

We have greatly enjoyed being host to the first two meetings, and look forward to attending future sessions, which will be held at various locations from year to year.

Irston R. Barnes

At a meeting held at the time of the A. O. U. meeting in Washington in October 1961, representatives of Council groups established the rates of dues. These had been under discussion since the first meeting, and it was felt that they should be held to minimum levels. We should prefer to have many groups belong, each paying just the cost of the proceedings and occasional newsletters. The publication of the proceedings of these meetings has been generally accepted as a major service of the Council, and if it is done at all thoroughly, it is a fairly expensive business. The most economical means of reproducing these proceedings is used, but the transcribing and typing is still a considerable job, which must usually be done professionally.

These are the dues now in force:

<i>Size of Organization</i>	<i>Annual Dues</i>
Up to 300 members -----	\$10.00
300 to 1,000 members -----	15.00
Over 1,000 members -----	25.00

Peter C. Peterson, Jr. of Davenport, Iowa, was chosen Chairman at the October meeting. It was the recommendation then that we supplement the general meetings with those of a more regional nature, so that people unable to travel to a more distant meeting could have the first-hand experience of these discussions. Accordingly, a meeting was held this past April 14-16 at the Morton Arboretum near Chicago, Illinois. Midwestern groups were the main participants, although the Florida Audubon Society was also represented.

The course which the Council will take will be determined by the interests and suggestions of member groups. We who have participated in the meetings so far have found them of great value, and we anticipate even more stimulating discussions as the scope of the Council increases with new members.

Officers of the Council of Natural History Societies, 1962 are:

Chairman: Peter C. Petersen, Jr.
Vice Chairman: C. Russel Mason
Secretary: Shirley A. Briggs
Treasurer: Robert J. Watson

Shirley A. Briggs

Note: Dr. Barnes has given his permission to use his article, printed in the Jan.-Mar. 1961, *Atlantic Naturalist*, to inform the club members of the Federation on the organization of the Council of Natural History Societies, its aims, and the benefits of membership.

The additional facts were supplied by Miss Shirley Briggs, to bring the information up to date.

We sincerely thank Dr. Barnes and Miss Briggs for this information.—Ed.

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