

CONSTITUTION OF
SOCIETY OF OVERSEAS NEPALESE ENTOMOLOGISTS (SONE)

Approved by the SONE Annual Meeting, held on Nov. 11, 2013, at ESA meeting, Austin, Texas, USA

Article I. a. Name

This institution shall be named as "Society of Overseas Nepalese Entomologists", previously known as "Overseas Nepalese Entomologists" (SONE), herein and after called as SONE. SONE is nonprofit, professional society solely established for educational purpose.

Article I. b. Seal

Seal of SONE shall be as shown in figure1 (Brief description of the seal).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this society is to promote: (1) collaboration among SONE members and with members of other organizations, (2) sharing of knowledge and resources, (3) dissemination of entomological information, and (3) collectively contributes to the Entomological science and society.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership: Membership to this society is open to all the interested Nepalese Entomologists, including students and professionals. SONE members shall obey the rules and honor the spirits and principles of democratic procedures. Members shall be willing to contribute to the goals of the society set forth in Article II.

Section 2. Procedure to Obtain Membership: Any person described under Section 1 desiring to become a member of the Society shall apply to the Society. A person shall become such member upon the approval of the Executive Committee and upon the payment of membership fees. SONE executive committee can award "Honorary Membership" to a person from any country that has provided significant contribution to Entomology in Nepal.

Section 3. Good Standing Member: A member who applies, renews membership, and pays required membership fees within deadline.

Article IV. Membership Rights

Section 1. Voting: Each eligible member of this society in good standing shall be entitled to vote once at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. Privileges: All members in good standing shall have equal privileges to present papers, contribute to publications and discuss at meetings.

Section 3. Publications: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to receive a copy of the SONE publications.

Section 4. Termination of Membership: A member can voluntarily terminate his/her society membership; alternatively the society has all rights to terminate the membership of any member at any time.

Section 5. Certificates: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to receive an evidence of membership upon request.

Article V. Dues

The annual dues for membership in the Society shall be as decided by the Executive Committee. The dues shall be used by the society for expenses incurred in the societal activities. The payment shall be made by the time of annual meetings.

Membership due shall be as follows:

- a. Student member (Overseas-\$10.00, Nepal-\$2.00)
- b. Professional member (Overseas-\$20.00, Nepal-\$5.00)
- c. Life member-\$100.00
- d. Honorary member-free

Article VI. Meetings of Society

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The Society shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be designated by the Executive committee and specified in the notice. The annual meeting of the society shall meet the corium (50% attendance of executive members).

Section 2. Meeting Notice: Notice of all meetings shall be mailed stating the time, place, and agenda to each member by the Secretary at least 5 days in advance.

Section 3. Order of Business: The order of business at regular meetings shall be determined by the presiding officer; the usual order of business shall include:

- a. Minutes of past regular meetings
- b. Reports of Officers
- c. Reports of Standing Committees
- d. Reports of Special Committees
- e. Unfinished business
- f. New business
- g. Announcement

Article VII. Organizational Structure

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected from the members by a popular vote. The President-Elect shall automatically proceed to the office of President at each annual meeting when, or should the President resigned from his or her post.

President should nominate 3 members of election committee to conduct the election for officers of the Society. The President and President-Elect shall hold office from the date of election at the annual meeting until the election of their successors at the next annual meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for a successive term.

All members of the Executive Committee shall serve for the 1 year period from the date of appointment at the annual meeting and no member may occupy more than one position at one time.

Section 2. Duties of President: The President shall be the chief executive officer and preside at all meetings of the society and Executive Committee. The President should sign all official documents of the society; exercise active management of the society; execute and enforce all orders, resolutions and regulations; perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee. President can formally delegate some of his or her power and duties to other executive members when needed.

Section 3. Duties of President-Elect: In the absence of the President, or in case of his failure to act, the President-Elect shall have all the powers of the President and shall perform all the duties as imposed upon him by the Executive Committee. The President-Elect shall assist the President and exercise duties assigned by the president.

Section 4. Duties of Secretary: The Secretary shall perform all the duties of the office of Secretary of the Society such as call, attend and keep the minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Duties of Treasure: The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements on the expenses of the Society and shall deposit all income and other valuable properties to the credit of the Society in depository (Bank) as designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as ordered by the Committee. The signatories for disbursement of funds include Treasurer and or the President of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Vacancies in Executive Committee: Any vacancy in the office of any officer may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Committee.

Article VIII. Publications

Section 1. Newsletter: The official publication of the Society shall be a newsletter, the annual report, and member directory.

Section 2. Editor: The Newsletter shall be edited and published by the Editorial Committee. President shall appoint 3 members of Newsletter editorial committee.

Article IX. Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1: Advisory Committee: The Advisory Committee shall be composed by volunteers and ex-presidents. The Advisory Committee may continuously advise the Executive Committee with suggestions and constructive criticism.

Section 2: Resolution Committee: The President shall appoint 2 members of the resolution committee. Resolution committee should collect all the grievances, complaints, and suggestions from the members and bring it to the discussion in the annual business meeting.

Section 3: Refreshment Committee: Two member committee, a Treasurer and a member selected by the Treasurer shall organize refreshment for the society meetings.

Section 4. Rules of Order: The current Robert's Rules of Order shall be the final authority on questions concerning procedure not covered by these By-Laws.

Article X. Amendments

This Constitution may be altered or amended as needed by a majority vote or the quorum present at any annual or special meeting.

Figure1. Logo / Seal of SONE

