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KHS TO MEET IN LAWRENCE

The next meeting of the Kansas Herpetological Society will be on 25 March 1978 in Lawrence, Kansas. KHS members and friends should plan to arrive at the Public Education Room, Museum of Natural History, on the University of Kansas campus by 1:00 PM. At 1:30 PM, Thomas J. Berger, member of the SSAR Legislative Alert Committee and graduate student at KU, will speak on federal regulations and endangered species, with an emphasis on herps. This should be an excellent presentation and deserves a large turnout of members. In addition, members are urged to bring their 10 favorite slides for an always enjoyable slide show. The meeting will last no later than 4:00 PM.

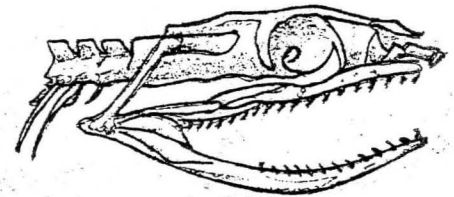
The KHS Executive Council will meet in the 4th floor lobby at the Museum at 11:30 AM before going to the Student Union for lunch and an Executive Council meeting.

WICHITA SITE OF FIRST 1978 KHS MEETING

The first 1978 meeting of the Kansas Herpetological Society was held at the beautiful Sedgwick County Zoo (SCZ) in Wichita, Kansas on 14 January. Robert F. Clarke, KHS Past-President from Emporia State University, took those present on a slide trip to southeast Kansas to collect Desmognathus from the only "known locality" in the state. As the group found out, it is not wise to import non-native organisms to new habitats -- you can make more money importing and selling bananas than you can Desmognathus.

Peter Gray, SCZ Animal Keeper and KHS member from Wichita, gave a talk on the evolutionary aspects of color in the green tree python, Chondropython viridis. His talk was accompanied by a fine series of slides which included a sequence taken over a thirteen day period showing juvenile color change to subadult color. (The SCZ won a AAZPA Bean Award for their unique hatching of Chondropython in captivity -- see KHS Newsletter #22).

After both talks, David Grow, SCZ Animal Keeper and KHS member from Wichita, gave a personal guided tour through the herpetarium -- both the exhibit area and behind the scenes! The group also toured the newly completed Jungle Building with its numerous advanced reptiles (sometimes called birds).



It was a very enjoyable meeting for the over 25 people present. Many thanks are due the SCZ for allowing the KHS the use of their facilities. See you at the next KHS meeting on 25 March in Lawrence.

KHS TREASURER'S REPORT - 1977

INCOME

Balance carried forward from 1976	\$225.36
Contributing memberships for 1977 (3)	45.00
Regular memberships for 1977 (96)	288.00
Contributing memberships for 1978 (1)	15.00
Regular memberships for 1978 (50)	150.00
Donations	23.00
% of sale of pamphlet	125.00
Sale of past Newsletters	31.68
Sale of Checklists	14.30
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Total Income	\$917.34

EXPENSES

Printing Newsletters--Feb.	32.79
April	30.18
June	18.30
August	75.90
October	39.87
December	33.47
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Total Cost	\$230.51
Newsletter covers	166.45
Printing of Checklists	53.40
Printing of membership cards	40.45
Printing of dues envelopes	25.88
Postage	148.03
Copying of past Newsletters	15.50
Supplies for Newsletters	7.53
Sec.-Treas. expenses	5.35
Refreshments	31.01
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Total expenses	\$724.11
Balance on hand January 1, 1978	\$193.23

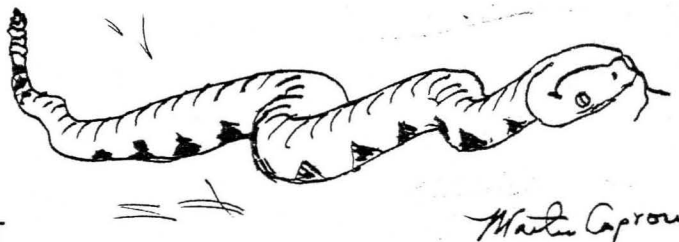
Marjorie Perry, Sec.-Treas.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES -- 14 JANUARY 1978

Marge Perry presented the annual Treasurer's report for 1977.

The auditing committee presented a report to the council. It was approved.

The four KHS representatives to the Second Regional Herpetological Society Conference sponsored by the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles are: Larry Miller, Kelly Irwin, Janice Perry and David Grow.

KHS HOLBROOK CONTEST

The KHS has received a gratis copy of the SSAR Holbrook facsimile reprint in recognition of its financial support to the SSAR in reprinting this most important work on North American amphibians and reptiles.

Since the KHS does not maintain a Society library, the KHS Executive Council decided at the Ottawa County meeting on 9 July 1977 to initiate a contest to award the Holbrook facsimile to the winning KHS member. Contest rules are:

- 1) All participants must be KHS members.
- 2) No elected KHS officers for 1977 or 1978 may participate.
- 3) No member of the judging committee may participate.
- 4) A winner will be selected from among those KHS members publishing the most original paper on Kansas amphibians and/or reptiles appearing in the KHS Newsletter. The contest is restricted to articles appearing in KHS Newsletters 22 (December 1977) through 27 (October 1978).
- 5) The Holbrook facsimile will be awarded to the winner at the 5th annual KHS meeting in November 1978.
- 6) A second prize of selected Holbrook color plates will be awarded to the second place entrant.
- 7) A third place entrant will receive a free KHS membership for calendar year 1979.

The KHS Executive Council has appointed Janice Perry, Larry Miller, and Joseph Collins to serve as the judging committee for this contest.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN KANSAS

There are 26 species proposed as either threatened or endangered in Kansas. Seven of these occur on the national endangered species list and are either full-time residents of Kansas or spend some portion of their life cycle within the state. The threatened list includes two birds, three fish, one amphibian, one reptile and two invertebrates.

The endangered list includes two mammals, four birds, three fish, four amphibians and four invertebrates.

Non-consumptive demand for threatened and endangered species - although presently not measured accurately - is assumed to be higher than any other group of animals, and appears to be increasing. Increased public awareness is likely to result in even greater increases in demand.

THREATENED SPECIES:

Prairie falcon (Falco mexicanus), least tern (Sterna albifrons), blue sucker (Cycleptus elongatus), Arkansas darter (Estheostoma craigini), Topeka shiner (Notropis topeka), alligator snapping turtle (Macrolemys temmincki), northern crawfish frog (Rana areolata circulosa), riffle beetle (Dubiraphia n. sp.), and riffle beetle (Optioservus n. sp.).

ENDANGERED SPECIES:

*Peregrine falcon (Falco peregrinus anatum), *whooping crane (Grus americana), *eskimow curlew (Numenius borealis), *bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), *black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes), *gray bat (Myotis grisescens), Neosho madtom (Noturus placidus), pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus), sicklefin chub (Hybopsis meeki), central newt (Notophthalmus viridescens louisianensis), grotto salamander (Typhlotriton spelaeus), gray-bellied salamander (Eurycea multiplicata griseogaster), cave salamander (Eurycea lucifuga), small amphibious snail (Pomatiopsis lapidaria) no common name, warty-backed mussel (Quadrula nodulata), heel-splitter mussel (Onodonta suborbiculata), and *fat pocketbook pearly mussel (Proptera capax).

*Also on Federal List.

GOAL:

IMPROVE THE STATUS OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES TO THE POINT THEY ARE NO LONGER SO CLASSIFIED.

1982 OBJECTIVES:

To enter into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under guidelines outlined in PL 93-205 (Endangered Species Act of 1973).

To develop and implement management plans for threatened and endangered species.

PROBLEMS AND STRATEGIES:

Inadequate information prohibits management of threatened and endangered species.

1. Determine population status.
2. Determine non-consumptive demand.
3. Identify habitat requirements where unknown.
4. Contribute to federal recovery plans.

Habitats are being destroyed or altered.

1. Prevent further habitat losses.
2. Identify and monitor changes in unique or critical habitats.
3. Protect or enhance unique or critical habitats.
4. Identify pollution problem areas and improve conditions detrimental to endangered species.
5. Preserve and protect the integrity of Spring River, Shoal Creek and Schemerhorn Park in Cherokee County.

Funding sources for threatened and endangered species are inadequate.

1. Apply for federal assistance under the cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Develop non-traditional sources of funding.

Programs and activities of other agencies or interests may have detrimental impacts on threatened or endangered species.

1. Promote safe techniques for wildlife damage control.
2. Assist other agencies to ensure activities consistent with KSA 32-501 to 510 (Nongame, Threatened and Endangered Species Act of 1975).
3. Promote land use practices that avoid conflicts with threatened or endangered species.

The public is concerned but often misinformed about threatened and endangered species.

1. Promote public understanding of the special needs of threatened and endangered species.

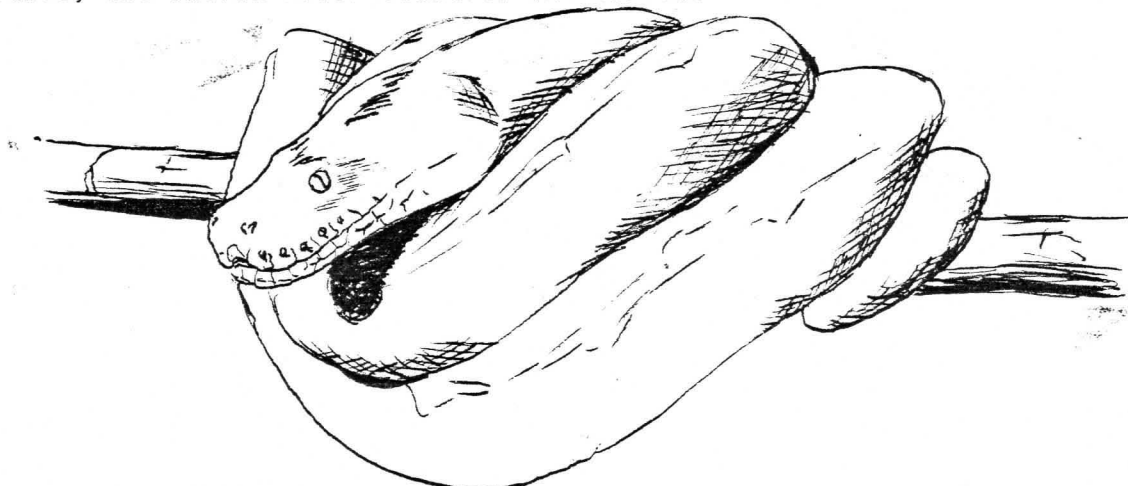
Conflicting state laws, and the lack of regulations and programs preclude adequate protection of threatened and endangered species.

1. Resolve conflicts in state laws.
2. Establish regulations as authorized by KSA 32-501 (Nongame, Threatened and Endangered Species Act of 1975).
3. Establish an advisory committee to recommend program priorities.

Reprinted from: A Plan For Kansas Wildlife, Strategic Plan Kansas Forestry, Fish & Game Commission 1977-1982. October 1977. Pp. 55-56.

ATLANTIC SALT MARSH SNAKE PLACED ON FEDERAL THREATENED LIST

The Fish and Wildlife Service determines the Atlantic salt marsh snake (*Nerodia fasciata taeniata*) to be a threatened species. This action is being taken because of the threats of habitat modification and resulting hybridization, and provides Federal protection for the species. The Atlantic salt marsh snake is known only from coastal areas of Brevard, Volusia, and Indian River Counties in Florida.



HOW TO TWIST ARMS AND LEAVE THEM SMILING (A SHORT COURSE IN CITIZEN LOBBYING)

While attending the first annual Wildlife Legislation Conference recently sponsored by the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission (which unfortunately had very little to do with herps or any non-game species), the participants received explicit information on the manner in which to exert the maximum amount of pressure on state legislators on issues in which they might be concerned. What follows is a condensation of that information.

1. Who to Contact (in order of importance)
 - A. Committee chairperson
 - B. Committee members
 - C. Contact your local legislator(s) and ask for a vote for or against the bill with which you are concerned.
2. When to Contact
 - A. Before House or Senate session
 - B. During and after hearings on the bill
 - C. As a last resort, contact the Governor and ask for a veto on the bill.
3. The Manner in Which to Contact
 - A. Meet with the legislator personally
 - B. Write a clear, concise letter to the legislator stating your reasons for backing or opposing a bill.
 - C. Send a telegram
 - D. Call your legislator

That was easy enough, wasn't it? Well, there are a couple of important things to keep in mind. Any citizen of the state has the right to appear before a bill hearing and testify. To do so, you must ask your legislator to be placed on the hearing agenda. If you do testify, know your facts, present your case clearly, and most important do it in the least amount of time necessary. The second thing to remember is this: if you meet personally with a legislator to discuss legislation you may, and probably will, be considered a lobbyist. When that happens you must register as such and go through the whole rigamarole of filling out numerous forms and disclaimers. Lobbyists of all types are watched very carefully these days.

Of the present legislation in the State Congress there are only a few bills in which we might be interested. One is House Bill (HB) 2239 which would reclassify the coyote as a furbearer thereby giving it protection under the law which it does not now have. There is a similar bill in the Senate, both of which are in very serious trouble. The other bill is Senate Bill (SB) 293 which would allow private game refuges to be tax exempt land. This would allow private landowners to declare any or all of their holdings to be game refuges and get tax easements for that land. If any of you decide to respond to these bills be sure to include their HB or SB number.

The following information may help you if you wish to respond to this legislation.

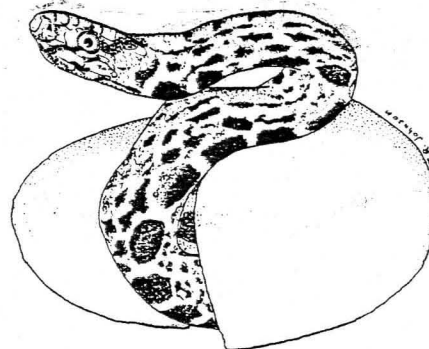
Energy and Natural Resources Committees:

Senate--chairperson, Angell; vice-chairperson, Kerr; members, Berman, Everett, Feleciano, Gannon, Hess, Janssen, Morris, Rogers, Simpson.

House--chairperson, Mainey; vice-chairperson, A. Niles; members, Brewster, Erne, Holt, Matlack, I. Niles, Rodrock, Rosenau, Schwartz, Sughrue, Bogina, Crumbaker, Cubit, Farrar, Foster, Gordon, Hess, Littlejohn, McCrum, King.

As the year progresses, we will attempt to keep you informed of those conservation and legislative issues of concern to us. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

---Eric Rundquist, KHS Conservation/Legislation Chairperson



WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

When you write: Address the Senator or Representative as The Honorable ... and send to the State House, Capital Building, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Make your letters legible. Give your address and sign your name clearly so that your legislator can answer your letter. Write about only one issue in each letter and write before or during the time the matter in which you are interested is being discussed. Write to your Representative when the matter is before the House of Representatives; to your Senator when it is in the Senate. Write to chairpersons and committee members when a matter in which you are interested is in committee even though you do not live in their district.

Make your letters brief, indicate your support or opposition to a bill, and provide reasons for the action requested. The letter need not be lengthy but should clearly indicate your position on an issue.

CHIKASKIA RIVER WILDLIFE STUDY PLANNED FOR APRIL

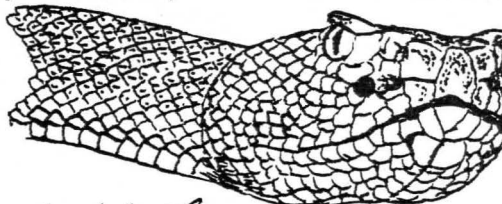
The second annual Chikaskia River Wildlife Study is planned for 28-30 April 1978. It will center along the Chikaskia River near Drury, Kansas in Sumner County Kansas. Most of the study will take place on private land along the river. Camping will be available both on private land and at a small park in Drury.

The study is an opportunity for people to observe, collect and photograph some of the wildlife that is found along the beautiful Chikaskia River. Participants are urged not to collect large numbers of specimens of any species and remove them from the area. The animals collected during the study will be set free in the same area as they are collected.

Drury is located between South Haven and Caldwell along highway 81. Signs will be up to help guide participants to the study areas. The field work will start Saturday morning the 29th of April, but participants may arrive as early as the evening of the 28th.

All KHS members are invited to this informal wildlife study. A number of interesting amphibians and reptiles can be found in this area during the spring months and the Chikaskia River is truly a beautiful river.

Contact Gene Trott, R.R. #2, Box 58, South Haven, KS 67104 or Larry Miller, 524 North Osage St., Caldwell, KS 67022 for more information.



Monty Capron

SNAKE-BITE WORKSHOP

Avila College will sponsor a workshop dealing with the recognition and treatment of snake-bite. The program, EMERGENCY: SNAKE-BITE, will be held Saturday, April 1, 1978, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The cost of the program will be \$7.50.

Workshop faculty will include Robert Powell, Assistant Professor of Biology, Avila College, and Harry Gregory, Curator, Kansas City Zoological Gardens. Emphasis will be placed on familiarizing participants with key identifying characteristics of regional snakes allowing for definite and rapid recognition of venomous species. In addition, participants will be taught appropriate first-aid and treatment for both non-venomous and venomous snake-bite.

We are sending you the basic information about this program now so that you might notify interested individuals within your organization about it. Registration material for the workshop may be obtained by writing or calling the Department of Continuing Education, Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145; 816/942-8400, Extension 242.

CURRENT LITERATURE

This current literature section has been compiled by J.T. Collins, and contains titles of books and articles on amphibians and reptiles of possible interest to KHS members. Generally, titles listed here are those written by KHS members, those which contain direct reference to Kansas herpetofauna, or those of significance regarding North American amphibians and reptiles.

Basoglu, M. and I. Baran

1977. The reptiles of Turkey. Part I. The turtles and lizards. 272 pp.

Endangered Species Technical Bulletin

1976 et seq. Highly recommended. A good up-date of amphibian and reptile species officially considered endangered or threatened. Available FREE. Write to: Dona Finnley or Clare Senecal, Office of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Gibbons, J. W.

1977. Snakes of the Savannah River Plant (South Carolina) with information about snake bite prevention and treatment. SRO-NERP-1. 26 pp. Available free from: Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, Aiken, South Carolina.

Harrison, R.

1977. A plan for Kansas wildlife. Kansas Fish and Game, 34(6):5-24. Available for 50¢ from: Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, Box 54-A, Route 2, Pratt, Kansas 67124. (Note: This article contains a section on endangered and threatened amphibians and reptiles in Kansas -- see page 22).

Johnson, T.R.

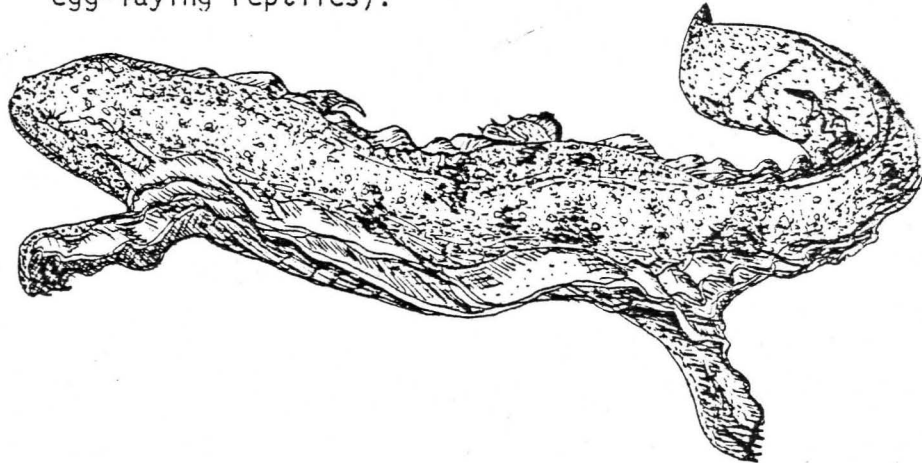
1977. The amphibians of Missouri. Univ. Kansas Mus. Nat. Hist. Pub. Ed. Ser., 6:1-142. Available for \$5.00 postpaid from: Publications Secretary, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

Smith, H. M. and R. B. Smith

1977. Synopsis of the herpetofauna of Mexico. Volume V. Guide to Mexican amphisbaenians and crocodylians. 187 pp. Available for \$12.50 from: John Johnson, North Bennington, Vermont.

Tinkle, D. W. and J. W. Gibbons

1977. The distribution and evolution of viviparity in reptiles. Misc. Pub. Mus. Zool. Univ. Michigan, 154:1-55. (Note: Of special interest to zoo herpetologists -- this publication contains an extensive summary of known incubation periods in egg-laying reptiles).



NEW HERPETOLOGISTS IN THE STATE

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Two herpetologists have recently moved to Kansas. John Applegarth, formerly of the New Mexico Herpetological Society, is now residing in Hays, and Stanley Dyrkacz, formerly an officer of the Chicago Herpetological Society, is now living in McPherson. Let's welcome both these fine men to Kansas!

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Over the past year many of our KHS members have written and requested information on various topics of herpetological husbandry. Also, many members wish to correspond with other KHS members. If you have any information or experiences that could benefit other KHS members, please feel free to correspond with them. They will sincerely appreciate it.

David Cadra, 215 Post Road West, Westport, Connecticut 06880 requests information on the breeding of boas -

John A. Ruiz, 1624 Lomax Lane, Redondo Beach, California 90278 has an interest in Lampropeltis mexicana and L. triangulum, as well as nelsoni and blairi (alterna). He would be willing to communicate with any individuals with similar interests -

Jens Petter Brastad, Brusetskollen, 16, 1364 Hualstad, NORWAY is willing to provide any interested individuals with any information on Southern Europe herps. Jens' interests are Phelsuma, Drymarchon, Cordylus, Elaphe, and Lampropeltis -

Anthony Sokol, 7 Roma St., Bentleigh, Victoria, 3204 AUSTRALIA has a pair of axolots (Ambystoma mexicana) and requests information on successful attempts to get them to develop into adults.

PYTHON SURVEY

The Institute for Herpetological Research is conducting a survey on python breeding. We are interested in acquiring any data on python breeding, either captive or wild matings, and successful or unsuccessful attempts at egg incubation. A pre-stamped survey form (or form) will be sent at no charge to any person or facility who wishes to contribute data. One form is used for each species. When completed, the survey results will be made available in pamphlet form at a cost of approximately \$5.00. Address inquiries to: Richard Ross, M.D., Director, Institute for Herpetological Research, P.O. Box 2227, Stanford, California 94305.

---The Kansas Herpetological Society Newsletter is issued every other month by the Kansas Herpetological Society. All interested persons are invited to become members. Membership dues per calendar year are: \$3.00 (Regular) or \$15.00 (Contributing) payable to: Marjorie Perry, Secretary-Treasurer, 812 Murrow Court, Lawrence, KS 66044. All manuscripts and notes should be sent to the Editor: EDITOR: Janice Perry, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Rose Etta Kurtz, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KANSAS HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization is "Kansas Herpetological Society," hereafter referred to as the "Society".

ARTICLE II. Purpose

Section 1. To encourage education and dissemination of scientific information through the facilities of the Society.

Section 2. To encourage conservation of wildlife in general and of amphibians and reptiles in Kansas in particular.

Section 3. To achieve closer cooperation and understanding between amateur and professional herpetologists, so that they may work together in the common cause of furthering science.

ARTICLE III. Bylaws

The Society shall establish bylaws concerning the organization and procedures to be followed

ARTICLE IV. General Prohibitions.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution or the Bylaws which might be to a contrary interpretation:

1. the Society shall be organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes;
2. 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;
3. no substantial part of the activities of the Society shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;
4. the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;
5. the Society shall not be organized or operated for profit;
6. the Society shall not:
 - a. lend any part of its income or corpus, without the receipt of adequate security and a reasonable rate of interest;
 - b. pay any compensation, in excess of a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered;

c. make any part of its services available on a preferential basis;

d. make any purchase of securities or any other property for more than adequate consideration in money or money's worth from;

e. sell any securities or other property for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth to; or

f. engage in any other transactions which result in a substantial diversion of its income or corpus to;

any officer, or substantial contributor to the organization.

The prohibitions contained in this subsection 6 do not mean to imply that the organization may make such loans, payments, or sales to or purchases from anyone else, unless such authority be given or implied by other provisions of this Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. Distribution on Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Executive Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all of the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Council shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Society is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

KANSAS HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Members

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons who shall make formal application to the Secretary-Treasurer and pay the prescribed dues.

Section 2. The Officers of the Society shall have the right to refuse any new member or to terminate the membership of an existing member for cause and without prior notice. However, a terminated person may appeal to the general meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE II. The Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Society shall be of two kinds, elective and appointive.

a. The elected Officers shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and the immediate Past-President.

b. The appointed Officer shall be Editor of the Society Newsletter.

Section 2. No one individual may hold two or more elective offices concurrently.

Section 3. The terms of office for all officers of the Society shall be for one year.

Section 4. The duties of the elective officers shall be as follows:

a. The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and its officers; shall be nominal head of the Society; shall rule on questions of procedure that may arise; and shall appoint standing and ad hoc committees at his discretion.

b. The President-Elect shall fulfill the duties of the President when the latter is absent, and shall succeed the President at the termination of the latter's term. He shall also assume the Presidency should that office become vacant during a term.

c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the records of the Society and its officers; shall notify the membership of pertinent business; shall be responsible for all general correspondence of the Society; shall keep records and accounts of the Society including all monies received and disbursed, shall collect the annual dues and maintain the membership roster; and shall be responsible for all financial reports required by the business of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make a financial report to the membership at the general meeting.

An outside audit shall be conducted immediately prior to the elected Secretary-Treasurer's acceptance of the Society's financial records by a three member committee appointed by the Society's President.

d. The immediate Past-President shall serve as a member of the officers of the Society.

Section 5. All records and implements of office shall be turned over by any officer to his successor immediately subsequent to the latter's assumption of the office.

Section 6. The duties of the Editor of the Society Newsletter shall be as follows:

He shall be responsible for all phases of its publication. He may appoint staff members to assist him. In as much as the Newsletter is the principal mechanism for written communication to the membership, the Editor is obligated to publish all communications of the Society and its Officers on first priority and to include, as space permits, other items consonant with the stated objectives of the Society.

He shall report annually to the Officers to whom he is responsible.

ARTICLE III. The Executive Council of the Society

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Society shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, immediate Past-President, and Editor of the Society Newsletter.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be empowered to manage the affairs of the Society and to designate all appointive officers for terms of one year.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall fill any vacancy occurring among officers, except that of President, by an appointment for the unexpired term.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall be specifically responsible for any publications of the Society and shall set such policy as is needed to coordinate the contents of the various media so as to further the stated objectives of the Society and to insure the availability and distribution of the several items.

ARTICLE IV. Elections of Officers

Section 1. The President shall appoint three members of the Society to serve as a nominating committee, to include not more than one member of the current Executive Council.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of at least one candidate for each office to be filled. The slate must be presented at the general meeting, at which time nominations may be made by the membership.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee, or a member of the Society, proposing a nominee, shall obtain assent of the candidate to serve if elected.

Section 4. The Slate of Nominations shall be circulated to the entire membership by the Secretary-Treasurer via the Newsletter not later than one month before the general meeting.

Section 5. Voting shall take place at the general meeting of the Society. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and count the votes. The results of the election shall be communicated to the membership via the Newsletter.

Section 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall inform the elected candidates of their election. Newly elected persons will take office at the beginning of the next calendar year following the date of the general meeting election.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall hold a general meeting annually at a time and place set by the Executive Council of the Society. Not more than 18 months shall elapse between meetings.

Section 2. The membership shall be informed in writing of the time and place of the general meeting not later than two months prior to the opening of the meeting.

Section 3. The membership assembled at the general meeting shall elect the Society officers for the coming year.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by vote of a majority of the Executive Council, or on a petition of a quorum of the membership. The time and place of such special meetings must be announced to the membership in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 5. One-tenth of the membership will constitute a quorum to petition for a special meeting.

Section 6. All meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings of the Executive Council of the Society

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Society shall meet at least once a year on the occasion of the general meeting of the Society and at least once no later than one month before opening of the general meeting.

Section 2. Any meeting of the Executive Council shall be open to attendance by interested members of the Society as observers unless the Executive Council moves for Executive Session.

Section 3. A simple majority of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. A majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to pass any motion.

Section 5. The meeting shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 6. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by the President, or by a majority of same.

ARTICLE VII. Dues

Section 1. The Executive Council shall be authorized to establish such dues as are compatible with the financial status of the Society.

Section 2. Dues shall not exceed \$15 annually.

Section 3. A member in arrears for payment of dues for a period of 6 months after conclusion of the current membership year shall be dropped from the role after due notice from the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII. Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Society shall embrace the period of 1 January through 31 December of the same year.

ARTICLE IX. Amendment of the Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Council or by petition to the Secretary-Treasurer by ten or more members of the Society.

Section 2. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least three months before the general meeting at which time they are to be discussed.

Section 3. Such amendments shall be submitted in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to the general membership at least two months prior to the general meeting at which they are to be discussed.

Section 4. To be approved, an amendment must receive a positive vote by two-thirds of those voting at the general meeting.

Section 5. Any adopted amendment shall become an integral part of the Bylaws and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be instructed to add them to copies of the Bylaws and to distribute the amended Bylaws to the members of the Executive Council of the Society and to other interested members of the Society.