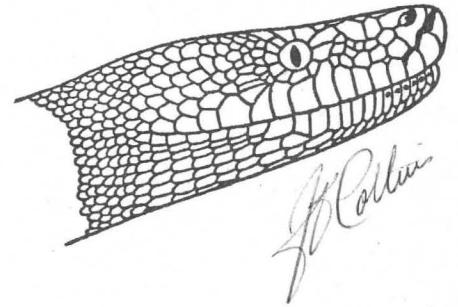


KANSAS HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



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The organizational meeting to form the Kansas Herpetological Society was called to order at 1:30 pm on 18 May 1974 in the Museum of Natural History at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Eric Rundquist, presiding member of the Ad Hoc KHS Constitution Committee, read letters of welcome and encouragement from William E. Duellman, KU Curator of Herpetology, and Ray E. Ashton, Chairman of the Liaison Committee of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles. Committee member Mary E. Dawson, animal keeper at the Topeka Zoo, read a similar letter from Gary K. Clarke, Topeka Zoo Director.

Following an opening address by Mr. Rundquist, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed KHS constitution and Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rundquist then requested that Joseph T. Collins preside over the nomination of candidates for KHS offices. The following individuals were nominated for office:

President - Eric Rundquist (Lawrence)
President-Elect - George R. Pisani (Lawrence)
Treasurer - Mary E. Dawson (Topeka)
Secretary - Richard Lattis (Lawrence)

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the slate be elected. Mr. Collins then turned the meeting over to newly elected KHS President Eric Rundquist. After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to establish KHS dues at \$3.00 per person per fiscal year. This was followed by a general discussion of the goals and functions of the Society. President Rundquist announced the formation of a KHS program committee to include Mark Thiry (chairperson), Jan Perry and Kris Sperry.

The meeting, attended by over 30 persons, adjourned at 3:15 pm.

- - - - -LETTER FROM THE KHS PRESIDENT- - - - -

On 18 May 1974, the organizational meeting of the KHS was held in Lawrence, Kansas. Events being what they were, I was elected KHS president and, as one of my first duties, bent the ears of the assembled interested persons. I was most gratified at the large number of individuals in attendance.

First, I would like to thank Philip S. Humphrey, Director of the Museum of Natural History at KU, and the Museum staff for their cooperation in letting us use the Museum auditorium and various facilities, and helping us get our feet on the ground.

Second, I was pleased to see and present the following distinguished biologists at our meeting: Edward H. Taylor, Robert F. Clarke (Emporia), Henry S. Fitch, Theodore H. Eaton and Richard Wassersug. I am honored that these individuals chose by their presence to support our efforts to form the KHS.

Overall, I was impressed by the spirit of cooperation and interest shown by all persons present. If this is an indicator of the quality of our membership, we stand an excellent chance to establish a strong, viable regional herpetological society. Although I'm sure we will encounter many problems in our struggle to build the KHS, I think we have the collective energy and ability to overcome these problems and accomplish great things.

So, with great accomplishments as our goals, and with Kansas' strong herpetological history in mind, I will do the best I can to fulfill the duties of my office and make an organization of which we can be proud.

Sincerely,

Eric Rundquist
President, Kansas Herpetological Society

- - - -JULY KHS MEETING ANNOUNCED- - - -

The next meeting of the Kansas Herpetological Society will be SATURDAY, 13 JULY 1974 AT 1:00 PM in the EDUCATION ROOM (LARGE MAMMAL BUILDING) AT THE TOPEKA ZOO. Please plan to attend and bring interested friends. The program will be:

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST,

a slide presentation and talk by Joseph T. Collins of the Museum of Natural History at KU. The program is based on Mr. Collins' August 1973 trip to Oregon and Washington in conjunction with professional meetings.



KHS PROGRAM COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

The KHS Program Committee wishes to know what KHS members expect from their organization. To help them determine this, please answer the following questions -- feel free to make additional comments and suggestions that might be relevant. Return this questionnaire to Ms. Mary Dawson (see address below) in order to better enable the program committee to channel its efforts to bring you the types of programs, meetings and field trips you will enjoy.

- 1) What should be the goals of the KHS? Please give specific ideas for implementation of suggested goals.

- 2) What programs would you like the KHS to plan for its meetings? Please list specific examples (slide talks, field trips, etc) and give details.

- 3) What public projects should the KHS consider? Please give specific examples (i.e. Save Schermerhorn Park, etc).

- 4) Number in order of preference what you most wish to participate in:
 - speaker presentation
 - field trips
 - educational workshops
 - other (be specific) _____

KHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to become a member of the Kansas Herpetological Society. Enclosed is my check or cash in the amount of \$3.00 (make checks payable to: Kansas Herpetological Society).

Your name _____

Address _____

_____ zip code

Please return this application to:

Ms. Mary Dawson, KHS Treasurer
Topeka Zoological Park
635 Gage Boulevard
Topeka, Kansas 66606