths vote of members present at a regular business meeting. All Department of Entomology office staff, as well as the Department Head and Club Advisor(s) (as defined below) shall be considered Honorary Members.

Section 2: Dues shall be \$5.00 per year for Active and Associate members. Honorary members shall not pay dues.

Section 3: Privileges of membership: Any active member who has met the dues requirements as outlined above, shall be able to vote, hold office, and attend all functions of the organization. Associate and Honorary members shall have voting privileges but may not hold office.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, a non-student departmental member shall be chosen as club advisor(s).

- Section 2: The duties of the President shall be to call and conduct meetings and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office.
- Section 3: The duties of the Vice President shall be to perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence.
- Section 4: The duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of each meeting and make them available as needed. The secretary shall also carry out other correspondence and will serve on the Newsletter committee.
- Section 5: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to handle all financial affairs, make all disbursements approved by the President, and to present a financial report at any time. The treasurer will also serve as primary coordinator for fund raisers for the organization.
- Section 6: The duties of the club advisor(s) shall be to serve as a liaison between the club and the Department of Entomology.
- Section 7: It shall be the duty of the club officers and club advisor(s) to unite and organize the club and to delegate responsibilities to other club members.
- Section 8: The term of office shall be one calendar year and elections shall be held at the final meeting of the spring semester. A simple majority of votes is required for election. Those persons who qualify as members may vote and the vote shall consist of those present at the started meeting.
- Section 9: Any officers may be removed from office by a minimum of two-thirds affirmative vote of the total voting membership; a replacement must be chosen at the same meeting.

ARTICLE 5: COMMITTEES

- Section 1: An Executive Committee shall be established, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Advisor(s).
- Section 2: A committee for the Newsletter shall be maintained.
- Section 3: Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.
- Section 4: Membership to all committees except the executive committee shall be open to all members.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: The date, time and location for meetings shall be set by the executive committee at the beginning of each term.

Section 2: A voting quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the club membership.

Section 3: Three voting methods may be used: Ballots, Show of hands, Voice vote.

Section 4: Special meetings shall be called by the president and/or upon request of twenty percent of the members.

Section 5: In cases of protocol conflict, Sturgis rules of order will be followed.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS

Section 1: Amendment and by-law proposals to this constitution may be made by a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Amendments and by-laws shall be read one meeting prior to the vote.

Amendment 1: **Discretionary Funds:** The President, in coordination with the treasurer, has the authority to authorize an expenditure of club funds without the approval of the voting members, if the total cost of the expenditure is less than fifty (50) dollars. All such discretionary spending shall be reported by the President and /or Treasurer at the next regular club meeting following the expenditure. Any expenditure over the discretionary amount must be approved by a majority vote of members present at a club meeting before that expenditure can take place.