

Mineralogical Society of America
Constitution and By-Laws
Article I. Name

This Society shall be known as The Mineralogical Society of America.

Article II. Object

The object of the 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 and Council

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom must have been members of the Society for five consecutive years preceding nomination. These four officers, the immediate past President, and six Councillors shall constitute the Council. The President and the Vice-President shall each be elected annually for terms of one year. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected biennially, in alternate years, for terms of two years. The six Councillors shall be Fellows or Members elected two each year for terms of three years each. The President, the Vice-President, and the elected Councillors shall be limited to one term in each office. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be eligible for election to no more than two terms in either office.

Section 2. 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 any eligible member of the Society, appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

Section 3. Fellows and Members shall be eligible for office.

Section 4. The Council shall direct all affairs and activities of the Society.

Section 5. The President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee and shall exercise the powers of the Council during intervals between its meetings, except as limited by the Council.

Section 6. 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. The general membership of the Society shall consist of Honorary Fellows, Patrons, Fellows, Members, and Student Members. Only Fellows, Members, and Student Members shall be eligible to vote.

Section 2. Foreign scientists who are highly distinguished for their attainments in mineralogy, crystallography, petrology, or allied sciences may be designated Honorary Fellows by the Council.

Section 3. Persons who have bestowed important favors upon the Society may be designated Patrons by the Council.

Section 4. Members who have contributed significantly to the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, or pe-

trology, or whose scientific contribution utilized mineralogical studies or data, may be designated as Fellows on proper accreditation to and election by the Council.

Section 5. Members shall be those persons interested in mineralogy, crystallography, petrology, or related sciences, who are sponsored by two Members or Fellows in good standing, and who have paid the dues established in the By-Laws.

Section 6. Student Members shall be persons interested in mineralogy, crystallography, petrology, or related sciences, who are certified as bona fide students for the current year by a faculty member of the school of their enrollment and who have paid the dues established in the By-Laws. They shall enjoy all privileges of membership except that they are ineligible to hold office in the Society.

Article V. Publications

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

Section 2. The Editor of the journal shall be appointed by the President annually, subject to approval by a two-thirds vote of the entire Council, but shall not serve more than ten consecutive years.

Section 3. The President shall appoint, with the approval of a majority of the Council, a Board of Associate Editors to consist of at least three Fellows or Members of the Society.

Section 4. The general membership of the Society shall receive the journal without additional charge.

Section 5. Organizations or individuals who wish to receive the journal may subscribe at a rate set by the Council.

Section 6. The Society shall own the copyright for the original and any renewal term for any writing that is published by the Society. The author of any such writing shall have the right to make a nonprofit or noncommercial use of the work provided that he affixes to each copy the copyright notice used by the Society when the writing was first published. The author shall have the right to make or authorize for profit or commercial use of any such writing only after first obtaining the written consent of the Society.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Society shall be the Financial Advisory Committee, the Committee on Management, and the Nominating Committee for Officers.

Section 2. The Standing Committees and such other committees as may be necessary shall be appointed by the President subject to approval by a majority of the Council. Each such committee shall report annually to the Council in writing unless otherwise directed.

Article VII. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the Council shall convey the assets of the Society only to another scien-

tific organization closely allied to mineralogy, crystallography, or petrology, which shall at that time have tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be formally proposed either by the Council or by any sixty or more members who are eligible to vote. If proposed by members, the amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary for transmission to the Council at least three months in advance of the annual Council meeting and shall be published and distributed to the membership at least one month before the annual Council meeting.

Section 2. All proposed amendments shall be placed on a mail ballot the following year for a vote by the membership and shall be published and distributed to the membership at least two months prior to the date of balloting. The Council may authorize two persons to prepare brief statements, not exceeding one page, representing the views of proponents and opponents, to accompany the ballot.

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

Article IV. Rules of Order

All proceedings of the Society shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except where inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership

Section 1. Any member may withdraw without prejudice on submitting a resignation in writing to either the Secretary or the Treasurer on or before January 1 of the year within which the resignation will be effective, provided that the member is not in arrears for any previous year(s). A member who does not indicate his intention to resign by January 1 shall be held liable for dues for the year. Membership may be terminated for nonpayment of dues. If a 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 member has had his membership terminated, he may be reinstated on payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested plus any outstanding arrearage.

Section 2. Nominations for Fellowship may be made by three members according to a form to be provided by the Secretary. Two of these members must be personally acquainted with the nominee and his qualifications. Completed nominations should be sent to the Secretary.

Article II. Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be fixed by Council action.

Section 2. Fellows and Members who have reached the age of sixty-five years, and who have paid annual dues for thirty years, shall be exempt from further payment of dues but shall retain all rights and privileges of membership.

Section 3. A single prepayment of an amount equaling twenty times the annual dues of a Member of the Society shall be accepted as commutation for life.

Article III. Duties

Section 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Society shall perform those duties assigned by the Council. The Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Editor shall make formal reports to the Society at least once a year. These reports shall be published and distributed to the members of the Society.

Section 2. Officers, the Editor, and employees of the Society shall be covered by a fidelity bond in an amount determined by the Council.

Article IV. Election of Officers

Section 1. Nominations for office shall be made by the Council after consideration of the recommendations made by the Nominating Committee for Officers. These nominations shall be published and distributed to the membership no later than five months before the annual meeting. For Councilors there shall be at least twice as many nominees as there are open positions. Any ten voting members may forward to the Secretary other nominations for any elective office.

Section 2. 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 voting membership. The results shall be announced at that meeting, and the new officers shall enter upon duty at the adjournment of the meeting.

Article V. 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 members to represent the Society on the Councils of such organizations.

Article VI. Local Sections

Local sections of the Society may be formed, or dissolved, by the vote of the Council. The affairs of such local sections shall be entirely in their own hands but shall at all times be in compliance with these By-Laws.

Article VII. 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 VIII. Amendments

Amendments of the By-Laws shall be by the procedure established for amendments under Article VIII of the Constitution, except that amendments of the By-Laws shall be enacted by a simple majority of those voting; provided, however, that no By-Law shall become effective that is in conflict with the Constitution.

List of Officers and Committees

Mineralogical Society of America

Sixth Floor, 1707 L St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, U. S. A.

Membership in the Mineralogical Society of America is open to persons interested in the fields of mineralogy, petrology, crystallography, and allied sciences. Membership application forms may be obtained from the Washington office.

Annual dues are \$20.00 (\$6.00 for students) including subscription to **The American Mineralogist**, and a reduced rate on subscriptions to **Mineralogical Abstracts**.

Officers

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