

Some Problems in the Organization and Operation of the Norman Junior High School Science Club

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The Norman Junior High School Science Club has been organized to enable the general science teacher to become better acquainted with students interested in science. In such a club skills and talents in science are discovered. Many of its members find the club a place to prepare for hobbies and careers in science.

A science club gives its members an opportunity to learn and practice "Roberts Rules of Order" thereby training such boys and girls to be more intelligent citizens in this America.

Whom shall you choose? Any student interested in science. No grade requirement is set up in the Norman Junior High Science Club.

How do you get your club organized? During or about the third week of school, an announcement is put in the school bulletin that on a certain date a meeting will be called in the general science classroom at 3:20 p.m., to organize a Science Club.

Previous to this announcement the objectives of the science club have been explained to each of the classes in general science. Tentative officers are selected by the members of each science class. When the meeting is called to organize the club, prospective club members are ready to choose the club officers from the five different groups of officers selected by each general science class.

The above procedure creates more interest in the club's organization and provides a better choice for leadership. It also saves time in the present organization. Our officers include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and club librarian.

At the second meeting of the club, a copy of the constitution is given to each member. It is studied and amended to meet the needs and interests of the group.

The club dues are usually collected at this meeting; they are twenty-five cents per semester. The dues are kept low in order to make it possible for any student to belong to the club.

SPONSORS

The club sponsor should be a person interested in science as well as one who knows something about the fields of science.

A sponsor needs to realize that some club members will be better informed in some special fields than the sponsor.

A sponsor sets the pace for the club. However, a sponsor should not run the club, but see that the responsibility for its operation is divided among its officers and members. Sponsors can assist officers by providing them information, which outlines their duties and responsibilities for each office. This saves much time in the organization. Such procedure also gives the newly elected officers greater confidence, because they have a clearer understanding of what is to be done.

A sponsor needs to have much patience, to be willing to work late hours, if necessary, and to have a personal interest in each member's work, whether it be a simple project or a complicated one.