

**(Proposed)**  
**RULES GOVERNING THE PUBLICATION AWARDS**  
**COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.**

The Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President for terms of three years. The President may re-appoint members to the Committee at his pleasure. A Chairman shall be appointed by the President to serve a term of three years and may be re-appointed by the President.

Appointments to the Committee shall be made and confirmed in writing by the President at the time of the annual business meeting of the Section.

When a paper written by a committee member is under consideration for an award, the member shall be excused from service on the Committee. The vacancy may be filled or left vacant at the pleasure of the President.

**AWARDS TO BE MADE.**

*Best conference paper.* A citation of excellence may be presented to the author(s) of the paper which in the opinion of the Committee is the most professionally valuable paper to be presented at each Technical Sessions of the Section of the Wildlife Society.

Matters bearing upon the professional value of a paper, when not in conflict with rules of the Section, are left to the judgment of the Committee. It is the responsibility of the President to appoint qualified members to the Committee.

*Best non-conference report.* Each year a citation of excellence may be presented to the author(s) of a published report, other than a report presented at the Technical Sessions, which is dated during the previous year ending July 1, or during the year before that, and which is otherwise qualified for an award. The same general standards as those for the best conference paper shall apply to this award.

*The award citation.* An appropriate, framed scroll shall be presented to authors in recognition of these awards. The scrolls shall be similar for both awards and shall bear the author's name and a suitable description of the honor. The fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the annual business meeting, at which place the presentation is to be made.

No more than two awards as described above shall be made in any one year; however, if in any eligibility period no reports are considered worthy, no award shall be made for that period.

**ELIGIBILITY OF PAPERS.**

To be eligible for an award, reports or their authors must meet the following specifications:

1. Reports must be bona fide publications, with a publication date shown. The definition of "bona fide publication" will be left to the discretion of the Committee in each case, but will follow generally accepted professional standards.
2. One of the authors must be a member of the Section, in good standing.
3. The report must pertain to wildlife management, wildlife biology, or wildlife conservation administration in the southeastern United States.
4. A paper cannot be considered for an award unless its existence is known to the Committee. To insure consideration of their reports, authors should furnish the Chairman with five copies of worthy papers.

**OTHER RULES.**

- I. The annual award for the best conference paper shall be based on the published version of the paper in the Transactions.

- II. Upon the request of the Awards Committee Chairman, the President shall instruct the Secretary to furnish the Awards Committee Chairman with a list of Section members in good standing.
- III. A file of Committee business shall be kept by the Chairman and passed on to his successor.
- IV. For purposes of this award, the term *wildlife* is defined as vertebrate animals other than fishes.
- V. No paper may receive more than one award.
- VI. Final responsibility for the selection of award winners and other matters bearing upon the Committee shall rest with the Chairman. Cases of serious disagreement shall be brought to the attention of the President who may direct the matter to the full membership of the Section, at his discretion.

(It is proposed that the following rules be replaced by those above.)

**Method of Selection, Criteria, and Eligibility  
for Annual Publications Awards by the  
Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society  
(As amended Oct., 1959, Baltimore, Md.)**

- 1. The papers to be considered for this recognition by the Southeastern Section shall deal with wildlife other than fisheries since it is felt that the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will take similar action in regard to fishery management papers.
- 2. Primary consideration in deciding upon the best papers shall be given to those representing the most significant advance in research, management, techniques, or theory. Secondary consideration will be given those papers which make significant contributions to existing fields of knowledge. In all cases, due consideration must be given to the soundness of the work, the clarity of presentation, and the style and quality of the writing.
- 3. For a paper to be eligible, the author, or one of the authors in the case of joint authorship, must be a member in good standing of the Wildlife Society and the Southeastern Section of the Society.
- 4. The majority of the work on which the paper is based must have been conducted within the region.
- 5. The author or one of the authors must have conducted the major part of the work on which the paper is based. In the case of cooperative studies, the author must be intimately connected with the work and must have been responsible for the formulation of conclusions.
- 6. Two separate awards shall be made. One of these shall be in recognition for the best paper presented at the annual technical session, the other for the best paper, eligible under Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 published during the preceding year.
- 7. Papers presented at each annual meeting will be considered by the judges during the following months, and the award made at the next annual meeting. In the case of published papers, those published in the last two years prior to July 1 of the awarding year shall be eligible. No paper shall receive two awards. Those appearing in the Transactions of the S. E. Game Conferences are not eligible for this award.
- 8. The Chairman of the Technical Sessions shall furnish one copy of each paper presented at the meeting to each member of the Awards Committee. Authors of papers published during the year will be encouraged to notify the President of the Section of such publication and wherever possible to furnish reprints to Awards Committee members.
- 9. The two awards shall be similar. Suitable framed scrolls shall be presented to the honored authors at the annual business meeting of the Section and appropriate notices published in our minutes and the Newsletter.

10. A panel of five judges shall be appointed by the Section Chairman. It is suggested that two of these men be reappointed for a second term, but that no judge shall serve more than two years consecutively. The judges should be selected on the basis of their recognized authority in certain fields or on certain species, and every effort made to secure a well-balanced panel. Should a judge have a paper eligible for consideration, he should be replaced by the President.
11. If at any annual meeting or during any year the judges decide that no eligible paper is worthy of receiving the award, no award shall be given.
12. Announcements of award winners will be made at the annual business meeting of the Section.

## SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society met in Tulsa, Oklahoma October 10-13, 1965. This was the fourteenth annual meeting for this division which is the oldest within the society. As the meeting is held in conjunction with the southeastern section of the Wildlife Society and the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, over 600 people were present.

The business sessions which were held on October 11 and 12 were well attended with a maximum of 150 voting members present. This is over 20 per cent of the total membership in the Southern Division which now exceeds 600 members.

Once again the technical sessions were quite crowded with an estimated 250 people present during peak attendance. The 43 papers that were presented were divided into eight sessions. These sessions varied from commercial fisheries investigations to impoundment management and aquatic vegetation control. An outstanding session of interest to many in attendance was on the special problems connected with estuarine and marine fisheries research.

The business sessions were presided over by President Bernard T. Carter ably assisted by Alex Montgomery, Vice President. One feature of the business meeting was an address by the President of the American Fisheries Society, I. B. Byrd. Dr. Robert Hutton, Executive Secretary, presented an interesting and informative report on the status and activities of the Parent Society and suggested ways for closer cooperation between the Division and the Parent Society.

The Reservoir Committee presented a preliminary report on the evaluation of rotenone sampling techniques which was conducted on Douglas Reservoir, Tennessee. A final report will be presented at the 1966 meeting. Plans for the Reservoir Symposium to be held at the University of Georgia in April 1967 under the auspices of this committee were discussed.

The Membership Committee reported excellent results with 139 new members (27.5 per cent increase) in the Southern Division. Special notice was due the states of Florida with 23 new members and Louisiana with 19 new members.

A proposed revision of the Division By-Laws was presented, accepted and forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Parent Society for review. New officers were elected and are as follows: Mr. Alex B. Montgomery of Georgia, President; Mr. James T. Davis of Louisiana, President Elect; Mrs. Janice S. Hughes of Louisiana, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. Andrew H. Hulsey of Arkansas, Member of Nominating Committee of the American Fisheries Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Secretary-Treasurer

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