

THE I.C.P.S. BY-LAWS— LET'S GET GOING!

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CPN kind of started out as an orphan. Many people, especially those with great experience with various botanical and plant societies and their bulletins, newsletters and journals, commented on how CPN grew into such a fine publication and never was associated with an organization. So, after many suggestions that we do indeed organize, we finally put the cart in front of the horse and put the International Carnivorous Plant Society together more than a year ago.

Every society has some kind of by-laws, and we have ours. For some time, they have been undergoing various stages of approval and fine tuning by the Arboretum and legal counsel and they are ready at last. You will recall that about a year ago, we tried to activate the society by holding an election for officers as required by the interim by-law rules, but nobody came! Apparently, the rules of nomination and election were not understood by the readers as they were presented in abstracted form in CPN, or else no one was quite sure they wanted to get involved with leadership.

We co-editors have been taking care of CPN for years, and the interim by-law

rules provide that we temporarily lead ICPS also until officers are installed. We should not, nor do we wish to, continue as interim officers of the society forever. We must hold elections, install officers, and begin the many fine activities which the by-laws indicate the society should be doing in addition to continuing CPN.

There is a copy of the ICPS by-laws included in this mailing, and you should read them through. Legalese has been minimized and we believe they are understandable. Note the provisions for officers, for amending the by-laws in case you, as a member, have some ideas that would benefit all, and the proposed activities of the society.

We would certainly like to hear your comments on all of this and on any points in the by-laws. But remember that the by-laws can only be changed through an amendment process, which is not all that difficult and provides for broad input from other society members. Above all, we must elect officers, appoint committees, and get going!

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Byblis gigantea (10), *Darlingtonia californica* (5), *Dionaea muscipula*, *Drosera aliciae* (15), *D. anglica* (5), *D. auriculata* (5), *D. binata multifida* (2), *D. brevifolia* (2), *D. burkeana* (1), *D. burmannii*, *D. capensis*, *D. capensis* (narrow leaf), *D. capillaris* (5), *D. capillaris* (long leaf), *D. curvispica* (1), *D. dielsiana* (15), *D. erythrorhiza* (1), *D. filiformis* (3), *D. filiformis filiformis* (10), *D. hiliaris* (1), *D. indica* (5), *D. intermedia*, *D. linearis* (10), *D. montana* (6), *D. natalensis* (2), *D. nitidula* (2), *D. peltata* (4), *D. pulchella* (2), *D. pugmaea* (15), *D. rotundifolia*, *D. spathulata*, *D. spath.* (Kansai), *D. spath.* (Formosa) (5), *D. spath.* (white fl.), *D. trinervia* (4), *Nepenthes gracilis*, *N. khasiana*, *N. mirabilis*, *N. rafflesiana*, *Pinguicula alpina*, *P. caerulea* (5), *P. caudata* (1), *P. corsica*, *P. grandiflora* (10), *P. grandiflora f. phallida*, *P. grandiflora rosea*, *P. lutea* (10), *P. primuliflora* (2), *P. vulgaris*, *P. vulgaris bicolor*, *Sarracenia flava*, *S. leucophylla*, *S. minor* (5), *S. purpurea purpurea*, *S. purpurea venosa* (15), *S. rubra* (2), *S. psitt.* × *minor*, *S. purp.* × *psitt.* (1), *Utricularia capensis* (5), *U. gibba ssp. gibba* (1), *U. lateriflora?* (6), *U. subulata* (5).

*For instructions on how to send or order seed, see CPN March 1982, page 4.