

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TAXONOMIC DATABASES (Taxonomic Databases Working Group)

Article 1: Name and Purpose

The International Working Group on Taxonomic Databases (herein called "TDWG") is a not-for-profit, scientific and educational association formed to establish international collaboration among the creators, managers and users of biodiversity information so as to promote the wider and more effective dissemination of information about the world's heritage of biological organisms for th

Membership ends upon written resignation

6.2 Chair

Presides at meetings of TDWG and at meetings of Executive Committee; is entitled to sign jointly with one other officer on behalf of TDWG; enacts such functions as are assigned by the Executive Committee.

6.3 Secretary

Operates the secretariat; keeps, distributes, and publishes minutes of meetings; sends notices of the annual meeting to the membership and notices of meetings of the Executive Committee to its members; distributes proposals and organizes votes.

Communication with the Executive Committee should be via the Secretary who must arrange a proxy from among Executive Committee members for any significant period of unavailability.

6.4 Treasurer

Is entitled to sign jointly with one other officer on behalf of TDWG; ma

The Executive Committee may propose that by-laws be established, altered, or repealed. The proposal must be published and the membership notified at least thirty days before the close of voting. To be adopted, the proposal must receive a simple majority of affirmative votes from both individual and institutional members.