

BYLAWS OF THE
SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as Southeast Volusia Audubon Society, Inc., a not-for-profit organization hereinafter referred to as the Society, functioning as a chapter of the National Audubon Society (NAS) and the Audubon of Florida (AoF)

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose and objectives of the Society are to engage in educational, scientific, literary, historical and charitable pursuits, which promote an understanding of man's interrelationship with his environment and the conservation of Earth's natural resources. These purposes and objectives shall conform to the provisions of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any person supportive of the purposes and objectives of the Society is eligible for membership upon paying annual dues. For the purpose of this document, a member whose dues are current shall be referred to as a "voting member." The classes of membership and their respective dues of the Society are Regular Member, Student Member and other classes as established by NAS. Chapter-only members are not members of National Audubon or of Audubon of Florida. As such, they will not receive the printed publications of these organizations. However, they will receive the eSkimmer and eSkimmer Alerts, and will be voting members of the Southeast Volusia Audubon Society.

Section 2.

All voting members of the Society shall enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded to the members of the Society, AoF and NAS, as appropriate. Each voting member shall have the right to cast one vote at any regular or special meeting of members unless otherwise stated in the bylaws of NAS.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1.

Regular meetings of members shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, October through April, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors and a vote of the general membership. The annual meeting of members, at which new officers will be elected, shall take place on the first Wednesday of April each year. The year-end meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of April each year, after which the newly elected officers will assume their duties.

Special meetings of members may be called by the President or pursuant to a resolution of the Board, or by petition of not less than one-tenth of all voting members.

Section 2.

Notice of all meetings shall be given in the Society's newsletter and by other means as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Secretaries, and a Treasurer. Other officers may be added or duties of officers combined, provided that at least four officers shall serve at any given time.

Section 2.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year by a simple majority of voting members present at the annual meeting. Newly elected officers shall serve as directors until assuming their duties after the year-end meeting.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the four or more elected officers, hereinafter called the Executive Committee, and five or more appointed directors. The Board of Directors shall include, but not be limited to, the following committee chairmen: Program, Conservation, Newsletter, Publicity, Field Trip, Education and Audubon Liaison. The directors, with the exception of the elected officers, shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, for a term of one year.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors must meet at least six times per year; a quorum shall consist of five members. Any member of the Board of Directors absent without notice from three consecutive board meetings may be subject to replacement on the Board. Minutes of each meeting shall be available to all members.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS

Section 1.

A financial report of the Society shall be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year, which is defined as May 1 through April 30.

Section 2. Other reports shall be prepared as requested by the President or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. AMMENDMENTS AND AUTHORITY

Section 1.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members present at a regular meeting, provided written notice of such action is furnished to all members thirty days prior to such meeting.

Section 2.

In procedural matters not covered by these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern.

Section 3.

Upon termination of the Society's status as a chapter of NAS, all funds remaining after settlement of outstanding obligations shall be presented to FAS.

ARTICLE IX. RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

The relationship between this chapter and the National Audubon Society shall be governed by the Chapter Policy.

Amended November 20, 2002