

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN BOTANICAL CLUB

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

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Mr. Grote Reber
P. O. Box 2
Greenbank, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Reber:

I have your letter of July 3 and the check you sent for SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN BOTANICAL CLUB dues. I want to welcome you into our Club and hope you have a long, enjoyable membership. Under separate cover I am sending you the March issue of CASTANEA, the June issue is in the hands of the printer and I hope to have it ready to send out in the near future.

I have looked in several books, but find no statements on the use of our native Dioscorea for foods. I am not sure what kind of a root that plant has. I will have to dig one up and see what type of a root is attached to the vine. I have copied two statements on the use of yams, but these are the ones which grow wild in Asia and in the tropical regions. Maybe Allard could give us a better statement on this fact.

When I find a member interested in your problem, I shall pass the name on to you. It would be an interesting study for anyone.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Ann Bartholomew
Secretary

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN BOTANICAL CLUB

Article I

Section 1. The name of this society shall be The Southern Appalachian Botanical Club.

Section 2. The purpose of this Club shall be to promote botanical interest and to disseminate information concerning the flora of the Southern Appalachian region. To this end, there is authorized the publication of a periodical to be known as Castanea, The Journal of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club.

Article II

Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in botany of the Southern Appalachian region.

Section 2. Each member shall pay annual dues of \$3.00, payable at the beginning of the fiscal year, and this shall include a year's subscription to the Journal.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be accompanied by a payment covering the first year's dues.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be elected annually and the Secretary and Treasurer for terms of four years each. All shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their terms of office. Their terms of office shall begin January 1 of each year.

Section 2. The officers of the Club and the Editor-in-chief of the Journal shall constitute a Council which shall have the management and control of the Club and of its property and affairs and shall direct the expenditure of its funds.

Section 3. The President shall preside at the annual meeting of the Club and shall assist as required in the preparation of the joint program of the Club and of the Association of Southeastern Biologists. The Vice-President shall assist the President as required and shall preside in his absence.

Section 4. Each year at the annual meeting the President shall appoint a committee of three persons to nominate two slates of officers for the ensuing term. The report of this committee shall be filed with the Secretary, who shall mail ballots to the membership as soon as practicable thereafter. The Secretary shall obtain the consent of the nominees before the ballots are mailed.

Section 5. The officers of this Club shall be elected by mail, by a majority of the members voting.

Article IV

Meetings of the Club

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists. An annual field trip shall also be held in connection with these meetings and other field trips may be held as desired.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Council.

Section 3. Notice of all meetings shall be sent to each member at least two weeks before the date on which such meetings are to convene.

Article V

Audit

Section 1. The books and accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by the Auditing Committee, which shall be appointed by the Council.

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of those members voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been furnished