

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS

(Submitted by the *Chicago Biology Round Table*, March 14, 1941, in accordance with the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI and the BY-LAWS, Article IX, for action by the executive board.)

1. The title of ARTICLE IV of the CONSTITUTION shall be amended to read: "Officers and Governing Boards."

2. SECTION 1 of ARTICLE IV of the CONSTITUTION shall be amended by inserting at the head of the list of officers: "the immediate past-president."

3. SECTION I of ARTICLE I of the BY-LAWS shall be deleted from the BY-LAWS and added to the CONSTITUTION as ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.

4. To ARTICLE IV of the CONSTITUTION add the following: "SECTION 3. There shall be a Representative Assembly, which shall consist of the officers of the Association, members of the editorial board, members of the advisory board, all past-presidents, delegates from each affiliated local, and chairmen of all standing committees. The Representative Assembly shall be the official governing body of the Association and shall convene at the time specified for the business meetings of the Association."

5. Delete SECTION 2 of ARTICLE IV of the CONSTITUTION and add the following section: "SECTION 4. The executive board shall consist of the immediate past-president, president, president-elect, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, editor-in-chief of the journal, and the managing editor of the journal. The duties of the executive board shall be to regulate the Association on emergency matters demanding immediate attention which cannot be postponed until the next meeting of the Representative Assembly."

6. Amend ARTICLE V of the CON-

STITUTION, entitled MEETINGS, to read:

"ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

"SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association. Additional national or regional membership meeting may be called by a five-eighths (5/8) majority vote of all members of the executive board or Representative Assembly.

"SECTION 2. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the winter meeting of THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. However, the time and place of a subsequent meeting may be changed by a majority vote of the Representative Assembly. The exact time and length of this meeting shall be determined by the president and announced in the October issue of the journal prior to the meeting. One or more of the sessions of the annual meeting must be devoted to the business of the Association by the Representative Assembly."

SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5 of ARTICLE I of the BY-LAWS shall become SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, respectively, and in the same order.

7. Delete from new SECTION 1 of ARTICLE I of the BY-LAWS the words: "executive board." Add at this point: "Representative Assembly and have charge of the regulation of the action of the executive board."

8. Add to the wording of new SECTION 1 of ARTICLE I of the BY-LAWS. "He shall prepare and submit to the members of the Representative Assembly prior to the annual meeting an agenda of the business to be considered at the annual business meeting. He shall determine the exact dates of the annual meeting. He shall also announce the time for each of the general and business sessions of the annual meeting in an early fall issue of the journal.

He shall appoint a committee on local arrangements for the annual meeting."

9. Add to the wording of SECTION 2 of ARTICLE I of the BY-LAWS the following: "The president-elect shall be responsible for preparing the program of the general meeting to be held at the annual meeting. He shall attempt to complete the program in sufficient time so that it may be published in an issue of the journal prior to the meeting. He shall work with the committee on local arrangements. He shall work under the direction of the president, making frequent reports of the progress of the program."

10. Change the wording of the BY-LAWS at the points specified below in this paragraph to read "Representative Assembly" in place of "executive board":

NEW SECTION 4 of ARTICLE I; SECTION 1 of ARTICLE II; SECTION 3 of ARTICLE II; ARTICLE

III; ARTICLE VI of BY-LAWS in one place in SECTION 1 and once in SECTION 2 of the same article; twice in SECTION 1 of ARTICLE VII; twice in SECTION 2 of ARTICLE VII; twice in SECTION 3 of ARTICLE VII; once in SECTION 4 of ARTICLE VII; once in ARTICLE VIII.

11. Modify ARTICLE IX on *Amendments to the By-Laws* to read the same as ARTICLE VI of the CONSTITUTION as it is amended herein.

12. Delete from the CONSTITUTION in SECTION 1, ARTICLE VI, the words: "executive board," mentioned twice, and add "Representative Assembly," in both places; delete the wording "four-fifths (4/5)" and add in its place "two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting." From SECTION 2, ARTICLE VI, delete the words "executive board," mentioned twice, and add "Representative Assembly," in both places.

BOOKS

HUNTER, GEORGE W. *Problems in Biology*. American Book Company, New York. 706 pp. 1935. \$1.88.

Mechanical Make-up: The publishers, long a tradition in the publication of biology texts, have in this volume one of the sturdiest bulwarks in the field. It is a durably bound dark green $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8$ inch text with a mildly satisfactory typography, but lacking distinction in composition and layout. Most of the halftones and line cuts are uninteresting black and whites, well-labeled. When colored illustrations are used, and there are several of these, vibrancy and movement are added to the pages. Toward the middle of the book the graph, line cut, and chart are emphasized. There are a number of rotogravure-like pictures.

Psychological Soundness: In an age where youth is very conscious of the fact that during the growth period man can do much to become (physically) the type of individual he wishes to become, it is stimulating to find a text loaded with guiding material.

Care must be taken in presenting the subject matter to a student at the secondary school level so that the student's "apperceptive mass" will make it possible for him to grasp the meaning. Caution is necessary so that an adult conception is not foisted on the pupil. High school students interested in athletics will find an appeal in the colorful picture of the athletes on the football field on page 312. They would eagerly scan the survey questions and be delighted to discover reasons for training,