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SECTION (DIVISION) ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIOBIOLOGY

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following were elected in the 1978 balloting:

Second President-Elect: Jack Hailman  
Treasurer: H. B. Graves

No candidate for Member-at-Large received a majority; a run-off ballot is enclosed in this issue. There were 414 ballots cast which was fewer than in the 1977 election. The ballots represented about 22% of the membership compared with 25% voting in 1977 and 21% in 1976.

CALL FOR PAPERS - 1979 ABS MEETING - Tulane University, New Orleans, June 11-15, 1979:

Contributed papers are invited for the Annual ABS Meeting to be held at Tulane University. Included in this Newsletter are a "Transmittal Form" and an "Abstract Preparation Form." Registration and housing information will appear in the February 1979 issue of the Newsletter. Inquiries concerning registration and housing should be addressed to the local host, Terry Christenson, Psychology Dept., Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La. 70118. Questions relating to the program should be addressed to the Program Officer, Joan Lockard, RI-20, University of Washington, Seattle, Wa. 98195. Individuals interested in presenting a film at the ABS meetings should contact Edwin Gould, Johns Hopkins Univ., 615 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md. 21205. ABS members may present one contributed paper only (except for invited papers, poster sessions or films) or sponsor one paper presented by a non-member. Abstracts must be received by 9 March 1979.

ALLEE AWARD: The W. C. Allee Award will be presented for the outstanding student paper at the June 1979 ABS meeting in New Orleans. Any student is eligible who (1) has not entered the competition previously, (2) has not received a doctorate prior to the previous ABS meeting (June 19, 1978), and (3) is reporting on independent research (not limited to thesis or dissertation research) which is unpublished at the time the entry is submitted. The Award Committee will judge the papers on the quality of the research and the effectiveness of the oral communication. A \$100 prize will be offered.

Applicants must apply to the Program Officer for a place on the program by 9 March 1979 following the same application procedures as for other papers, but with "Allee Paper" marked on the transmittal form. In addition, the applicant must submit four copies to the Award Committee of: (1) a 1-2 page abstract of the study and (2) a manuscript (7 pages double-spaced maximum, excluding tables and figures) describing the methods and results in the format used by Animal Behaviour. The deadline for receipt of these latter materials is 1 April 1979. The person and address to which they should be sent will be named in the February 1979 ABS Newsletter.

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA: Individuals interested in organizing a symposium for the ABS meetings at Tulane University should call (206-543-3494) or write Joan Lockard at the above address. Symposia must be approved by the Executive Committee. ABS does not provide financial subsidy. Deadline for submission of symposia proposals is 31 December 1978.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF MATERIALS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS 31 DECEMBER 1978.

AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION: The following alterations to the ABS Constitution were prepared by Steve Rebach, Chairperson of the Organization and By-Laws Committee. The Executive Committee approved these alterations at its June 1978 meeting for distribution to the membership for ratification by mail ballot. Please complete the ballot in this Newsletter and return it to the Secretary by 15 December 1978. If you disapprove of any part of the alterations, please note your specific objections. A copy of the constitution (revised in June 1976) was mailed to the membership in August 1976.

### I. Constitutional Changes

- A. Art. 8, Sect. 2, Subsect. a. -add "of the Executive Committee" at the end of the sentence. If passed, it would read: "a. Election of Fellows shall be conducted in alternate years by mail ballot of the Executive Committee."
- B. Art. 8, Sect. 2, Subsect. f. (new wording) "The President shall determine the maximum number of Fellows that can be elected on any ballot. This number shall not exceed the limit specified in Section 2b."  
This replaces: "The Executive Committee shall elect a maximum number of Fellows in each election as determined by the President of the Society. This number shall not exceed the limit specified in Section 2b."
- C. Art. 13, Sect. 1, Subsect. b. -add "except for services rendered" to end of sentence. If passed, it would read: "b. No part of the net earnings of the Society shall or may under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual except for services rendered."
- D. Art. 13, Sect. 1, Subsect. c. -replace "No substantial part of the activities of the Society ..." with "Not more than 20% of the activities or proceeds of the Society ...". If passed, it would read: "c. Not more than 20% of the activities or proceeds of the Society shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;"
- E. Art. 4, Sect. 3. -insert the sentence "All terms will commence on 1 July and end on 30 June" before the sentence "The expiration date of the terms ... in any one year". If passed, the first sentence of Art. 4, Sect. 3 would be replaced by: "The term of office shall be one year except in the case of Editor, whose term shall be 5 years and Secretary, Treasurer, and Program Officer, whose terms shall be 3 years each. All terms will commence on 1 July and end on 30 June."  
Note: This change will simplify the transfer of office after elections and will result in the current officers serving for 6 months longer than scheduled and the newly elected officers not beginning to serve until 6 months later than scheduled.
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### II. Constitutional Amendments

#### A. Impeachment (new Article 8, Section 2)

##### Article 8. Elections:

###### Section 2. Impeachment:

###### a. Impeachment of Officers

All elected officers of the Society are subject to impeachment from office for failure to carry out their duties as outlined under Article II of the Bylaws or violations of Article 13 of the Constitution. Such action shall be taken whether or not the impeachable offenses were performed with malicious intent.

###### b. Initiation of Impeachment

Impeachment proceedings may be initiated by the presentation of a petition for impeachment to the members of the Executive Committee. The petition must be signed by at least 3% of the members of the Society. The petition should outline in detail the offenses and available evidence.

c. Prosecution and Proceedings

Upon receipt of a petition as described in Part b, the accused officer shall relinquish his office until the proceedings are completed. The Executive Committee shall give the petition for impeachment to the Committee on Organization and Bylaws which shall be responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the charges.

The impeachment proceedings shall take place before a quorum of the Executive Committee called together in emergency session within 120 days of the presentation of the petition for impeachment. The Executive Committee shall decide the culpability of the officer by a majority vote. The impeached officer, if convicted, may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership at the next annual meeting. A two-thirds majority of members voting at that meeting shall be necessary to reverse the decision.

d. Succession

When the petition for impeachment has been filed, the office relinquished shall be filled in the following manner:

- (1) the President or First President-Elect shall be replaced by the officer designated in Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- (2) the Editor shall be replaced by a member of the Editorial Board chosen by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.
- (3) the Second President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Program Officer shall be replaced by a Member-at-Large appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee.

The interim appointee shall serve until a permanent replacement is elected. If the appeal of the impeached officer fails, or if no appeal is made, a special election shall be held for a replacement.

e. Appointed Positions

Persons appointed by the President, such as Committee Chairpersons, serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. Their resignation may be requested by the Executive Committee. The vacancy will be filled by an appointee of the President with the consent of the Executive Committee.

Note: If this impeachment amendment is approved, the current Article 8, Section 2, "Election of Fellows" will become Article 8, Section 3.

B. Preferential Election System: This amendment would delete the last three sentences of paragraph one in Article 8, Section 1 --from "A simple ..." to "... the next Newsletter." --and substitute the following:

"The election ballot shall include spaces for the voter to indicate a first and a second choice from among the candidates. A simple majority of those voting for that office is necessary for election. Failing a simple majority, the two candidates receiving the greatest numbers of first choice votes shall receive the second choice votes in their names from the ballots for the unsuccessful candidates. The candidate receiving the higher combined total shall be elected. The results shall be announced in the next Newsletter."

Note: This preferential election system will make it unnecessary to hold run-off elections in the event that no candidate achieves a majority of the votes cast.

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POSITIONS OPEN: Ethologist: A tenure-track position in ethology at the assistant professor level is available in August 1979 (if funds are available) in the Department of Ecology, Ethology and Evolution, University of Illinois, for a person with teaching and research interests in the areas of (1) behavioral ecology and evolution, (2) ontogeny of behavior, (3) orientation, navigation and migration, or (4) theoretical ethology. A Ph.D. is required with postdoctoral experience and publications desirable. Responsibilities will include undergraduate and graduate teaching, direction of graduate students and development of an active research program. Submit curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and other supporting material by 1 February 1979 to: Dr. Sue Carter, Ethology Search Committee, Dept. of Ecology, Ethology and Evolution, 515 Morrill Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Population Biologist: A tenure-track assistant professorship is available in the Department of Biology, University of Missouri, in the area of population biology. Quantitative field-oriented research and experience with vertebrates and/or plant-animal interactions is desirable. Responsibilities will include teaching some introductory biology as well as speciality courses and supervision of graduate student research. Send curriculum vitae, reprints, statement of research interest and three letters of reference to: Search Committee, Dept. of Biology, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri 63121. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Ethologist-Ecologist: A faculty position is available beginning September 1979 in the Department of Biology, Central Missouri State University, for a person with experience in the area of ecology, ethology, mammalogy and wildlife biology. Responsibilities will include teaching courses in comparative ethology, mammalogy, wildlife conservation, and ecology as well as supervising master's level graduate research. A Ph.D. is required. For information on the application procedure, interested candidates should contact: Dr. Harry P. Savery, Dept. of Biology, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ERA VOTE: The membership voted in favor of having the ABS consider Equal Rights Amendment ratification by a state as a criterion in the selection of future meeting sites. The vote was 217 in favor, 170 opposed and 30 abstentions.

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ASZ MEETING: The ASZ will have its annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia, 27-30 December 1978. Included is an ABS sponsored symposium "Ultrasonic Communication in Rodents." For information on the program and registration, contact: Mary Wiley, Box 2739, California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, California 91360.

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ANIMAL BEHAVIOR CONFERENCE IN QUEBEC CITY: The Société Québécoise pour l'Etude Biologique du Comportement (SQEBC) (Quebec Society for the Biological Study of Behavior) announces its third annual conference. The meeting will be held at Laval University (Vachon Bldg.), Quebec, November 24, 25 and 26. Short communications are scheduled, along with a film presentation and two special speakers. A symposium on the study of animal behavior in the field is being organized. For further information, please contact Dr. Cyrille Barrette, Dept. of Biology, Laval University, Quebec G1K 7P4 (telephone 418-656-3181).

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CARIBBEAN PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER: The Cayo Santiago colony is available to qualified scientists for observational studies of free-ranging rhesus monkeys (*M. mulatta*) and other terrestrial and marine organisms. Potential investigators should submit written proposals to: Director, Caribbean Primate Research Center, Box 297, Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico 00749. Proposals will be judged according to compatibility with other ongoing research at the colony, feasibility given the available facilities and characteristics of the population, and scientific merit. Proposals will be evaluated by the Director, the Scientist-in-Charge of Cayo Santiago, and an Advisory Board. Prior visits to the research site and discussion with the staff are recommended. Visiting scientists will be provided genealogical and census records from the current population as required by their research. Additional records are available by prior agreement. Additional information may be obtained by writing: R. G. Rawlins, Scientist-in-Charge, Cayo Santiago, Box 106, Punta Santiago, Puerto Rico 00741 (telephone 809-852-0690).

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INTERNATIONAL ETHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE: A total of 220 applications to attend the Vancouver Meetings was received. To implement the decision to have 25% of the U.S. delegation composed of "younger" ethologists, applicants were placed in two groups (a) graduate students and those receiving the Ph.D. during or after 1976 and (b) those receiving the Ph.D. before 1976. Based on the frequency distribution of "younger" and "older" applicants, it was found that the ratio of invited to uninvited applicants would be similar in each category: i.e., .46 "older" ethologists (75/163) and .44 "younger" ethologists (25/57) would receive invitations. Those applicants interested in knowing their position on the invitation list, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Marc Bekoff, Dept. of EPO Biology, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, after 10 November 1978. If you receive an invitation and accept, but cannot attend, please contact Robin Liley, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., and Marc Bekoff.