

RECIPIENTS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
AMERICA AWARD

1951 Orville G. Tuttle	1962 Douglas S. Coombs
1952 Frederick H. Stewart	1963 Nobuo Morimoto
1953 L. H. Ahrens	1964 William S. Fyfe
1954 Hatten S. Yoder, Jr.	1965 Peter J. Wyllie
1955 Julian R. Goldsmith	1966 David B. Stewart
1956 George C. Kennedy	1967 Alfred E. Ringwood
1957 Rustum Roy	1968 Barclay Kamb
1958 Charles E. Weaver	1969 W. Gary Ernst
1959 Harry F. W. Taylor	1970 Bernard W. Evans
1960 Donald L. Graf	1971 Robert A. Berner
1961 Joseph V. Smith	

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MINERALOGICAL
SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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Article I. Name

This Society shall be known as the *Mineralogical Society of America*.

Article II. Object

The object of this Society shall be the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography and petrology, and the promotion of their use in other sciences and in industry.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. These four officers, the retiring president, and six ordinary members or fellows at large shall constitute the council. The president and the vice-president shall each be elected annually for a term of one year. The secretary and the treasurer shall be elected biennially, in alternate years, for terms of two years. The six ordinary members or fellows at large shall be elected two each year for terms of three years each. The secretary and treasurer shall be eligible for election to no more than two terms in either office. The president, the vice-president and the elected councilors shall be limited to one term each.

A vacancy occurring in any office between annual election periods may be filled until the next regularly scheduled election and installation for that office by a past incumbent or by any other ordinary member or fellow, appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

Section 2. The editor shall be appointed by the president annually subject to approval by a two-thirds vote of the entire Council.

Section 3. Ordinary members and fellows are eligible for office.

Section 4. The Council shall be empowered to choose from time to time as honorary officers of the Society persons of eminence in the field of mineralogy who shall serve for life.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Membership in one of three classes shall be open to anyone interested in mineralogy, crystallography or petrology, as follows:

- (a) The ordinary membership of the Society shall consist of professional mineralogists.
- (b) Students matriculated for and engaged in obtaining an advanced degree in mineralogy, crystallography, petrology or geochemistry shall be eligible for student membership.
- (c) Interested non-professionals are eligible for subscribing membership. Persons eligible for ordinary membership may also, at their option, elect to be subscribing members.

The general membership shall consist of ordinary members, fellows, honorary fellows and patrons.

Section 2. Persons who are members or fellows as of the date on which this article becomes effective, and ordinary members who may subsequently be further honored, shall retain and enjoy all the rights and privileges of ordinary members.

Section 3. Ordinary members who have contributed significantly to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, or petrology, or whose scientific contribution utilized mineralogical studies or data may be designated as fellows on proper accreditation to and election by the Council.

Section 4. Persons who are distinguished for their attainments in mineralogy, crystallography, petrology or allied sciences, may be designated Honorary Fellows by the Council.

Section 5. Persons who have bestowed important favors upon the Society may be designated patrons by the Council.

Section 6. Ordinary members and fellows shall be entitled to vote in the transactions of the regular business of the Society.

Article V. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by thirty (30) or more of the general membership. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Council at least two months before the annual meeting.

Section 2. Such amendments shall be placed on the ballot the following year for a vote by the membership.

Section 3. An amendment shall go into effect when favored by two-thirds of the membership voting upon it.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Memberships

Section 1. Membership. Any interested person may make application for membership to the Secretary of the Society on a form obtainable from the business office of the Society. All such forms shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Membership Committee, which shall determine the category of membership appropriate for each applicant. Applicants or members seeking change of status may appeal successively, via the Secretary of the Society, to the Membership Committee and the Council.

Section 2. Election of Fellows. Nominations for fellowship shall be made by three fellows according to a form to be provided by the secretary. Two of these fellows must be personally acquainted with the nominee and his qualifications. The Council shall submit the nominations received, if approved, to a vote of the fellows in the manner provided by the by-laws. The results shall be announced at the next Council meeting, and those elected shall be notified by the secretary.

Section 3. Termination and Reinstatement of Membership. A fellow or member may withdraw without prejudice on submitting a resignation in writing to either the Secretary or Treasurer on or before February 1st of the year with which the resignation will be effective provided that he is not in arrears for any previous year(s). A fellow or member who does not indicate his intention to resign by February 1st shall be held liable for dues for the year and subject to removal from the mailing list after April 1st. Membership will terminate at the end of the year.

If a fellow or member has previously resigned without prejudice, he may be reinstated in any subsequent year on payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested. If a fellow or member has had his membership terminated, he may be reinstated on payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested and any outstanding arrearage.

Issues of the *Journal* will be supplied for the year in which a fellow or member is reinstated. Issues for prior years may be purchased at current back issue rates, and payment of outstanding dues may be counted toward the cost of back issues for any one year.

Article II. Dues

Section 1. The annual dues of members and fellows shall be fixed by Council action.

Section 2. No person shall be accepted as a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America unless he pays dues for the year within three months after notification of his election.

Section 3. Fellows and members who have reached the age of 70 years, or have reached the official retirement age of the institution in which they have been serving, and have paid annual dues for 30 years, shall be exempt from further payment of dues but retain all rights and privileges.

Section 4. A single prepayment of an amount equaling twenty times the annual dues of a fellow of the Society shall be accepted as commutation for life for either fellows or members.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Officers. The duties of the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and editor of the Society shall be the usual ones performed by such officers. The treasurer, the secretary, and the editor shall make formal reports to the Society at least once a year. These reports shall be published in the *Journal* of the Society.

Section 2. The Council shall direct all affairs and activities of the Society not otherwise provided for by the Constitution as well as perform those duties specifically assigned to it.

Section 3. The president, secretary, and treasurer shall constitute an executive committee.

Section 4. The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, such committees as may further the objects of the Society, including a board of associate editors.

Article IV. Election of Officers and Fellows

Section 1. (a) Nominations for office shall be made by the Council. For councillors there shall be at least twice as many nominees as there are open positions. Any ten (10) fellows or members may forward to the secretary other nominations for any or all offices. (b) All nominations reaching the secretary not later than three months prior to the annual meeting shall be printed on the ballots to be mailed to the general membership. The results shall be announced at the regular meeting and the new officers shall enter upon duty at the adjournment of the meeting.

Section 2. (a) Nominations for Fellowship will be reviewed by a Fellowship nominating committee of five, one of whom is a member of the Council. It will become the duty of the Fellowship nominating committee to document its reasons for recommending that a nominee be deferred and this information will be available to the Council at the meeting at which the nominee is considered. Each nominee who has received a defer vote will be considered individually by the Council. (b). The list of nominations for fellowship in the Society shall be sent to the fellows at the same times as the nominations for officers. If ten per cent of the fellows voting on a given candidate cast opposing votes, the candidate shall be considered ineligible for fellowship.

Article V. Publications

Section 1. The Society shall publish a journal devoted to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, petrology and allied sciences.

Section 2. The general membership of the Society shall receive the *JOURNAL*.

Section 3. Corporations, libraries and institutions may subscribe to the *Journal* at an annual rate to be determined by the Council .

Article VI. Affiliation with Other Scientific Organizations

The Council shall have the authority to arrange for affiliation with other scientific organizations, and, as the occasion may arise, to appoint fellows to represent the Society on the Councils of such organizations.

Article VII. Local Sections

Local sections of the Society may be formed in any locality, with the advice and consent of the Council, for the purpose of holding meetings and promoting cooperation. The affairs of such local sections shall be entirely in their own hands.

Article VIII. Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society and such other meetings as may be called by the Council. The annual meeting shall be held, whenever practicable, at the same time and place as that of the Geological Society of America.

Article IX. Revision of the By-Laws

Revision of the by-laws shall be by the procedure established for amendments under Article V of the Constitution except that revision of the by-laws shall be enacted by a simple majority of those voting.