

## **Constitution of The Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists**

### **ARTICLE 1:** Name

This society shall be known as The Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists.

### **ARTICLE 2:** Purpose

**a.** The purpose of this Society is directed to efforts and activities that shall enhance, supplement and advance the growth of scientific knowledge pertaining to the lepidopteran fauna of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and surrounding areas.

**b.** As an ancillary function the Society shall strive to further communication and other means of social interaction between individuals that share a common interest in the Lepidoptera.

### **ARTICLE 3:** Membership

**a.** Membership in this society shall be open to any person or organization having an interest in the purpose of the society. Membership will be terminated upon (1) death, (2) receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer of a written resignation, or (3) failure to pay dues within six months of the due date.

**b.** Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary/Treasurer and should be accompanied by dues for one calendar year.

### **ARTICLE 4:** Organization

**a.** The elected officers of this Society shall include a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, an Editor and a Field Research Coordinator. These officers as a group shall constitute the Board of Directors.

**b.** The President shall annually appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members of the Society. Said committee shall nominate at least one (1) candidate for each office, obtain a written statement from the candidate of willingness to serve, if elected; and submit a report of its activities to the President not less than sixty (60) days prior to each annual meeting.

**c.** The officers shall be elected by written ballot of the members present at the annual meeting, and shall serve from the following January 1 for a period of one (1) year.

**d.** The duties of each officer shall be those normally pertaining to the respective office.

**e.** Officers shall serve without compensation.

**f.** The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at such other times as deemed necessary by the President. Should a special meeting be called by the President, at least fifteen (15) days notice shall be provided to all other Directors.

**g.** A quorum shall be constituted by presence of three (3) Directors.

**h.** Vacancies in the membership of the Board of Directors that occur between annual meetings may be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors.

### **ARTICLE 5:** Meetings

The Society shall hold meetings at times and places selected by the Board of Directors. All meetings will be announced in the Kentucky Lepidopterist and will be held not sooner

than 30 days after the notice is mailed. There shall be an annual meeting at which officers are elected. The Society's fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year.

**ARTICLE 6:** Awards

**a.** Awards including grants of Society funds may be awarded to members for outstanding accomplishment as it related to the Society's purpose.

**b.** Awards shall be issued pursuant to recommendation by the Board of Directors and majority vote of the entire membership.

**ARTICLE 7:** Publications

The Society shall publish and distribute a newsletter, the Kentucky Lepidopterist, to the members four (4) times annually.

**ARTICLE 8:** Dues

**a.** The dues for each year will be set by the Board for each class of membership.

**b.** Dues notices will be distributed with the last issue of each volume of the Kentucky Lepidopterist for each calendar year.

**ARTICLE 9:** Policies

The Society and its members, in carrying out activities in the support of its purpose, shall be guided by these policies:

**(1)** The Society will cooperate with the Lepidopterists' Society.

**(2)** The Society will encourage scientific publication by its members.

**(3)** The Society will function as a non-profit, non-political, educational organization.

**(4)** The Society will encourage activity by members who are not professional entomologists.

**(5)** Members of the Society are expected to follow ethical guidelines relative to collection as developed by the Lepidopterists' Society.

**(6)** Members are encouraged to develop information on Lepidoptera and forward this to the zone coordinator for compilation and publication.

**(7)** Members are encouraged to establish affiliations with museums and educational institutions for the deposit and preservation of specimens.

**ARTICLE 10:** Amendments

This constitution may be amended by motion made, seconded, and passed by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting, and concurred in by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 11:** Dissolution

In the event that this Society should cease exist, all of it assets shall be liquidated as follows:

**(1)** All outstanding debts shall be paid promptly.

**(2)** All remaining assets shall be given to the Lepidopterists' Society.

(Adopted unanimously at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 16, 1985)

**AMENDMENT 1:**

The President of the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists is empowered to nominate "board members ex officio" or board members who serve entirely in an advisory capacity without voting rights and who are not counted towards a quorum in board meetings. Nominees to the position of board member ex officio will take office upon majority vote

by the board of the Society and ratification by the majority of the membership at the annual meeting. Once in office, board members ex officio are not term limited and may serve indefinitely until they either chose to resign or until a majority of the board votes to terminate their service.

(Adopted unanimously at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 19, 2005)

**AMENDMENT 2:**

There shall be an elected officer on the Board of Directors with the title of Web Master. This position will be a voting member of the Board of Directors, will serve a term of office of one year. The responsibility of the Web Master is to maintain the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists web site.

(Adopted unanimously at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 14, 2009)