

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION SPRING MEETING  
MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA 17-19 MAY 1985

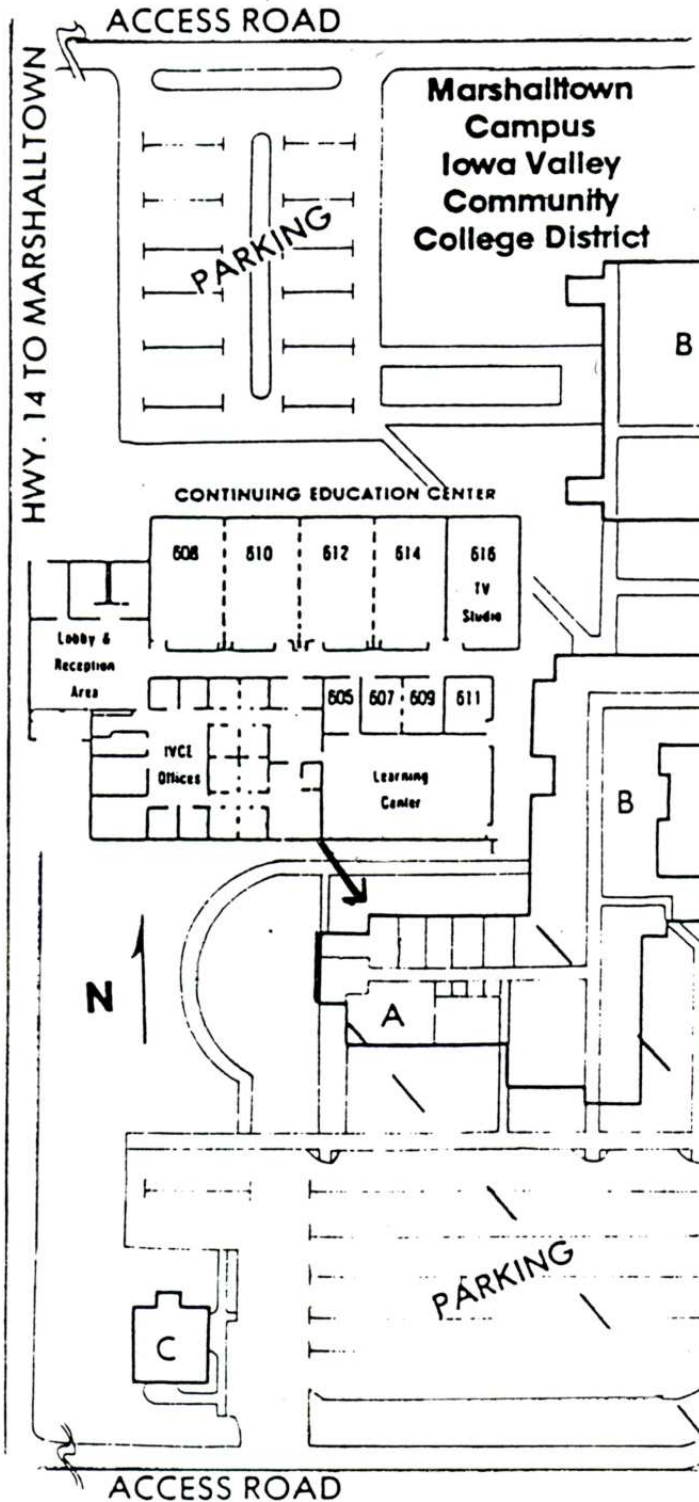
SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY: 7-9 PM. Social hour; Continuing Education Building - Marshalltown Community College
- SATURDAY: 5:30 AM. Field trips; Meet at parking lot of Marshalltown Community College. Trips will be to:
1. Marion Street Ponds and Riverview Cemetery.
  2. Grammer Grove Wildlife Area.
  3. Hendrickson's Marsh and Colo ponds.
  4. possibly Pine Lake.
- 9:30 Executive Council meeting, Continuing Education Building.
- 10:00-Noon. Registration; Continuing Education Building
- 10:30-11:00 Workshops; (choose A,B,or C) Continuing Education Building.
- 11:05-11:35 Workshops; (choose A,B,or C) Continuing Education Building.
- Workshop A: "Selecting a Basic Bird Library"  
Hank Zaletel-Treasurer, Iowa Ornithologists' Union.
- Workshop B: "Spring Shorebird Identification in Iowa"  
John Robinson-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Crab Orchard Refuge, Illinois.
- Workshop C: "Identifying Spring Flycatchers"  
Francis Moore-Secretary, Iowa Ornithologists' Union.
- 11:35-1:00 PM Lunch Break (on your own)
- Paper Session; Continuing Education Building
- 1:00-1:40 "Identifying Iowa birds by their songs"  
Jack Holloway, Iowa State University student and participant in the New York state atlas project in 1984.
- 1:40-2:20 "Iowa's breeding birds - what do we know about them?"  
Linda Zaletel-Story County Conservation Board, and Jim Dinsmore-Iowa State University.
- 2:20-3:00 "Nesting birds of Iowa's wetlands"  
Mike Brown-Iowa State University and Iowa Conservation Commission.
- 3:00-3:15 Announcements, stretch time
- 3:15 Business meeting and elections  
Carl Bendorf-Acting President
- 6:30 Banquet Buffet; Continuing Education Building
- Evening Program: "Kenya Wildlife" by Carl Kurtz-nature photographer and former president of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union.
- SUNDAY: 6:00 AM Continental Breakfast; Continuing Education Building
- Field trips depart from parking lot after breakfast to:
1. Pine Lake.
  2. Otter Creek Marsh.
  3. Grammer Grove Wildlife Area.
  4. Hendrickson's Marsh and Colo ponds.
  5. Breeding Bird Atlas trip.
- 12:30 PM Luncheon and compilation of field trips; Student Union
- After Lunch Executive Council Meeting

WELCOME TO THE IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION SPRING MEETING  
17-19 MAY 1985, MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Marshalltown Community College campus is 1/2 mile south of the junction of highways 30 and 14 in Marshalltown. Unless otherwise indicated on the schedule, all events are at the Continuing Education Center as indicated on the map by "A". A floor plan of the CEC is also shown on the map.

Advance reservation by 8 May is required for Saturday banquet (\$6.50) and Sunday luncheon (\$3.50). All other events are open to anyone by registering (\$2.50) at the CEC from 10 AM to noon on 18 May. Send your reservation and meal checks to Jim Mairs, 202 Rainbow Dr., Marshalltown, IA 50158 by May 8.



REPORT FROM THE IOU NOMINATING COMMITTEE 15 April 1985

Ross Silcock (Chair), Carol Thompson, Jim Dinsmore

We are nominating two slates of candidates. The first slate is in the event the next election is held under the structure of the present IOU constitution. The second slate is in the event the proposed new IOU constitution is approved and the elections are held under a new structure.

Candidates for election under present constitution:

President--Carl Bendorf	Exec. Council--Ray Cummins
Vice-Pres--Jim Dinsmore	Exec. Council--Phyllis Harris
Secretary--Francis Moore	Exec. Council--Bob Myers
Treasurer--Hank Zaletel	
Editor-----Pete Petersen	
Librarian--Pat Layton	

Candidates for election under proposed new constitution:

Note: The Executive Council voted on 12 January 1985 to recommend that the membership adopt a motion to establish the terms of the officers for two and one year terms as listed below for this initial election only. This would begin the pattern of staggered two year terms for all elected positions as described in the proposed new constitution. After this initial election, all terms would be for two years.

President (two year term) -----	Carl Bendorf
Vice-President (two year term) -----	Jim Dinsmore
Secretary (one year term) -----	Francis Moore
Treasurer (one year term) -----	Hank Zaletel
Board of Directors (two year term)--	Bob Myers
Board of Directors (two year term)--	Ray Cummins
Board of Directors (two year term)--	Phyllis Harris
Board of Directors (one year term)--	Ross Silcock
Board of Directors (one year term)--	Beth Proescholdt



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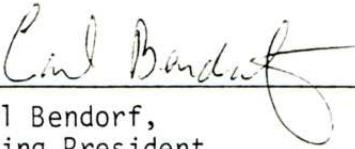
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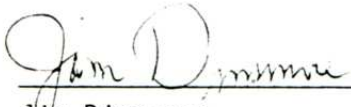
Dear I. O. U. Member

At the spring 1984 meeting, the general membership voted to establish an ad hoc committee of I.O.U. members given the charge to completely rewrite the I.O.U. constitution. This committee, consisting of Carl Bendorf, Ed Crocker, Jim Dinsmore, Tom Kent, and Mary Lou Petersen, met in August and drafted a proposed new constitution. Copies of this proposal were distributed at the fall 1984 meeting in Muscatine and a report on the proposal was presented with a request for comments. These comments were considered when a revised draft was prepared to present to the I.O.U. Executive Council. The Executive Council met on 12 January 1985 and went on record as supporting the proposed new constitution. Enclosed with this issue of Iowa Bird Life is a copy of this proposed constitution with comparisons with the existing constitution. This document will be presented for a vote by the membership at this spring's meeting in Marshalltown. We encourage you to examine the proposal carefully. The proposal restructures the council, provides for 2-year terms of office for the officers, and calls for several standing committees. It is hoped that these and several other changes will more clearly define the operation of our organization, will involve more people in it, and will lead to continued growth and vitality of the Union.

Because the new constitution calls for 2-year staggered terms for the officers, we have asked the nominating committee to prepare two slightly different slates of officers and council members to vote upon this spring in Marshalltown. One slate will be used if the new constitution is approved while the other will be considered if the new constitution fails.

We look forward to seeing you in Marshalltown.

  
Carl Bendorf,  
Acting President

  
Jim Dinsmore  
Chair, Constitution Committee

## CALL TO MEMBERS ON PROPOSED IOU NEWSLETTER AND PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

President Bendorf appointed an ad hoc Transition Committee for Publications to make recommendations for the orderly transition to a Publications Committee under the proposed new constitution. In line with previous recommendations of the membership, the committee recommends the creation of a newsletter and centralization of the distribution of IOU publications and other sales items. In order to try to get started this year, the Transition Committee (Jim Dinsmore, Tom Kent, Pete Petersen, Nancy Slife, Linda Zaletel) solicits your input on the following: (1) Your opinion, suggestions, and additions to the following general guidelines for a newsletter and publications office, and (2) volunteers who would be willing to take on either of these exciting challenges. These projects will take some time and ingenuity and could be shared among more than one individual. Send us your specific ideas and proposals for getting these long-awaited dreams off and running. Write to Jim Dinsmore, 4024 Arkansas Drive, Ames, IA 50010.

### GENERAL OUTLINE FOR NEWSLETTER

1. Four issues a year, at least some mailed separately from IBL.
2. Prepared in camera-ready copy with the best possible quality at the least expense.
3. Content to be newsy, informative to members, current and of less lasting importance than that in Iowa Bird Life. Content items that have been suggested so far include the following:
  - Announcements: IOU meetings, Christmas bird counts, meetings of local clubs and other groups, field trips.
  - Reports: IOU meetings, committees, special projects.
  - Photographs: meetings, birders.
  - Members: new members, deaths, moves, awards, membership list, news about members, trips by members.
  - Local clubs: meetings, events, activities.
  - Interesting birding information from nearby states.
  - Birding techniques: identification, feeders, nest boxes.
  - Identification quizzes.
  - Birding locations (not to conflict with that in IBL).
  - Interviews with members and visitors.
  - Letters and replies.
  - Information and forms for projects such as nesting and winter feeder surveys.
  - Requests for information on birds.
  - Communications from officers and others; editorials.
  - Book reviews and information on birding materials.
4. Each issue should have a variety of content with something of interest to every IOU member; Iowa birding should be more exciting and IOU members better informed of birding highlights.

### PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

1. The sales functions of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union would work much better if carried out at one location by one or more members. The membership would be better served if all correspondence and orders for IOU materials went to one address.
2. The following materials are currently involved or could be added in the future.
  - Iowa Bird Life--current subscriptions and back issues
  - IOU Newsletter
  - Books published by the Union (Birding Areas of Iowa)
  - Checklists, reprints, patches, and other paraphernalia
  - Forms such as field reports, Christmas counts, feeder survey, atlas project
  - Official stationery, envelopes, etc.
3. The publications office might or might not become involved in printing of materials.
4. The office would work closely with the Membership Committee and the Treasurer in updating the membership list and producing mailing labels.



PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - 18 May 1985

The remarks in the right hand column are a comparison of this proposed constitution with the present IOU constitution and articles of incorporation. Copies of the present constitution and articles of incorporation were distributed at the general meeting at Muscatine in September 1984. They can also be found in Iowa Bird Life, Vol. XXIII, pp.38-40, 1953. Copies are available by sending self-addressed stamped business size envelope to Carl Bendorf, 825 7th Ave. Iowa City, IA. 52240.

NOTES

"AI" = Articles of Incorporation  
"C" = Present Constitution

ARTICLE I--PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union (hereafter I.O.U.) shall be to encourage interest in the identification, study, and protection of birds and to unite all those persons who have this interest in common.

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Statement of purpose based on Art. 4 of AI.

Section 2. The I.O.U. will collect and preserve knowledge on the occurrence of birds in Iowa, publish a journal appropriate to its purposes, conduct meetings of its members, and promote bird study in Iowa.

Section 3. The I.O.U. is organized for educational and scientific purposes.

ARTICLE II--MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any individual subscribing to the purposes of the I.O.U..

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From Art. I, Sec. 1 of C. Removes age restriction.

Section 2. All individual members shall have the right to vote, and shall be eligible to hold office and to serve on committees.

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From Art. I, Sec. 3 of C.

Section 3. Institutions such as libraries, schools, and organizations may subscribe to I.O.U. publications, but are not eligible for membership.

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New provision

Section 4. Dues and subscription rates shall be proposed annually by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

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From Art. II of C. Removes dues schedule from C.

Section 5. All memberships shall be on an individual basis and dues may be established as follows:

A. Regular -- regular dues on calendar year basis.

B. Life -- dues prepaid for life of member in one payment or installment payments as established by the Board.

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From Art. I, Sec. 2 and Art. II of C.

C. Contributing -- Any member contributing funds to the I.O.U. above the rate set for regular membership.

D. Honorary -- member for life without dues.

Section 6. A regular member who is the spouse or child (under age 18) of another regular member may have a reduced rate of dues if publications are shared.

Section 7. Honorary membership may be conferred by 3/4 vote of members at the first annual meeting of year to persons who have made longstanding contributions to the I.O.U. or its objectives.

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New provision

Section 8. Membership shall be on a calendar year basis. Dues are payable on or before January 1 of each calendar year.

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From Art. II, Sec. 3. Supersedes Art. II, Sec. 7 of C.

Section 9. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of 2/3 of all the members of the Board, may suspend, expel, or reinstate a member for cause after an appropriate hearing.

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From Art. I, Sec. 8. of C.

Section 10. Any member may resign by giving written notice to the Treasurer, but such resignation shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues or other obligations theretofore accrued and unpaid.

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New provision



**ARTICLE III-- THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The affairs of the I.O.U. shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

From Art. IV, Sec. 6 of C.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of the four elected officers, and five elected directors.

From Art. IV, Sec. 1. of C.

Section 3. Directors shall serve staggered two-year terms with three directors to be elected at the same meeting as the President and Vice President, and two directors to be elected when the Secretary and Treasurer are elected. A retiring President shall be invited to be a nominee as a candidate for director at the time that three directors are elected. Directors shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. Terms begin at the end of the meeting at which election took place.

From Art. VI, Sec. 1 of C. Terms changed from 1 year to 2 years and become staggered. Limit to number of terms.

Section 4. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be not less than 2/3 of the members of the Board. Business may be conducted through correspondence when expedient, and the results of any votes or other actions shall be appended to the minutes of the preceding Board meeting.

From Art. III, Sec. 2 of C.

Section 5. There shall be at least two Board meetings each calendar year. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the request of the President or any two Directors. Written notice of the date and agenda of any special meeting must be made to each board member at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Requirement of written notice of meetings is new provision.

Section 6. A director may be removed for incapacity or unexcused absences by an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the other members of the Board of Directors.

New provision.

Section 7. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled until the next election by a majority vote of the remaining board members, though less than a quorum.

From Art. VI, Sec. 1 of C. Goes from appointive to elected.

Section 8. Board meetings shall be open to any I.O.U. member. A portion of a meeting may be closed by 2/3 vote.

New provision.

**ARTICLE IV--OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the I.O.U. shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

From Art. 5 of AI. Removes Editor and Librarian as elected officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years with President and Vice President to be elected at one election and Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the next election. No officer shall be elected to the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Terms begin at the end of the meeting at which election occurred.

From Art. 5 of AI. Changes to 2 year staggered terms with limit of two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring in an office may be filled until the next election by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, except that the Vice President shall succeed the President.

From Art 5 of AI. Goes from appointive to elected.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed for incapacity or unexcused absences by an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the other members of the Board of Directors.

New provision.

Section 5. The President shall be the principal officer and leader of the I.O.U. and shall in general supervise and control the business and activities of the I.O.U.. The President shall preside at all meetings of the I.O.U. and its Board of Directors; vote only to break or make a tie; exercise general supervision over the interests and welfare of the I.O.U.; appoint with approval of the Board all committees and chairpersons except as otherwise specified; call all meetings of the I.O.U. and the Board of Directors; and perform such duties as are required by the Board of Directors, the membership, or by law or regulation.

From Art. V, Sec. 1 of C. with more detail.

Section 6. The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President, and accept at least one other responsibility as agreed upon by the President and the Vice President.

From Art. V, Sec. 2 of C.

Section 7. The Secretary shall take and maintain current minutes of all meetings of the I.O.U. and the Board of Directors; provide minutes in a timely fashion to the I.O.U. and the Board as determined by the President; maintain the official documents such as the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution; maintain current and historical rosters of all officers, directors, committees and administrative personnel; maintain a chronological list of motions passed by the membership or the Board of Directors; be responsible for official correspondence of the I.O.U and its Board; and perform other such normal secretarial duties as assigned by the President or the Board.

From Art. V, Sec. 3 of C. with more detail.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall receive, account for, and deposit all funds of the I.O.U in a bank or other appropriate institution, as directed by the Board of Directors; make authorized disbursements by the issuance of checks; keep current an accurate membership directory; maintain an appropriate financial record which shall be subject to annual audit as directed by the Board; prepare and submit such financial statements or reports as required by laws or regulations and/or requested by the President, Board of Directors, or the membership; and perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

From Art. V, Sec. 3 of C. with more detail.



ARTICLE V--COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees shall be standing or ad hoc. Standing Committees shall include Membership, Records, Publications, and Historical/Library. Appointments to standing committee shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Ad hoc committees may be created or dissolved by the President, and such committees shall dissolve at the end of the term of that President. The Board of Directors or the membership voting at a meeting may require the creation or dissolution of an ad hoc committee.

Expansion of Art. IV, Sec. 2 of C. Adds standing committees and defines ad hoc committees.

Section 2. Standing committees shall operate under by-laws approved by the Board of Directors and not inconsistent with this constitution. The by-laws for each standing committee shall include a mechanism for regular turnover of committee members. Each standing committee shall submit an annual prospective budget to the Board of Directors.

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New provision  
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Section 3. A majority of a whole committee shall constitute a quorum. The actions of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the actions of the committee, unless otherwise prescribed by a committee's charge or its by-laws.

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New provision.  
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Section 4. Standing committees report to the Board of Directors. Ad hoc committees report to the President, or to the body (Board of Directors or membership) that required their creation.

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New provision.  
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ARTICLE VI--ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Section 1. Major administrative positions may be established by the Board of Directors subject to approval by the membership. A proposal for establishment of such a position should include a description of any compensation or other benefits to the person who would occupy the position and a statement as to whether the position will report to the Board of Directors or to a standing committee.

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New provision.  
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Section 2. Each administrative position shall have a job description, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

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New provision.  
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Section 3. Personnel shall be appointed to administrative positions in a manner specified by the Board of Directors. If a position reports to a standing committee, that committee shall make recommendations for filling the position.

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New provision.  
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Section 4. Appointment to other than temporary positions shall be formally reviewed at least every five years and a report submitted to the Board of Directors.

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New provision.  
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Section 5. Authority to create and appoint persons to minor administrative positions may be delegated by the Board of Directors.

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New provision.  
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ARTICLE VII--MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the I.O.U. shall be held once in each half of the calendar year. The schedule and program of general membership meetings shall be the responsibility of the President and Vice President with the assistance of the Board of Directors and a local committee. Each regular meeting shall include a business meeting. Notice of the time and place of the regular meetings shall be sent to each member at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

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From Art. 6 of AI, with added provision for two annual meetings and notice of meetings.  
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Section 2. Special business meetings may be called by the President, Board of Directors, or 20 members, providing that notice of the time, place, and agenda be sent to each member at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

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New provision.  
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Section 3. The date and place of regular meetings shall be set by the Board of Directors at least 6 months in advance of the meeting, unless the date and/or place has been set by a vote of the members at a regular meeting.

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From Art. 6 of AI, with additional detail.  
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Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be the active members present at any regular or special meeting, provided the number shall be not less than 15.

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From Art. III, Sec. 1 of C.  
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Section 5. Under special circumstances as determined by a vote of the Board of Directors, business may be carried out by a mail ballot sent to each member.

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New provision.  
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Section 6. Non-business meetings and other activities consistent with the objectives of the I.O.U. may be arranged or co-sponsored as needed by the President or Board of Directors.

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New provision.  
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ARTICLE VIII-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. A nominating committee consisting of three members, past or outgoing officers or directors when feasible, shall be appointed by the president with approval of the Board of Directors at the first annual meeting of the year with one member designated as chair.

From Art. VI, Sec. 2 of C.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall nominate a slate of one or more candidates who are willing to serve, if elected, for each available elected position and shall distribute the printed slate to all members at least three weeks prior to meeting at which elections will be held.

From Art. VI, Sec. 2 of C.

Section 3. Elections shall be held during the initial session of the business meeting at the first regular meeting of the year.

From Art. VI, Sec. 2 of C.

Section 4. Each available elected position shall be voted on separately and there shall be no limitation on nominations from the floor prior to the vote. A majority vote of those voting is necessary for election.

New provision.

ARTICLE IX-FINANCES AND ASSETS

Section 1. The I.O.U. shall not engage in deficit spending unless specifically approved by the membership.

New provision

Section 2. The financial records of the I.O.U. shall be audited yearly by two persons other than the Treasurer and appointed by the President, at least one of whom is a member of the I.O.U.. The examination should evaluate the accuracy and appropriateness of the records and should evaluate the banking and investment procedures of the I.O.U..

New provision.

Section 3. The I.O.U. shall provide appropriate bonding for the Treasurer.

New provision.

Section 4. All monies, funds, materials, and other property or assets belonging to and/or received by the I.O.U. shall be cared for and disposed of as prescribed by the Board of Directors unless otherwise specified within this constitution.

New provision.

Section 5. Any compensation, direct or indirect, shall be established prior to any individual's appointment to an administrative position. Any conflict of interest, real or potential, in the appointment or election of an individual to an administrative position, office, or seat on the Board of Directors shall be recognized and dealt with appropriately by the Board of Directors prior to the appointment or election or during the term if the need arises.

New provision.

ARTICLE X-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members attending a regularly scheduled meeting of the I.O.U., provided a quorum is present and the exact text of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

From Art. VII, Sec. 1 of C.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, a designated constitution committee, or by 5 members. Validly proposed amendments will be distributed with a regular publication of the I.O.U..

New provision.

ARTICLE XI-DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The I.O.U. may be dissolved at any time by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a special meeting of the I.O.U. called for that stated purpose.

New provision.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of the I.O.U., the officers shall make provision for payment of all liabilities of the I.O.U. and shall dispose of all remaining assets of the I.O.U. for the purposes of the I.O.U., or to such organization(s) operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt organization under the 1954 section 501 (c) (3) Code of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Code), as the officers shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by the proper Court in an appropriate manner.

From an amendment to AI passed at Waterloo in May 1972.