



West African Ornithological Society
Société d'Ornithologie de l'Ouest
Africain



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THE WEST AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

As intimated briefly on p.85 of the last Volume of the Bulletin, the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society is to become the West African Ornithological Society. Proposed amendments to the Constitution necessitated by this change (and a proposal affecting Committee composition) are published herewith, and in accordance with Rule V (Change of Rules) will come into effect after six months.

THE NEW NAME

A number of suggestions were sent in response to our invitation, and a choice had to be made from such offers as Balearica, Picathartes, Malimbus, Bateleur, Jacana, Bubalornis, Pelican and Drongo, a plethora of bird names some of which are pre-occupied. Balearica, the Crowned Crane that has symbolised the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society for seventeen years, is unfortunately such a one - there is already a provincial Spanish journal of that name. We have actually found over 50 journals having generic or English bird names, which limited our choice to a surprising extent. Some suggestions were most ingenious. Bubalornis is 'a sort of anagram' of Bull. Nig. Orn. Soc., and another offer, Waso, is an anagram of W.A.O.S and should be pronounced 'Oiseaux' ! Eventually unanimity was reached with

MALIMBUS ,

that fine genus of ten species, all of which are found in West Africa as defined by Bannerman. Nine range west of Cameroun and two are endemic to Upper Guinea, so Malimbus is a thoroughly West African genus of birds ; and the name is appropriate also since it was the Society's President who discovered and described Malimbus ibadanensis. "Malimbus" was of course John Elgood's proposal; but I can parry any charge of prejudice in our selection of the journal's title by noting that it was suggested by other people too! "Malimbus" has the further merit of internationality : it is the systematic and also the colloquial English and French name (Malimbe).

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (See Vol. 11, 1975, pp. 45-47)

Amendment (1)

Title

The Society shall be named the WEST AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY and the SOCIÉTÉ D'ORNITHOLOGIE DE L'OUEST AFRICAIN.

Amendment (2)

Objects

The objects of the Society shall be the promotion of scientific interest in birds, and the publication of observations and studies relating to ornithology, particularly of West African from Senegal to Cameroun.

Amendment (3)

Rules para. I (1)

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council of five members elected to the following offices and responsible for all matters of general policy and finance except editorial policy of the Society's journal (MALIMBUS) :

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Honorary Secretary
- (d) Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary
- (e) Managing Editor of the journal.

Amendment (4)

'Bulletin' to read 'journal' throughout, namely Rules I (2), II (1), II (3), IV title, IV (1), IV (2), IV (3), IV (4) and IV (5).

Amendment (5)

'Nigeria' to read 'West Africa' throughout, i.e. Rules I (3)(b) and I (4)

Amendment (6)

Rules para. IV (2)

Editorial policy shall be outlined from time to time in the pages of the journal. Papers will be accepted for publication in English and in French. Instructions to contributors shall be published bilingually in every Volume of the journal.

Amendment (7)

'Committee' to read 'Council' throughout, namely Rules I (1), I (2), I (4), I (5), II (2), II (4), IV (1), IV (3), IV (5) and V.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE (TRIENNIAL 1978-1981)

The existing Committee's nominations are :

President - Prof. Brian Harris, Vice-President - Dr Gérard Morel, Hon. Secretary - Prof. John Elgood, Hon. Treasurer & Membership Secretary - Mr Bob Sharland, Managing Editor - Dr Hilary Fry. Any other seconded nominations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for year ended 31st December 1977

Balance in hand 1st January 1977	...	£60.29
Subscriptions received	...	232.12
Subsidy from Ahmadu Bello University Press	...	87.00
		<u>379.41</u>
Repayment of President's loan	... 100.00	
Printing and postage	... <u>227.00</u>	327.00
Balance in hand 31st December 1977	...	<u>52.41</u>

Application to Ahmadu Bello University Press for subsidy 1977

Printing and postage as above	... 227.00	
Printing due	... <u>210.00</u>	437.00
Less subscriptions received as above	...	<u>232.00</u>
		£205.00
Subsidy requested	... <u>£241.00</u>	